

notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing (1) the identities of the parties and (2) the nature and objectives of the joint venture. The notifications were filed for the purpose of invoking venture. The notifications were filed for the purpose of invoking the Act's provisions limiting recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, the identities to the parties are LESCO., Inc., Cleveland, OH and MTD Products, Inc., Valley City, OH.

The nature and objectives of this venture are research, development and manufacturing production of commercial turf care equipment. The venture will include engineering, product development, and manufacturing. The manufacturing will be conducted in the United States. The products that are manufactured will be sold in the United States and potentially abroad.

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Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Infotest International

Notice is hereby given that, on July 2, 1997, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), InfoTEST International ("InfoTEST") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, American Medical Outcomes Repository; Government Services, Information Systems Branch; and The Lewis Group are no longer members of InfoTEST.

No other changes have been made in the membership, nature or objectives of the consortium. Membership in InfoTEST remains open, and the consortium intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On December 7, 1993, InfoTEST filed its original notification (as the National Information Infrastructure Testbed) pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the Federal Register pursuant to

Section 6(b) of the Act on May 18, 1994 (60 FR 25960).

The last notification was filed with the Department of Justice on October 9, 1996. A notice was published in the Federal Register on December 19, 1996 (61 FR 67067).

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Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.
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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Records Schedules; Availability and Request for Comments

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration, Office of Records Services.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed records schedules; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) publishes notice at least once monthly of certain Federal agency requests for records disposition authority (records schedules). Records schedules identify records of sufficient value to warrant preservation in the National Archives of the United States. Schedules also authorize agencies after a specified period to dispose of records lacking administrative, legal, research, or other value. Notice is published for records schedules that (1) Propose the destruction of records not previously authorized for disposal, or (2) reduce the retention period for records already authorized for disposal. NARA invites public comments on such schedules, as required by 44 USC 3303a(a).

DATES: Requests for copies must be received in writing on or before April 10, 1997. Once the appraisal of the records is completed, NARA will send a copy of the schedule. The requester will be given 30 days to submit comments.

ADDRESSES: Address requests for single copies of schedules identified in this notice to the Civilian Appraisal Staff (NWRC), National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, MD 20740-6001. Requesters must cite the control number assigned to each schedule when requesting a copy. The control number appears in the parentheses immediately after the name of the requesting agency.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Each year U.S. Government agencies create billions of records on paper, film, magnetic tape, and other media. In order

to control this accumulation, agency records managers prepare records schedules specifying when the agency no longer needs the records and what happens to the records after this period. Some schedules are comprehensive and cover all the records of an agency or one of its major subdivisions. These comprehensive schedules provide for the eventual transfer to the National Archives of historically valuable records and authorize the disposal of all other records. Most schedules, however, cover records of only one office or program or a few series of records, and many are updates of previously approved schedules. Such schedules also may include records that are designated for permanent retention.

Destruction of records requires the approval of the Archivist of the United States. This approval is granted after a thorough study of the records that takes into account their administrative use by the agency of origin, the rights of the Government and of private persons directly affected by the Government's activities, and historical or other value.

This public notice identifies the Federal agencies and their subdivisions requesting disposition authority, includes the control number assigned to each schedule, and briefly describes the records proposed for disposal. The records schedule contains additional information about the records and their disposition. Further information about the disposition process will be furnished to each requester.

Schedules Pending

1. Congressional Budget Office (N1-520-96-1). Tax analysis data, documentation and supplementary data files (final reports will be preserved).

2. Department of the Air Force (N1-AFU-96-9). Bioenvironmental engineering surveys/case files proposed for long-term retention.

3. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Care Financing Administration (N1-440-96-1). Medicare waivers for hospital payments, instructions and background files, chrono-logical files of state reviews, CLIA data and HCFA forms 114 and 116.

4. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Care Financing Administration (N1-440-97-1). Appointee clearance and vetting files.

5. Department of Housing and Urban Development (N1-207-95-8). Records relating to Cultural Design Awards (program files and winning nomination case files are designated for preservation).

6. Department of Housing and Urban Development (N1-207-96-7).

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Indian Program System.

7. Department of Justice (N1-60-97-2). Reduction in retention period for disposable case files relating to habeas corpus proceedings.

