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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Personnel Management published its last monthly notice updating appointing authorities established or revoked under the Excepted Service provisions of 5 CFR 213 on January 8, 1996 (61 FR 565). Individual authorities established or revoked under Schedules A and B and established under Schedule C between December 1, 1995, and December 31, 1995, appear in the listing below.

Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 will also be published.

Schedule A

No Schedule A authorities were established or revoked in December 1995.

Schedule B

No Schedule B authorities were established or revoked in December 1995.

Schedule C

The following Schedule C authorities were established in December 1995:

Department of Agriculture

Area Director, Midwest Region to the Administrator, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. Effective December 13, 1995.

Department of Commerce

Director, Office of Legislative Affairs to the Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere. Effective December 6, 1995.

Special Assistant to the Assistant to the Secretary and Director, Office of Policy and Strategic Planning. Effective December 8, 1995.

Director, Office of Public Affairs to the Under Secretary for International Trade, International Trade Administration. Effective December 13, 1995.

Department of Defense

Personal and Confidential Assistant to the General Counsel. Effective December 13, 1995.

Department of Energy

Program Specialist to the Director, International Policy and Analysis Division. Effective December 5, 1995.

Assistate Director to the Director, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology. Effective December 22, 1995.

Department of Health and Human Services

Special Assistant (Speechwriter) to the Director of Speechwriting. Effective December 3, 1995.

Speechwriter to the Director of Speechwriting, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs (Media). Effective December 6, 1995.

Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration. Effective December 10, 1995.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation (Human Services). Effective December 10, 1995.

Department of Labor

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Policy. Effective December 8, 1995.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs. Effective December 19, 1995.

Department of State

Legislative Management Officer to the Assistant Secretary. Effective December 18, 1995.

Department of the Treasury

Senior Advisor to the Comptroller of the Currency. Effective December 5, 1995.

Policy Advisor to the Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary (Enforcement). Effective December 8, 1995.

Public Affairs Specialist to the Director, Office of Public Affairs. Effective December 22, 1995.

Federal Maritime Commission

Special Assistant to the Commissioner. Effective December 22, 1995.

Office of Science and Technology Policy

Research Assistant to the Director, Office of Science Technology and Policy. Effective December 1, 1995.

Deputy Director for Management and General Counsel to the Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy. Effective December 11, 1995.

President's Commission on White House Fellowships

Special Assistant to the Director, Presidential Commission on White House Fellowships. Effective December 4, 1995.

Small Business Administration

Special Assistant to the Assistant Administrator for Women's Business Ownership. Effective December 27, 1995.

U.S. International Trade Commission

Staff Assistant to the Chairman. Effective December 14, 1995.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR 1954-1958 Comp., p.218
Office of Personnel Management.

Lorraine A. Green,

Deputy Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application to Withdraw from Listing and Registration; (Incyte Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Common Stock, \$.001 Par Value) Fine No. 1-2400**

February 14, 1996.

Incyte Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("Company") has filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") and rule 12d2-2(d) promulgated thereunder, to withdraw the above specified security ("Security") from listing and registration on the American Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Amex").

The reasons alleged in the application for withdrawing the Security from listing and registration include the following:

According to the Company, its Board of Directors unanimously approved resolutions on November 30, 1995 to withdraw the Security from listing on the Amex and instead, to list the Security on the Nasdaq National Market ("Nasdaq/NM").

The decision of the Board followed a thorough study of the management of the matter and was based upon the belief that the Company's stockholders would benefit from greater liquidity and broader research coverage by having the Security listed on the Nasdaq National Market rather than the Amex.

Any interested person may, on or before March 7, 1996 submit by letter to the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549, facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of the exchanges and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. The Commission, based on the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date mentioned above, unless the Commission determines to order a hearing on the matter.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change by the American Stock Exchange, Inc. Relating to Changes to Its Membership Admission Procedures

February 13, 1996.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"), 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1), notice is hereby given that on January 30, 1996, the American Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Amex" or "Exchange") file with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend its membership admission procedures to make several clarifying and "housekeeping" changes, including changes with respect to: (i) the designation of nominees, and (ii) the requirements applicable to pension plans seeking to own memberships.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The self-regulatory organization has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange is proposing to make several clarifying and "housekeeping" changes to its membership procedures. Specifically, the requirements applicable to the designation of nominees are being updated.¹ Furthermore, the provisions relative to membership ownership by pension plans are being revised to more accurately and completely represent the procedures to be followed in this regard, and to clarify that: (i) the sponsors and trustees of such pension plans are responsible for evaluating the inherent risks of owning a membership and must determine the advisability of such without relying on advice from the Amex or any of its officers or employees, and (ii) the Amex will have on liability to either the participants in such pension plans or their beneficiaries in the event the purchase, operation or disposition of the membership results in loss to the pension plan and related trust. Moreover, the proposed rule change requires the plan sponsor and trustee to indemnify and hold the Exchange harmless from all claims, losses, expenses (including all attorney's fees) and taxes arising out of the purchase, operation and disposition of the membership.

In addition, outdated references in the Admissions of Members section to the Membership Admissions Department are being changed to refer to Membership Services, and corrections are being made with respect to certain typographical errors.²

2. Statutory Basis

The proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act³ in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

¹ The Amex is changing references to "individual member or member organization" in this section to "owner of a regular or options principal membership." In addition, the Amex is amending this section to clarify an owner's responsibility for his or her nominee's obligations to the Exchange and other members or member organizations.

² The proposed rule change also requires that all applicants for Amex membership must pass a physical examination prescribed by the Exchange's physician. The current rule limits this requirement to those applicants who elect to become Participants in the Exchange's Gratuity Fund.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(5).

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any inappropriate burden on competition.

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

No written comments were either solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

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

Within 35 days of the publication of this notice in the Federal Register or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

(A) By order approve the proposed rule change, or

(B) Institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. 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 at the Commission's Public Reference Section, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-Amex-96-04 and should be submitted by March 13, 1996.