

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

The Exchange has not solicited, and does not intend to solicit, comments on this proposed rule change. The Exchange has not received any unsolicited written comments from members or other interested parties.

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

Because the proposed rule change does not (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, the proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>9</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.<sup>10</sup>

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)<sup>11</sup> normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of the filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii),<sup>12</sup> the Commission may designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange has asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposal may become operative immediately upon filing. The Exchange stated that the proposal will allow market makers, during the opening process, to use an order type that more efficiently update their prices. The Exchange also stated that Opening Only Orders are presently available to other ISE members and to market makers on competing options exchanges. The Commission believes that the proposed rule change presents no novel issues. Moreover, the Commission believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, because it allows the market makers to more efficiently, and thereby more readily, display updated prices to the public. Therefore, the Commission

waives the 30-day operative delay requirement and designates the proposed rule change to be operative upon filing.<sup>13</sup>

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend 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. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

**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 email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-ISE-2014-11 on the subject line.

*Paper Comments*

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.
- All submissions should refer to File Number SR-ISE-2014-11. This file number should be included on the subject line if email 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 Web site viewing and printing in the Commission's Public

Reference Room, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the 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 available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-ISE-2014-11 and should be submitted on or before April 7, 2014.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>14</sup>

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice 8660]

**U.S. Department of State Advisory Committee on Private International Law (ACPIL): Notice of Public Meeting of the Study Group on Choice of Law in International Commercial Contracts**

The Office of the Assistant Legal Adviser for Private International Law, Department of State, hereby gives notice of a public meeting of the Study Group on Choice of Law in International Commercial Contracts. This is not a meeting of the full Advisory Committee.

A working group of experts from various countries was established by the Hague Conference on Private International Law to develop non-binding principles relevant to the choice of law in international commercial contracts. The draft principles prepared by that group were considered at a Special Commission of the Hague Conference held November 12-16, 2012. Subsequently the working group of experts prepared a detailed draft commentary to accompany the draft principles.

In April, the Hague General Affairs Council is expected to either give its final endorsement of the complete package of the Principles and the Commentary, or it may submit the package to the Special Commission.

The Draft Hague Principles as approved by the November 2012 Special Commission meeting on choice of law in international contracts, and the draft commentary can be found at the

<sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>10</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). As required under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii), the Exchange provided the Commission with written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and the text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission.

<sup>11</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>12</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

<sup>13</sup> For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has also considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

<sup>14</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

following link: [http://www.hcch.net/upload/wop/gap2014pd06\\_en.pdf](http://www.hcch.net/upload/wop/gap2014pd06_en.pdf).

The purpose of this public meeting is to obtain the views of concerned stakeholders in advance of the Council meeting in April.

**Time and Place:** The meeting of the ACPIL Study Group will take place on March 20, 2014 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. EDT at 2430 E Street NW., South Building (SA 4) (Navy Hill), Room 356. Participants should arrive at the Navy Hill gate at the corner of 23rd Street NW. and D Street NW. before 10:00 a.m. for visitor screening. Participants will be met at the Navy Hill gate at 23rd and D Streets NW., and will be escorted to the South Building. Persons arriving later will need to make arrangements for entry using the contact information provided below. If you are unable to attend the public meeting and would like to participate from a remote location, teleconferencing will be available.

**Public Participation:** This meeting is open to the public, subject to the capacity of the meeting room. Access to Navy Hill is strictly controlled. For pre-clearance purposes, those planning to attend in person are requested to email at [PII@state.gov](mailto:PII@state.gov) providing full name, address, date of birth, citizenship, driver's license or passport number, affiliation, and email address. This will greatly facilitate entry.

A member of the public needing reasonable accommodation should provide an email requesting such accommodation to [pil@state.gov](mailto:pil@state.gov) as soon as possible. If you would like to participate by telephone, please email [pil@state.gov](mailto:pil@state.gov) to obtain the call-in number and other information.

The Data from the public is requested pursuant to Public Law 99-399 (Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986), as amended; Public Law 107-56 (USA PATRIOT Act); and Executive Order 13356. The purpose of the collection is to validate the identity of individuals who enter Department facilities. For further information please contact Tricia Smeltzer at [smeltzertk@state.gov](mailto:smeltzertk@state.gov) or 202-776-8423. The data will be entered into the Visitor Access Control System (VACS-D) database. Please see the Security Records System of Records Notice (State-36) at <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/103419.pdf> for additional information.

Dated: March 6, 2014.

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Agreement on Government Procurement: Effective Date of Amendments

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** For the purpose of U.S. Government procurement that is covered by Title III of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979, the effective date of the Protocol Amending the Agreement on Government Procurement, done at Geneva on 30 March 2012, World Trade Organization (WTO), is April 6, 2014, for the following Parties to the 1994 WTO Agreement on Government Procurement: Canada, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, Israel, Lichtenstein, Norway, European Union, Iceland, and Singapore.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* April 6, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20508.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott Pietan ((202) 395-9646), Director of International Procurement Policy, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20508.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Executive Order 12260 (December 31, 1980) implements the 1979 and 1994 Agreement on Government Procurement, pursuant to Title III of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979 as amended (19 U.S.C. 2511-2518). In section 1-201 of Executive Order 12260, the President delegated to the United States Trade Representative the functions vested in the President by sections 301, 302, 304, 305(c) and 306 of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979 (19 U.S.C. 2511, 2512, 2514, 2515(c) and 2516).

The Protocol Amending the Agreement on Government Procurement, done at Geneva on 30 March 2012 ("Protocol"), will enter into force for those Parties to the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement ("Parties"), done at Marrakesh on 15 April 1994 ("1994 Agreement"), that

have deposited their respective instruments of acceptance of the Protocol on the 30th day following the deposit by two-thirds (ten) of the Parties to the 1994 Agreement. Thereafter, the Protocol will enter into force for each Party to the 1994 Agreement which has deposited its instrument of acceptance, on the 30th day following the date of such deposit. The United States deposited its instrument of acceptance of the Protocol on December 2, 2013. On March 7, 2014, the tenth Party, Israel, deposited its instrument of acceptance to the Protocol. Therefore, the Protocol shall enter into force on April 6, 2014 for the United States and the following Parties: Canada, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, Israel, Lichtenstein, Norway, European Union, Iceland, and Singapore.

Pursuant to the Decision of the Committee on Government Procurement on Adoption of the Text of "The Protocol Amending the Agreement on Government Procurement", the 1994 Agreement shall continue to apply as between a Party to the 1994 Agreement which is also a Party to the Protocol and a Party only to the 1994 Agreement. Therefore, effective April 6, 2014 and with respect to those Parties for which the Protocol has entered into force, all references in Title III of the Trade Agreement Act of 1979 and in Executive Order 12260 to the Agreement on Government Procurement shall refer to the 1994 Agreement as amended by the Protocol.

With respect to those Parties which have not deposited their instruments of acceptance, all references in Title III of the Trade Agreement Act of 1979 and in Executive Order 12260 to the Agreement on Government Procurement shall continue to refer to the 1994 Agreement until 30 days following the deposit by such Party of its instrument of acceptance of the Protocol.

For the full text of the Government Procurement Agreement as amended by the Protocol and the new annexes that set out the procurement covered by all of the Government Procurement Agreement Parties, see GPA-113: <http://www.ustr.gov/sites/default/files/GPA%20113%20Decision%20on%20the%20outcomes%20of%20the%20negotiations%20under%20Article%20XXIV%207.pdf>.

**Michael B.G. Froman,**

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