8. Department of the Treasury, Office of Thrift Supervision (N1-483-96-1). Branch Office Survey System comment sheets.

9. Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration (N1-15-97-1). Electroencephalographic reports and tracings.

10. Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Human Resources Management (N1-15-97-2). Political appointee application files.

11. Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration (N1-15-97-4). Quality management files.

12. Central Intelligence Agency (N1-263-97-1). Thrift savings plan records.

13. Consumer Product Safety Commission (N1-424-97-1). Routine correspondence from citizens regarding issues within the agency's jurisdiction.

14. Defense Intelligence Agency (N1-373-96-1). Routine and facilitative reports files.

15. Defense Logistics Agency (N1-361-97-3). Automated information systems related to warehouse distribution and other routine administrative functions.

16. Defense Logistics Agency (N1-361-97-2). Chaplain records relating to routine administrative functions and to programs and projects.

17. Tennessee Valley Authority (N1-142-96-5). Occupancy emergency plans for TVA office buildings.

18. Tennessee Valley Authority (N1-142-97-3). Engineering Services cross section and profiles field books and related data base.

19. U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (N1-383-97-1). Comprehensive schedule update. Overall program records are permanent. Records that are duplicative or facilitative are proposed for disposal.

Dated: February 14, 1997.

Michael J. Kurtz,

Assistant Archivist for Record Services—
Washington, DC.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Biological Sciences; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science

Foundation (NSF) announces the following meeting.

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Biological Sciences (#1754)

Date and Time: March 6-7, 1997; 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, Room 360, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Fred Stollnitz, Program Officer for Cross-Directorate Activities in the Division of Integrative Biology and Neuroscience, Room 685, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1413.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Research Planning Grants and Career Advancement Awards for Women Scientists and Engineers (RPG/CAA) proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Late Notice: Final list of panelists could not be confirmed until February 14, 1997.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: February 19, 1997.

Linda Allen-Benton,

Deputy Director, Division of Human Resource Management, Acting Committee Management Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Request for Public Comment

Extension:

Rule 6e-2, SEC File No. 270-177, OMB Control No. 3235-0177.

Rule 22d-1, SEC File No. 270-275, OMB Control No. 3235-0310.

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

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 publishing the following summaries of collections for public comment.

Rule 6e-2 (17 CFR 270.6e-2) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Act") is an exemptive rule which permits separate accounts, formed by

life insurance companies, to fund certain variable life insurance products. The rule exempts such separate accounts from the registration requirements under the Act, among others, on condition that it comply with all but certain designated provisions of the Act and meet the other requirements of the rule. The rule sets forth several information collection requirements.

Rule 6e-2 provides a separate account with an exemption from the registration provisions of section 8 of the Act if the account files with the Commission Form N-6EI-1, a notification of claim of exemption.

The rule also exempts a separate account from a number of other sections of the Act, provided that the separate account makes certain disclosure in its registration statements and reports to contract holders about actions taken under those exemptions.

In regard to the foregoing, Rule 6e-2 provides an exemption from section 17(f) of the Act. Section 17(f) requires that every registered management company meet various custody requirements for its securities and similar investments. Paragraph (b)(9) of Rule 6e-2 provides an exemption from the requirements of section 17(f) of the Act and imposes a reporting burden and certain other conditions. Paragraph (b)(9) applies only to management accounts that offer life insurance contract subject to Rule 6e-2.

Since 1988, there have been no filings under paragraph (b)(9) of Rule 6e-2 by management accounts. Further, all post-effective amendments filed by variable life separate accounts under Rule 6e-2 have been structured as unit investment trusts and are thus not subject to the requirements of paragraph (b)(9) of the rule. Therefore, since 1988, there has been no burden to the industry regarding the information collection requirements of paragraph (b)(9) of Rule 6e-2.

Rule 22d-1 (17 CFR 270.22d-1) provides registered investment companies that issue redeemable securities ("funds") an exemption from section 22(d) of the Act to the extent necessary to permit scheduled variations in or elimination of the sales load on fund securities for particular classes of investors or transactions, provided certain conditions are met. The rule imposes an annual burden per fund of approximately 15 minutes, so that the total annual burden for the approximately 1,865 funds that might rely on the rule is estimated to be 466 hours.

Written comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper