

### 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-CBOE-2021-067. 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 website (<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 website 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. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CBOE-2021-067 and should be submitted on or before December 20, 2021.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>22</sup>

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### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[SEC File No. 270-523, OMB Control No. 3235-0585]

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request, Extension: Rule 206(4)-7**

*Upon Written Request, Copies Available From:* Securities and Exchange

Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-2736

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

The title for the collection of information is "Investment Advisers Act rule 206(4)-7, 17 CFR 275.206(4)-7, Compliance procedures and practices." This collection of information is found at 17 CFR 275.206(4)-7, and is mandatory. Rule 206(4)-7 under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 ("Advisers Act") requires each investment adviser registered with the Commission to (1) adopt and implement written policies and procedures reasonably designed to prevent violations of the Advisers Act and its rules, (2) review those compliance policies and procedures annually, and (3) designate a chief compliance officer who is responsible for administering the compliance policies and procedures. The rule is designed to protect investors by fostering better compliance with the securities laws. The collection of information under rule 206(4)-7 is necessary to help ensure that investment advisers maintain comprehensive internal programs that promote the advisers' compliance with the Advisers Act and its rules. The Commission's examination and oversight staff may review the information collected to assess investment advisers' compliance programs. Responses provided to the Commission pursuant to the rule in the context of the Commission's examination and oversight program are generally kept confidential.<sup>1</sup> An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

The respondents to this information collection are investment advisers registered with the Commission. Updated data indicate that there were 14,376 advisers registered with the Commission as of August 2021. Each respondent would produce one response, per year. Commission staff has estimated that compliance with rule

206(4)-7 imposes an annual burden of approximately 90 hours per response. Based on this figure, Commission staff estimates a total annual burden of 1,293,840 hours for this collection of information.

Written comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

Please direct your written comments to David Bottom, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, C/O John R. Pezzullo, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549; or send an email to: [PRA\\_Mailbox@sec.gov](mailto:PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov).

Dated: November 23, 2021.

**J. Matthew DeLesDernier,**

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### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 11589]

### Secretary of State's Determinations Under the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 and Frank R. Wolf International Religious Freedom Act of 2016

The Secretary of State's designation of "countries of particular concern" and "special watch list" countries for religious freedom violations pursuant to Section 408(a) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (Pub. L.

<sup>1</sup> See section 210(b) of the Advisers Act (15 U.S.C. 80b-10(b)).

<sup>22</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

105–292), as amended (the Act), notice is hereby given that, on November 15, 2021, the Secretary of State, under authority delegated by the President, has designated each of the following as a “country of particular concern” (CPC) under section 402(b) of the Act, for having engaged in or tolerated particularly severe violations of religious freedom: Burma, China, Eritrea, Iran, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Pakistan, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan. The Secretary simultaneously designated the following Presidential Actions for these CPCs:

For Burma, the existing ongoing restrictions referenced in 22 CFR 126.1, pursuant to section 402(c)(5) of the Act;

For China, the existing ongoing restriction on exports to China of crime control or detection instruments or equipment, under the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1990 and 1991 (Pub. L. 101–246), pursuant to section 402(c)(5) of the Act;

For the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, the existing ongoing restrictions to which the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea is subject, pursuant to sections 402 and 409 of the Trade Act of 1974 (the Jackson-Vanik Amendment), and pursuant to section 402(c)(5) of the Act;

For Eritrea, the existing ongoing restrictions referenced in 22 CFR 126.1, pursuant to section 402(c)(5) of the Act;

For Iran, the existing ongoing travel restrictions in section 221(c) of the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 (TRA) for individuals identified under section 221(a)(1)(C) of the TRA in connection with the commission of serious human rights abuses, pursuant to section 402(c)(5) of the Act;

For Pakistan, a waiver as required in the “important national interest of the United States,” pursuant to section 407 of the Act;

For Russia, the existing ongoing sanctions issued for individuals identified pursuant to section 404(a)(2) of the Russia and Moldova Jackson-Vanik Repeal and Sergei Magnitsky Rule of Law Accountability Act of 2012 and section 11 of the Support for the Sovereignty, Integrity, Democracy, and Economic Stability of Ukraine Act of 2014, as amended by Section 228 of the Countering America’s Adversaries Through Sanctions Act, pursuant to section 402(c)(5) of the Act;

For Saudi Arabia, a waiver as required in the “important national interest of the United States,” pursuant to section 407 of the Act;

For Tajikistan, a waiver as required in the “important national interest of the United States,” pursuant to section 407 of the Act; and

For Turkmenistan, a waiver as required in the “important national interest of the United States,” pursuant to section 407 of the Act.

