

change does not modify the opening auction process, but rather makes it possible for this process to begin in a timelier manner for one option class. Therefore, the Exchange believes its opening process will continue to contribute to a fair and orderly opening of VIX options. The Exchange further notes that initiating the opening process for an index option at a specified time, rather than following dissemination of the first value of the underlying index, is not novel or unique. The Exchange represents that prior to October 7, 2019, VIX Index options opened at a specified time, rather than after dissemination of the VIX Index value. The opening rotation for VIX Index options during the Global Trading Hours session also begins at a specified time, rather than after dissemination of the VIX Index value.¹⁹ Additionally, the Exchange notes that the rules of another options exchange permit index options to open at 9:30 a.m., rather than waiting for the dissemination of the underlying index value.²⁰ For these reasons, the Commission believes that waiver of the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. Accordingly, the Commission hereby waives the 30-day operative delay and designates the proposal operative upon filing.²¹

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved.

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. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or

- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-CBOE-2019-110 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CBOE-2019-110. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). 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 website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CBOE-2019-110, and should be submitted on or before January 2, 2020.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.²²

Jill M. Peterson,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 17, 2019.

PLACE: The meeting will be held at the Commission's headquarters, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549.

STATUS: This meeting will be closed to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the closed meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters also may be present.

In the event that the time, date, or location of this meeting changes, an announcement of the change, along with the new time, date, and/or place of the meeting will be posted on the Commission's website at <https://www.sec.gov>.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3), (5), (6), (7), (8), 9(B) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(3), (a)(5), (a)(6), (a)(7), (a)(8), (a)(9)(ii) and (a)(10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the closed meeting.

The subject matters of the closed meeting will consist of the following topics:

Institution and settlement of injunctive actions;
Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings;
Resolution of litigation claims; and
Other matters relating to enforcement proceedings.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting agenda items that may consist of adjudicatory, examination, litigation, or regulatory matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: For further information, please contact Vanessa A. Countryman from the Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: December 10, 2019.

Vanessa A. Countryman,
Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No. SSA-2019-0047]

Rate for Assessment on Direct Payment of Fees to Representatives in 2020

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are announcing that the assessment percentage rate under the

¹⁹ See Cboe Options Rule 5.31(d)(2).

²⁰ See BOX Rule 6080(b).

²¹ For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

²² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12), (59).

Social Security Act (Act) is 6.3 percent for 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeffrey C. Blair, Associate General Counsel for Program Law, Office of the General Counsel, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401. Phone: (410) 965-3157, email Jeff.Blair@ssa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A claimant may appoint a qualified individual as a representative to act on his or her behalf in matters before the Social Security Administration (SSA). If the claimant is entitled to past-due benefits and was represented either by an attorney or by a non-attorney representative who has met certain prerequisites, we withhold up to 25 percent of the past-due benefits and use that money to pay the representative's approved fee directly to the representative.

When we pay the representative's fee directly to the representative, we must collect from that fee payment an assessment to recover the costs we incur in determining and paying representatives' fees. The Act provides that the assessment we collect will be the lesser of two amounts: A specified dollar limit; or the amount determined by multiplying the fee we are paying by the assessment percentage rate.¹

The Act initially set the dollar limit at \$75 in 2004 and provides that the limit will be adjusted annually based on changes in the cost-of-living.² The maximum dollar limit for the assessment currently is \$97, as we announced in the **Federal Register** on October 22, 2019 (84 FR 56515).

The Act requires us each year to set the assessment percentage rate at the lesser of 6.3 percent or the percentage rate necessary to achieve full recovery of the costs we incur to determine and pay representatives' fees.³

Based on the best available data, we have determined that the current rate of 6.3 percent will continue for 2020. We will continue to review our costs for these services on a yearly basis.

Michelle King,

Deputy Commissioner for Budget, Finance, and Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10973]

Notice of Determinations; Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition—Determinations: “True to Nature: Open-Air Painting in Europe, 1780–1870” Exhibition

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: I hereby determine that certain objects to be included in the exhibition “True to Nature: Open-Air Painting in Europe, 1780–1870,” imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the National Gallery of Art, Washington, District of Columbia, from on or about February 2, 2020, until on or about May 3, 2020, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chi D. Tran, Paralegal Specialist, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202-632-6471; email: section2459@state.gov). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, L/PD, SA-5, Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522-0505.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The foregoing determinations were made pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and Delegation of Authority No. 236-3 of August 28, 2000.

Marie Therese Porter Royce,

Assistant Secretary, Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10975]

Notice of Determinations; Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition—Determinations: “Myaamia Ribbonwork” Exhibition

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: I hereby determine that certain objects to be

exhibited in the exhibition “Myaamia Ribbonwork” imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreement with the foreign owner or custodian. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Miami University Art Museum, in Oxford, Ohio, from on or about January 28, 2020, until on or about June 13, 2020, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chi D. Tran, Paralegal Specialist, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202-632-6471; email: section2459@state.gov). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, L/PD, SA-5, Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522-0505.

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Marie Therese Porter Royce,

Assistant Secretary, Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10974]

Notice of Determinations; Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition—Determinations: “Degas at the Opera” Exhibition

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: I hereby determine that certain objects to be included in the exhibition “Degas at the Opera,” imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the National Gallery of Art, Washington, District of Columbia, from on or about March 1, 2020, until on or about July 5, 2020, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to

¹ 42 U.S.C. 406(d), 406(e), and 1383(d)(2).

² 42 U.S.C. 406(d)(2) and 1383(d)(2)(C)(ii)(I).

³ 42 U.S.C. 406(d)(2)(B)(ii) and 1383(d)(2)(C)(ii)(II).