

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 proposal 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 No. SR-CboeBYX-2018-015 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 No. SR-CboeBYX-2018-015. 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 such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-CboeBYX-2018-015 and should be submitted on or before August 28, 2018.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.²⁴

Robert W. Errett,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 9, 2018.

PLACE: Closed Commission Hearing Room 10800.

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.

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.

Commissioner Stein, as duty officer, voted to consider the items listed for the closed meeting in closed session.

The subject matters of the closed meeting will be:

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 items.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed; please contact Brent J. Fields from the Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: August 2, 2018.

Brent J. Fields,

Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #15584 and #15585; Texas Disaster Number TX-00500]

Presidential Declaration Amendment of a Major Disaster for the State of Texas

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Amendment 2.

SUMMARY: This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Texas (FEMA-4377-DR), dated 07/06/2018.

Incident: Severe Storms and Flooding.
Incident Period: 06/19/2018 through 07/13/2018.

DATES: Issued on 07/31/2018.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 09/04/2018.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 04/08/2019.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of the President's major disaster declaration for the State of Texas, dated 07/06/2018, is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties (Physical Damage and Economic Injury Loans): Jim Wells
Contiguous Counties (Economic Injury Loans Only):

Texas: Duval, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, San Patricio

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

James Rivera,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #15618 and #15619; Vermont Disaster Number VT-00035]

Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Vermont

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

²⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

SUMMARY: This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of VERMONT (FEMA-4380-DR), dated 07/30/2018.

Incident: Severe Storm and Flooding.
Incident Period: 05/04/2018 through 05/05/2018.

DATES: Issued on 07/30/2018.
Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 09/28/2018.
Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 04/30/2019.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President’s major disaster declaration on 07/30/2018, Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential services of a governmental nature may file disaster loan applications at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties:
Chittenden, Grand Isle, Lamoille, Orange, Orleans
The Interest Rates are:

| | Percent |
|---|---------|
| <i>For Physical Damage:</i> | |
| Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere ... | 2.500 |
| Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere | 2.500 |
| <i>For Economic Injury:</i> | |
| Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere | 2.500 |

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 156186 and for economic injury is 156190.
(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

James Rivera,
Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
[Public Notice: 10487]
Advisory Committee for the Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union (Title VIII) Public Meeting Notice

The Advisory Committee for the Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union (Advisory Committee) will convene on Wednesday, September 5, 2018, from 1:30 p.m. until approximately 3:30 p.m. The meeting will take place at the U.S. Department of State, Harry S Truman Building, 2201 C Street NW, Washington, DC, in room 1406.

The Advisory Committee will recommend grant recipients for the 2018 funding opportunity for the Program for the Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union, in accordance with the Research and Training for Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union Act of 1983, Public Law 98-164, as amended. The agenda will include opening statements by the chairperson and members of the committee. The committee will provide an overview and discussion of grant proposals from “national organizations with an interest and expertise in conducting research and training concerning the countries of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union,” based on the guidelines set forth in the June request for proposals published on *Grants.gov* and *SAMS Domestic (mygrants.service-now.com)*. Following committee deliberation, interested members of the public may make oral statements concerning the Title VIII program.

This meeting will be open to the public; however, attendance is limited to available seating. Entry into the Harry S Truman building is controlled and must be arranged in advance of the meeting. Those planning to attend should notify the Title VIII Program Officer at the U.S. Department of State at *TitleVIII@state.gov*, subject: Public Meeting RSVP, no later than close of business, Tuesday, September 4, 2018.

For pre-clearance into the Harry S Truman building, the Title VIII Program Officer will request identifying data pursuant to Public Law 99-399 (Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986), as amended; Public Law 107-56 (USA PATRIOT Act); and Executive Order 13356. This information is being collected pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2651a and 22 U.S.C. 4802 for the purpose of screening and pre-clearing participants to enter the host

venue at the U.S. Department of State, in line with standard security procedures for events of this size. The Department of State will use this information consistent with the routine uses set forth in the System of Records Notices for Security Records (State-36). Provision of this information is voluntary, but failure to provide accurate information may impede your ability to register for the event. Please see the Security Records System of Records Notice (State-36) at *https://www.state.gov/documents/organization/242611.pdf* for additional information.

All attendees must use the 2201 C Street entrance and must arrive no later than 12:30 p.m. to pass through security before entering the building. The Program Officer cannot admit visitors who arrive without prior notification or without photo identification.

Catherine L. Kuchta-Helbling
Executive Director, Advisory Committee for Study of Eastern Europe, and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union.
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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
[Docket No. USTR-2018-0026]

Extension of Public Comment Period Concerning Proposed Modification of Action Pursuant to Section 301: China’s Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.
ACTION: Extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: In a notice published on July 17, 2018 (83 FR 33608), the U.S. Trade Representative (Trade Representative) proposed a modification of the action taken in this investigation in the form of an additional 10 percent *ad valorem* duty on products of China with an annual trade value of approximately \$200 billion. The July 17th notice sought public comment and provided notice of a public hearing regarding this proposed modification of the action in the investigation. On August 1, 2018, the Trade Representative announced that the President had directed the Trade Representative to consider raising the level of the additional duty in the proposed supplemental action from 10 percent to 25 percent. In light of this possible increase in the rate of additional duty, the Trade Representative is extending certain