

2. Statutory Basis

Nasdaq believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act,⁶ in general, and with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,⁷ in particular, in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among members and issuers and other persons using any facility or system which Nasdaq operates or controls.

Upon launch, Nasdaq will be the seventh options market in the national market system. Joining Nasdaq and electing to trade options is entirely voluntary. Under these circumstances, Nasdaq's fees must be competitive and low in order for Nasdaq to attract order flow, execute orders, and grow as a market. The Commission has already determined that Nasdaq's pricing model for executions—charging the liquidity taker and crediting the liquidity provider—is consistent with the Exchange Act. As such, Nasdaq believes that its fees are fair and reasonable and consistent with the Exchange Act.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

Nasdaq does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as amended. To the contrary, Nasdaq states that it designed its fees to compete effectively for the execution and routing of options contracts and to reduce the overall cost to investors of options trading.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants or Others

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing proposed rule change has been designated as a fee change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act⁸ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)⁹ thereunder, because it establishes or changes a due, fee, or other charge imposed on members by Nasdaq. Accordingly, the proposal is effective upon filing with the Commission. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is

necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

Nasdaq expects to launch NOM on March 31, 2008. To lighten the administrative burden on firms, Nasdaq will not send firms a monthly bill for March based on just one day of trading. Rather, Nasdaq will add the fees incurred on March 31, 2008, to the invoices that firms will receive for the full month of options trading for April.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-NASDAQ-2008-027 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Station Place, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASDAQ-2008-027. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does

not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make publicly available. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASDAQ-2008-027 and should be submitted on or before April 28, 2008.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁰

Florence E. Harmon,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 6162]

HR/REE—Office of Recruitment, Examination, and Employment; 60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: DS-3091, Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship Program, OMB #1405-0143

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. This process is conducted in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

The following summarizes the information collection proposal to be submitted to OMB:

Title of Information Collection: Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship Program.

OMB Control Number: 1405-0143.

Type of Request: Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

Originating Office: HR/REE.

Form Number: DS-3091.

Respondents: U.S. Citizens; University Graduate and Undergraduate Students.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 500.

Estimated Number of Responses: 500.

Average Hours per Response: 5.

Total Estimated Burden: 2,500.

Frequency: Annual.

Obligation to Respond: Required to Obtain a Benefit.

DATES: The Department will accept comments for up to 60 days from June 6, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by the following methods:

¹⁰ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

- E-mail: HowardSD2@state.gov.
- Mail: Department of State, Pickering Program Office, 2401 E Street, NW., SA-1, RmH518, Washington, DC 20522.
- Fax: 202-261-8841 Attn: Pickering Program.
- Persons with access to the internet may also view this notice and provide comments by going to the [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/index.cfm) Web site at: <http://www.regulations.gov/index.cfm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests of the proposed information collection and supporting documents, to Stedman Howard, Department of State, 2401 E Street, NW., 5H, Washington, DC 20522, who may be reached on 202-261-8950.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department of State to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency.
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

Abstract: The Department of State collects this information to identify qualified candidates for the Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Program.

Methodology: Applications are accepted online.

Dated: March 24, 2008.

Ruben Torres,

U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 6167]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status; Form DS-2019, OMB No. 1405-0119

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for

approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- *Title of Information Collection:* Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0119.
- *Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Office of Exchange Coordination & Designation, ECA/EC.
- *Form Number:* Form DS-2019.
- *Respondents:* U.S. Department of State Designated Sponsors.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1460.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 350,000 annually.
- *Average Hours per Response:* 45 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Burden:* 262,500 hours.
- *Frequency:* On occasion.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

DATES: Submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for up to 30 days from April 7, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Direct comments and questions to Katherine Astrich, the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), who may be reached at 202-395-4718. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: kastrich@omb.eop.gov. You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.
- Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions): Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.
- Fax: 202-395-6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may obtain copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents from Stanley S. Colvin, Director, Office of Exchange Coordination and Designation, U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 734, Washington, DC 20547; or email at jexchanges@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary to properly perform our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

The collection is the continuation of information collected and needed by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs in administering the Exchange Visitor Program (J-Visa) under the provisions of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act, as amended. The form has been revised to update the duration of program participation and the addition of a new category of Intern for which regulations are in place.

Methodology

Access to Form DS-2019 is made available to Department designated sponsors electronically via the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS).

Dated: March 25, 2008.

Stanley S. Colvin,

Director, Office of Exchange Coordination & Designation, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6166]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "The Horse"

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, and Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003 [68 FR 19875], I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "The Horse", imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the American Museum of Natural History, New York, New York, from on or about May 17, 2008, until on or about January 4, 2009; at the Field Museum, Chicago, Illinois, from on or about February 11, 2011, until on or about July 4, 2011; at