

submissions should refer to the File No. SR-OCC-2003-07 and should be submitted by February 20, 2004.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁶

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Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Options Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change Relating to a Clearing Agreement

January 26, 2004.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ notice is hereby given that on July 22, 2003, The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") filed 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 primarily by OCC. 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 proposed rule change consists of the Agreement for Clearing and Settling Security Futures and Futures and Futures Options on Broad-Based Indexes between OCC and the Chicago Board Options Exchange ("CBOE").

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

In its filing with the Commission, OCC 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. OCC has prepared summaries, set forth in sections (A), (B), and (C) below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.²

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

The CBOE intends to open a futures exchange, to be known as CBOE Futures Exchange, LLC ("CFE"). CFE has applied to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") for designation as a contract market and intends to notice register to be a limited purpose national securities exchange for the trading of futures before such trading commences. CFE and OCC have entered into a clearing agreement ("CFE Agreement") pursuant to which OCC will provide clearing and settlement services with respect to the security futures and futures and options on futures on broad-based security indexes that may be traded on CFE.³ The CFE Agreement is substantially similar to OCC's amended and restated clearing agreement with Nasdaq Liffe Markets, LLC ("NQLX") but includes some terms taken from OCC's security futures clearing agreements with the Island Futures Exchange, LLC ("IFX") and OneChicago, LLC ("ONE"), which were previously filed with the Commission.⁴ To the extent that terms of the CFE Agreement are not traceable to one of these sources, those terms are immaterial.

OCC believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the purposes and requirements of section 17A of the Act because it will foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in the clearance and settlement of securities transactions and remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a national system for the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions.

(B) Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

OCC does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition.

³ OCC is registered as a "derivatives clearing organization" under the Commodity Exchange Act by order of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (December 10, 2001). The Commission previously approved OCC's rule filing to clear futures and futures options on broad-based stock indexes. Securities Exchange Act Release No. 45946 (May 16, 2002), 67 FR 36056 (May 22, 2002), File No. [SR-OCC-2001-16].

⁴ Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 46722 (October 25, 2002), 67 FR 67230 (November 4, 2002) File No. [SR-OCC-2002-13] (amended and restated clearing agreement with NQLX), 46058 (June 10, 2002), 67 FR 41287 (June 17, 2002) File No. [SR-OCC-2002-08] (security futures clearing agreement with IFX), and 46653 (October 11, 2002), 67 FR 64689 (October 21, 2002) File No. [SR-OCC-2002-07] (security futures clearing agreement with ONE).

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

Written comments were not and are not intended to be solicited with respect to the proposed rule change, and none have been received.

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act⁵ and Rule 19b-4(f)(4)⁶ thereunder because it effects a change in an existing service of OCC that (i) does not adversely affect the safeguarding of securities or funds in the custody or control of OCC or for which it is responsible and (ii) does not significantly affect the respective rights or obligations of OCC or persons using the service. At any time within sixty days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission could have summarily abrogated such rule change if it appeared to the Commission that such action was necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Comments may also be submitted electronically at the following e-mail address: rule-comments@sec.gov. All comment letters should refer to File No. SR-OCC-2003-06. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, comments should be sent in hardcopy or by e-mail but not by both methods. 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

⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² The Commission has modified parts of these statements.

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

⁶ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(4).

available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Section, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of OCC and on OCC's Web site at <http://www.optionsclearing.com>. All submissions should refer to the File No. SR-OCC-2003-06 and should be submitted by February 20, 2004.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁷

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Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4598]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Form DS-5501, Electronic Diversity Visa Entry Form; OMB Control Number 1405-0153

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

The following summarizes the information collection proposal submitted to OMB:

Type of Request: Extension of Currently Approved Collection.
Originating Office: Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State (CA/VO).

Title of Information Collection: Electronic Diversity Visa Entry Form.

Frequency: Once per respondent.
Form Number: DS-5501.

Respondents: Aliens entering the Diversity Visa Lottery.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6 million per year.

Average Hours Per Response: .5 hours.

Total Estimated Burden: 3 million hours per year.

Public comments are being solicited to permit the agency to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the

proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents may be obtained from Brendan Mullarkey of the Office of Visa Services, U.S. Department of State, 2401 E St. NW., RM L-703, Washington, DC 20520, who may be reached on (202) 663-1166. Public comments and questions should be directed to the State Department Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20530, who may be reached on (202) 395-3897.

Dated: January 13, 2004.

Janice L. Jacobs,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Visa Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 4597]

Determination Related to Colombian Armed Forces Under Section 564 of Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, Division E, Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003, (Public Law 108-7)

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as Secretary of State, including under section 564 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, Division E, Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003, (Public Law 108-7) (the "FOAA"), I hereby determine and certify, in accordance with the conditions contained in section 564(a)(2), that: (A) The Commander General of the Colombian Armed Forces is suspending from the Armed Forces those members, of whatever rank, who have been credibly alleged to have committed gross violations of human rights, including extra-judicial killings, or to have aided or abetted paramilitary organizations; (B) The Colombian Government is prosecuting those members of the Colombian Armed Forces, of whatever rank, who have been credibly alleged to have committed

gross violations of human rights, including extra-judicial killings, or to have aided or abetted paramilitary organizations, and is punishing those members of the Colombian Armed Forces found to have committed such violations of human rights or to have aided or abetted paramilitary organizations; (C) The Colombian Armed Forces are cooperating with civilian prosecutors and judicial authorities in such cases, (including providing requested information, such as the identity of the persons suspended from the Armed Forces and the nature and cause of the suspension, and access to witnesses, relevant military documents and other requested information); (D) The Colombian Armed Forces are severing links (including denying access to military intelligence, vehicles, and other equipment or supplies, and ceasing other forms of active or tacit cooperation), at the command, battalion, and brigade levels, with paramilitary organizations; (E) The Colombian Armed Forces are executing orders for capture of leaders of paramilitary organizations that continue armed conflict; and that, as required in section 564(a)(3), the Colombian Armed Forces are conducting vigorous operations to restore government authority and respect for human rights in areas under the effective control of paramilitary and guerrilla organizations.

The Department of State has consulted with internationally recognized human rights organizations regarding the Colombian Armed Forces' progress in meeting the conditions contained in section 564(a)(2), as required in section 564(b).

This Determination shall be published in the **Federal Register** and copies shall be transmitted to the appropriate committees of Congress.

Colin L. Powell,

Secretary of State, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4601]

Millennium Challenge Corporation Board of Directors; Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Millennium Challenge Corporation, Department of State.

The Department of State is publishing this notice on behalf of the Millennium Challenge Corporation, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(e).

TIME AND DATE: 4-5 p.m., February 2, 2004; Open session to begin at 4 p.m.

⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).