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**Danny Werfel,**

*Deputy Controller.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Notice of Effective Date for Goods of Mexico for Certain Modifications of the NAFTA Rules of Origin

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice of effective date.

**SUMMARY:** In Proclamation 8111 of February 28, 2007, the President modified the rules of origin for certain goods of Mexico under the North American Free Trade Agreement (the "NAFTA") incorporated in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (the "HTS"). The proclamation stated that the modifications would be effective on the date to be announced in the **Federal Register** by the United States Trade Representative (the "USTR") and would apply to goods of Mexico that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the date indicated in the proclamation. The purpose of this notice is to announce that the effective date for the modifications is July 30, 2007. The changes were printed in the **Federal Register** of March 6, 2007 (72 FR 10028).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, please contact Caroyl Miller, Deputy Special Textile Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508, fax number, (202) 395-5639.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Presidential Proclamation 6641 of December 15, 1993 implemented the North American Free Trade Agreement (the "NAFTA") with respect to the United States and, pursuant to the North American Free Trade Agreement

Implementation Act (Pub. L. 103-182) (the "NAFTA Implementation Act"), incorporated in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (the "HTS") the tariff modifications and rules of origin necessary or appropriate to carry out the NAFTA. Section 202 of the NAFTA Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 3332) provides rules for determining whether goods imported into the United States originate in the territory of a NAFTA party and thus are eligible for the tariff and other treatment contemplated under the NAFTA. Section 202(q) of the NAFTA Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 3332(q)) authorizes the President to proclaim, as a part of the HTS, the rules of origin set out in the NAFTA and to proclaim modifications to such previously proclaimed rules of origin, subject to the consultation and layover requirements of section 103(a) of the NAFTA Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 3313(a)).

The President determined that the modifications to the HTS contained in Proclamation 8811 pursuant to sections 201 and 202 of the NAFTA Implementation Act were appropriate and proclaimed such changes with respect to goods of Mexico entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the date indicated in the Annex to that Proclamation. The President decided that the effective date of the modifications shall be announced by the United States Trade Representative (USTR).

On March 15, 2007, the government of Mexico obtained the necessary authorization to implement the rule of origin changes with respect to goods of the United States. Subsequently, officials from the government of Mexico and the government of the United States agreed to implement these changes with respect to each other's eligible goods, effective July 30, 2007.

**Scott D. Quesenberry,**

*Special Textile Negotiator.*

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## POSTAL SERVICE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**DATE AND TIME:** Tuesday, August 7, 2007, at 12:30 p.m.; and Wednesday, August 8, 2007, at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

**PLACE:** Washington, DC, at U.S. Postal Service Headquarters, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., in the Benjamin Franklin Room.

**STATUS:** August 7-12:30 p.m.—Closed; August 8-8:30 a.m.—Open; August 8-10:30 a.m.—Closed.

### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

**Tuesday, August 7 at 12:30 p.m.  
(Closed)**

1. Strategic Issues.
2. Preliminary Report on Goals and Performance Assessment for Fiscal Year 2008.
3. Financial Update.
4. Preliminary Fiscal Year 2008 Integrated Financial Plan and Financial Outlook.
5. Rate Case Update.
6. Labor Negotiations Update.
7. Personnel Matters and Compensation Issues.
8. Governors' Executive Session—Discussion of prior agenda items and Board Governance.

**Wednesday, August 8 at 8:30 a.m.  
(Open)**

1. Minutes of Previous Meetings, May 1-2; June 19; and July 10, 2007.
2. Remarks of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board.
3. Remarks of the Postmaster General and CEO Jack Potter.
4. Committee Reports.
5. Quarterly Report on Service Performance.
6. Quarterly Report on Financial Performance.
7. Tentative Agenda for the September 25-26, 2007, meeting in Washington, DC.

**Wednesday, August 8 at 10:30 a.m.  
(Closed)—if needed**

1. Continuation of Tuesday's closed session agenda.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Wendy A. Hocking, Secretary of the Board, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20260-1000. Telephone (202) 268-4800.

**Wendy A. Hocking**

*Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. IC-27912]

### Notice of Applications for Deregistration Under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

July 27, 2007.

The following is a notice of applications for deregistration under section 8(f) of the Investment Company

Act of 1940 for the month of July, 2007. A copy of each application may be obtained for a fee at the SEC's Public Reference Branch (tel. 202-551-5850). An order granting each application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on any application by writing to the SEC's Secretary at the address below and serving the relevant applicant with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on August 22, 2007, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the applicant, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F. Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diane L. Titus at (202) 551-6810, SEC, Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation, 100 F. Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-4041.