In addition, the Secretary of State has designated the following countries as “special watch list” countries for engaging in or tolerating severe violations of religious freedom: Algeria, Comoros, Cuba, and Nicaragua.

The Secretary of State’s designation of “entities of particular concern” for religious freedom violations. Pursuant to Section 408(a) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105–292), notice is hereby given that, on November 15, 2021, the Secretary of State, under authority delegated by the President, has designated each of the following as an “entity of particular concern” under section 301 of the Frank R. Wolf International Religious Freedom Act of 2016 (Pub. L. 114–281), for having engaged in particularly severe violations of religious freedom: Al-Shabaab, Boko Haram, Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, the Houthis, ISIS, ISIS-Greater Sahara, ISIS-West Africa, Jamaat Nasr al-Islam wal Muslimin, and the Taliban.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gabriela Anciola, Office of International Religious Freedom, U.S. Department of State, (Phone: (202) 647–3607 or Email: [AnciolaG@state.gov](mailto:AnciolaG@state.gov)).

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## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**[Docket No. EP 768]**

### **Petition for Rulemaking To Adopt Rules Governing Private Railcar Use by Railroads**

On July 26, 2021, the North America Freight Car Association, The National Grain and Feed Association (NGFA), The Chlorine Institute, and The National Oilseed Processors Association (collectively, Petitioners) filed a petition for rulemaking proposing that the Board adopt regulations, pursuant to its car service authority under 49 U.S.C. 11122(a)(2), that would allow private railcar providers<sup>1</sup> to assess a “private railcar delay charge” when a private freight car does not move for more than 72 consecutive hours at any point between the time it is “released for transportation” and the time it is “either constructively placed or actually placed at the private railcar provider’s facility or designated location.” (Pet. 1, 23–24.)<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Petitioners define a “private railcar provider” as “a shipper, receiver, or other party who owns or leases a private railcar and provides it to a railroad for transportation.” (Pet. 23.)

<sup>2</sup> Constructive placement occurs when a rail car is available for delivery but cannot actually be placed at the receiver’s destination because of a condition attributable to the receiver, such as lack of room on the tracks in the receiver’s facility. See *Pol’y Statement on Demurrage & Accessorial Rules*

The Board received replies to the petition from the Association of American Railroads (AAR), CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP), the Institute for Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc. (ISRI), a group of shipper associations including the American Chemistry Council, The Fertilizer Institute, and the National Industrial Transportation League (collectively, Joint Shippers), the National Association of Chemical Distributors (NACD), the National Coal Transportation Association (NCTA), the Private Railcar Food and Beverage Association (PRFBA), American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers (AFPM), the Freight Rail Customer Alliance (FRCA), and the Canadian Oilseed Processors Association (COPA),<sup>3</sup> as well as notices of intent to participate from NGFA and the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association. AAR, CSXT, and UP oppose the petition, while ISRI, Joint Shippers, NACD, NCTA, PRFBA, AFPM, FRCA, and COPA support it.

On September 10, 2021, Petitioners submitted a surreply to the replies, along with a motion for leave to file. On September 23, 2021, AAR and UP submitted replies to Petitioners’ motion for leave to file. AAR states that it does not object to the Board accepting Petitioners’ surreply into the record, as long as it also accepts AAR’s “brief rejoinder,” (AAR Reply 1, Sept. 23, 2021), and UP states that it takes no position on Petitioners’ motion for leave but asks the Board to reject certain claims Petitioners made in their surreply, (UP Reply 1, Sept. 23, 2021).<sup>4</sup>

Petitioners contend that the proposed regulations are necessary to encourage the efficient use of private freight cars, (Pet. 8–10), and to compensate private railcar providers for the costs they incur when carriers use private freight cars inefficiently, (*id.* at 12–13). In response, UP and AAR claim that the Board lacks the statutory authority under section 11122(a)(2) to adopt the proposed

*& Charges*, EP 757, slip op. at 8 n.22 (STB served Apr. 30, 2020).

<sup>3</sup> Replies to the petition were due by August 30, 2021, and COPA’s reply was filed after that date. In the interest of having a more complete record, however, COPA’s reply will be accepted into the record.

<sup>4</sup> Under 49 CFR 1104.13(c), a reply to a reply is not permitted. However, in the interest of a more complete record, the Board will grant Petitioners’ motion for leave. See *City of Alexandria—Pet. for Declaratory Ord.*, FD 35157, slip op. at 2 (STB served Nov. 6, 2008) (allowing a reply to a reply “[i]n the interest of compiling a full record”).