

approved on a pilot basis. If so, how should a pilot be structured? To gain a realistic assessment of the book, should the pilot include a limited number of securities across a range of the NNM market, or should it include securities representing a substantial portion of the trading market. For example, should the pilot include 250 securities, of which 20 were from the Nasdaq top 100 securities, and the rest were chosen from different quintiles of NNM securities? Or should the pilot comprise 1000 securities including the Nasdaq top 100 securities and the remainder chosen from quintiles of NNM securities? Or would a different pilot be more appropriate? In addition, how long should a pilot last? Would six months, or one year, provide sufficient information to evaluate a pilot? Would a pilot of this length and breadth potentially harm the Nasdaq market on a lasting basis?

Persons making written submissions on either filing should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549-0609. 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. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the NASD. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-NASD-99-11 (including those comments specifically addressing File No. SR-NASD-98-17) and should be submitted by June 1, 1999.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.²⁴

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority

This statement amends part S of the Statement of the Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority

which covers the Social Security Administration (SSA). Chapter S7 covers the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Human Resources. Notice is given that Subchapter S7B, the Office of Personnel, is being amended to reflect the realignment of center functions and the retitling of the Center for Personnel Operations and the Center for Personnel Policy and Program Development. The changes are as follows:

Section S7B.10 *The Office of Personnel—(Organization)*

Retitle:

F. The Center for Personnel Operations (S7BK) to: "The Center for Classification and Organization Management (S7BK)."

G. The Center for Personnel Policy and Program Development (S7BE) to: "The Center for Personnel Policy and Staffing (S7BE)."

Section S7B.20 *The Office of Personnel—(Functions)*

Retitle:

F. The Center for Personnel Operations (S7BK) to: "The Center for Classification and Organization Management (S7BK)."

Delete:

1., 7., 8. and 9. in their entirety.
Remember remaining functions 1 through 5.

Retitle:

G. The Center for Personnel Policy and Program Development (S7BE) to "The Center for Personnel Policy and Staffing (S7BE)."

Amend to read as follows:

2. Directs the development and operation of SSA performance and employee awards programs. Develops and implements SSA employee incentive and honor awards programs and administers the performance management systems.

Add:

3. Develops and implements policies and regulations pertaining to SSA recruitment and placement. Initiates and processes personnel actions for SSA Headquarters employees; participates with office managers and staffs in assessing placement actions; and directs the administration of all Merit Promotion Plans applicable within Baltimore/Washington/Falls Church Headquarters components. Processes necessary administrative actions required for new employees entering on duty.

4. Implements policies, regulations and programs pertaining to special recruitment and staffing activities for

SSA headquarters and field organizations. Develops and implements student employment programs.

5. Directs the development and administration of SSA services concerning employee benefit programs which include the Civil Service Retirement System, the Federal Employees Retirement System, the Thrift Savings Plan and the Federal Employees Group Life Insurance Program. Serves as the focal point for unemployment compensation activities.

6. Provides for the establishment and maintenance of the Official Personnel Folders for SSA headquarters employees.

H. The Center for Employee Services (S7BG).

Delete:

3. In its entirety.

Add:

3. Directs the administration of the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program for SSA employees.

6. Directs the development and operation of the SSA employee suggestion program.

Dated: April 9, 1999.

Paul D. Barnes,

Deputy Commissioner for Human Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[CGD08-99-015]

Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee (HOGANSAC) and its two Subcommittees (Waterways and Navigation) will meet to discuss waterway improvements, aids to navigation, current meters, and various other navigation safety matters affecting the Houston/Galveston area. All meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting of HOGANSAC will be held on Thursday, May 27, 1999 from 9 a.m. to approximately 1 p.m. The meeting of the Navigation Subcommittee will be held on Thursday, May 13, 1999 at 9 a.m. and immediately following, the Waterways Subcommittee will meet. The meetings may adjourn early if all business is finished. Members of the public may present written or oral statements at the meetings.

²⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

ADDRESSES: The HOGANSAC meeting will be held in the conference room of the Houston Pilots' Office, 8150 South Loop East, Houston, Texas. The subcommittee meetings will be held at the Houston Yacht Club, 3620 Miramar, Seabrook, Texas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Captain Wayne Gusman, Executive Director of HOGANSAC, telephone (713) 671-5199, or Commander Paula Carroll, Executive Secretary of HOGANSAC, telephone (713) 671-5164.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

Agendas of the Meetings

Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee (HOGANSAC). The tentative agenda includes the following:

(1) Opening remarks by the Committee Sponsor (RADM Pluta), Executive Director (CAPT Gusman) and chairman (Tim Leitzell).

(2) Approval of the January 28, 1999 minutes.

(3) Report from the Waterways Subcommittee.

(4) Report from the Navigation Subcommittee.

(5) Status reports on Baytown Tunnel removal, Army Corps of Engineers' dredging projects and pipeline safety, and comments and discussions from the floor.

(6) New business

Subcommittee on Waterways. The tentative agenda includes the following:

(1) Presentation by each work group of its accomplishments and plans for the future.

(2) Review and discuss the work completed by each work group.

Subcommittee on Navigation. The tentative agenda includes the following:

(1) Presentation by each work group of its accomplishments and plans for the future.

(2) Review and discuss the work completed by each work group.

Procedural

All meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meetings may adjourn early if all business is finished. Members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings.

Information on Services for the Handicapped

For information on facilities or services for the handicapped or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: April 8, 1999.

A.L. Gerfin, Jr.,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Commander, 8th Coast Guard Dist.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-1999-5543]

Study of the Implementation and Enforcement of Safety Management System (SMS) regulations, complying with the International Safety Management (ISM) Code

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will hold a public meeting to discuss how we intend to study the implementation and enforcement of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code and the impact that Safety Management Systems (SMSs) are having on marine safety and environmental protection. The study will measure the effectiveness of vessel and company SMSs and identify actions that could be taken to further promote the use and effective implementation of the ISM Code. The Coast Guard encourages interested parties to attend the meeting and submit comments for discussion during the meeting, and seeks written comments from any party who is unable to attend the meeting.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on May 14, 1999, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The meeting may close early if all business is finished. Written material for discussion during the meeting should reach the Docket Management Facility on or before May 7, 1999. Comments and related material must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before May 31, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters Transpoint Building, room 2415, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The telephone number is 202-267-1181.

You may submit your comments and related material by only one of the following methods:

(1) By mail to the Docket Management Facility, (USCG-1999-5543), U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(2) By hand to room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday

through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

(3) By fax to the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.

(4) Electronically through the Web Site for the Docket Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this notice. Comments and documents, as indicated in this preamble, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401 on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the same address between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may electronically access the public docket for this rulemaking on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information concerning this notice or public meeting, contact Mr. Bob Gauvin, Project Manager, Vessel and Facility Operating Standards Division (G-MSO-2), Coast Guard, 202-267-1053. For questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Dorothy Walker, Chief, Documentary Services Division, U.S. Department of Transportation, telephone 202-366-9329.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

The Coast Guard ("We") encourages you to participate in this study by submitting comments and related material, and by attending the public meeting. If you submit written comments, please include your name and address, identify the docket number for this study (USCG-1999-5543), indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. You may submit your comments and material by mail, hand, fax, or electronic means to the Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES**; but please do not submit the same comment or material by more than one means.

If you submit them by mail or hand, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit them by mail and would like to know they were received, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope.

We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period for the study report.

Public Meeting

This meeting is open to the public. Please note that the meeting may close