#### **Portico Funds, Inc.**

[File No. 811-10511]

*Summary:* Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. Applicant has never made a public offering of its securities and does not propose to make a public offering or engage in business of any kind.

*Filing Dates:* The application was filed on October 25, 2002, and amended on July 18, 2007.

*Applicant's Address:* c/o U.S. Bancorp Asset Management, Inc., U.S. Bancorp Center, 800 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55402.

#### **Conseco Fund Group**

[File No. 811-7839]

*Summary:* Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On April 1, 2004, applicant transferred its assets to The Managers Trust II, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$920,370 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by 40/86 Advisors, Inc., applicant's investment adviser, and The Managers Funds LLC, the acquiring fund's investment adviser.

*Filing Dates:* The application was filed on June 25, 2007, and amended on July 20, 2007.

*Applicant's Address:* 11825 North Pennsylvania St., Carmel, IN 46032.

#### **First Investors Fund For Income, Inc.**

[File No. 811-2107]

*Summary:* Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On January 27, 2006, applicant transferred its assets to First Investors Income Funds, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$173,081 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by applicant.

*Filing Date:* The application was filed on July 2, 2007.

*Applicant's Address:* 95 Wall St., New York, NY 10005.

#### **First Investors Special Bond Fund, Inc.**

[File No. 811-2981]

*Summary:* Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On April 28, 2006, applicant transferred its assets to First Investors Life Series Funds, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$2,345 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by applicant.

*Filing Date:* The application was filed on July 2, 2007.

*Applicant's Address:* 95 Wall St., New York, NY 10005.

#### **First Investors Global Fund, Inc.**

[File No. 811-3169]

*Summary:* Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On January 27, 2006, applicant transferred its assets to First Investors Equity Funds, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$125,979 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by applicant.

*Filing Date:* The application was filed on July 2, 2007.

*Applicant's Address:* 95 Wall St., New York, NY 10005.

#### **First Investors Insured Tax Exempt Fund, Inc.**

[File No. 811-2923]

#### **First Investors New York Insured Tax Free Fund, Inc.**

[File No. 811-3843]

#### **First Investors Multi-State Insured Tax Free Fund**

[File No. 811-4623]

#### **Executive Investors Trust**

[File No. 811-4927]

*Summary:* Each applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On April 28, 2006, each applicant transferred its assets to First Investors Tax Exempt Funds, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$131,377, \$24,636, \$68,163 and \$16,938, respectively, incurred in connection with the reorganizations were paid by the applicants.

*Filing Date:* The applications were filed on July 2, 2007.

*Applicants' Address:* 95 Wall St., New York, NY 10005.

#### **Badgley Funds, Inc.**

[File No. 811-8769]

*Summary:* Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On May 24, 2007, applicant made its final liquidating distribution to shareholders, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$33,041 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by applicant and Badgley, Phelps & Bell, applicant's investment adviser.

*Filing Dates:* The application was filed on May 30, 2007, and amended on July 17, 2007.

*Applicant's Address:* Badgley Funds, Inc., 1420 Fifth Ave., Seattle, WA 98101.

#### **American Century Avanti Funds, Inc.**

[File No. 811-10217]

*Summary:* Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. Applicant has never made a public offering of its securities and does not propose to make a public offering or engage in business of any kind.

*Filing Dates:* The application was filed on June 1, 2007, and amended on July 16, 2007.

*Applicant's Address:* 4500 Main St., Kansas City, MO 64111.

#### **Prudential Europe Growth Fund, Inc.**

[File No. 811-7167]

*Summary:* Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On November 20, 2003, applicant transferred its assets to Jennison Global Growth Fund, a series of Prudential World Fund, Inc., based on net asset value. Expenses of approximately \$248,434 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by applicant.

*Filing Date:* The application was filed on July 3, 2007.

*Applicant's Address:* Gateway Center Three, 100 Mulberry St., Newark, NJ 07102-4077.

#### **First Investors Series Fund**

[File No. 811-5690]

*Summary:* Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On January 27, 2006 and April 28, 2006, applicant transferred its assets to First Investors Equity Funds, First Investors Income Funds, and First Investors Tax Exempt Funds, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$422,564 incurred in

connection with the reorganization were paid by applicant.

*Filing Date:* The application was filed on July 2, 2007.

*Applicant's Address:* 95 Wall St., New York, NY 10005.

**Value Line Hedged Opportunity Fund, Inc.**

[File No. 811-8607].

**Value Line Smaller Companies Fund, Inc.**

[File No. 811-21608].

**Value Line Value Fund, Inc.**

[File No. 811-21639].

*Summary:* Each applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. Applicants have never made a public offering of their securities and do not propose to make a public offering or engage in business of any kind.

*Filing Dates:* The applications were filed on May 30, 2007, and amended on July 11, 2007.

*Applicants' Address:* 220 East 42nd St., New York, NY 10017.

**Vestaur Securities Fund**

[File No. 811-2320]

*Summary:* Applicant, a closed-end investment company, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On May 23, 2005, applicant transferred its assets to Evergreen Fixed Income Trust, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$147,380 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by applicant and Evergreen Investment Management Company, LLC, investment adviser to both applicant and the acquiring fund.

*Filing Dates:* The application was filed on October 12, 2006, and amended on July 13, 2007.

*Applicant's Address:* 200 Berkeley St., Boston, MA 02116.

**4086 Series Trust**

[File No. 811-3641]

*Summary:* Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On March 29, 2007, three series of 4086 Series Trust, Fixed Income Portfolio, Government Securities Portfolio and Money Market Portfolio, were liquidated and cash was distributed to each series' respective shareholders pro rata based on share ownership. On May 2, 2007, the shares of the two remaining series of 4086 Series Trust, Equity Portfolio and Balanced Portfolio, were redeemed in kind by the sole shareholder of each series, which is unaffiliated with the investment adviser of 4086 Series Trust. Expenses of approximately \$ 177,500

incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by 4086 Advisors, Inc., applicant's investment adviser.

*Filing Dates:* The application was filed on June 13, 2007, and amended on July 18, 2007 and July 20, 2007.

*Applicant's Address:* 11825 N. Pennsylvania Street, Carmel, IN 46032.

**Huntington VA Funds**

[File No. 811-9481]

*Summary:* Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On June 23, 2006, Applicant made a distribution of its assets to its shareholders, based on net asset value, in connection with the merger of Applicant (a Massachusetts business trust) into the Huntington Funds (a Delaware statutory trust). Expenses of \$138,306.12 were incurred in connection with the merger. These expenses were shared pro-rata among all portfolios of Applicant and the Huntington Funds.

*Filing Dates:* The application was filed on March 6, 2007, and amended on June 28, 2007.

*Applicant's Address:* Huntington VA Funds, 5800 Corporate Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15237-7010.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, pursuant to delegated authority.

**Florence E. Harmon,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**[Release No. IC-27916; 812-13358]**

**HealthShares, Inc., et al.; Notice of Application**

July 27, 2007.

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission").

**ACTION:** Notice of application to amend a prior order under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Act") for an exemption from sections 2(a)(32), 5(a)(1), 22(d), and 24(d) of the Act and rule 22c-1 under the Act, and under sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Act for an exemption from sections 17(a)(1) and (a)(2) of the Act.

*Summary of Application:* Applicants request an order to amend a prior order that permits: (a) Open-end management investment companies, whose series are based on certain equity securities indices created by an affiliate of the investment adviser, to issue shares

redeemable only in large aggregations; (b) secondary market transactions in the shares of the series to occur at negotiated prices; (c) dealers to sell shares to purchasers in the secondary market unaccompanied by a prospectus when prospectus delivery is not required by the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act"); and (d) certain affiliated persons of the series to deposit securities into, and receive securities from, the series in connection with the purchase and redemption of aggregations of the series' shares ("Prior Order").<sup>1</sup> Applicants seek to amend the Prior Order in order to offer additional series that would hold equity and fixed income securities and to provide that certain representations and undertakings contained in the Prior Order shall not apply to a series where an entity that creates, compiles, sponsors, or maintains an underlying index is not an affiliated person, or an affiliated person of an affiliated person, of the series, its investment adviser, distributor, promoter, or any sub-adviser to the series. In addition, the order would delete a condition related to future relief in the Prior Order.

*Applicants:* HealthShares, Inc., XShares Advisors LLC (formerly, X-Shares Advisors, LLC) (the "Advisor"), XShares Group LLC (formerly, Ferghana-Wellspring LLC) and TDAX Funds, Inc.

*Filing Dates:* The application was filed on January 19, 2007 and amended on June 4, 2007 and on July 20, 2007. Applicants have agreed to file an amendment during the notice period, the substance of which is reflected in this notice.

*Hearing or Notification of Hearing:* An order granting the requested relief will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Commission's Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on August 17, 2007, and should be accompanied by proof of service on applicants, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Commission's Secretary.

**ADDRESSES:** Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F

<sup>1</sup> HealthShares, Inc., et al., Investment Company Act Release Nos. 27553 (November 16, 2006) (notice) and 27594 (December 7, 2006) (order).