

**DATES:** Comments on this proposal should be received on or before December 15, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Send or deliver comments to—Lorraine E. Dettman, Chief Operations Support Division, Retirement and Insurance Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management 1900 E Street, NW, Room 3349, Washington, DC 20415.

**FOR INFORMATION REGARDING**

**ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION—CONTACT:** Mary Beth Smith-Toomey, Management Services Division, (202) 606-0623.

Office of Personnel Management.

**Janice R. Lachance,**

*Acting Director.*

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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL  
MANAGEMENT**

**Proposed Collection; Comment  
Request for Review of a Revised  
Information Collection: Form SF 2802,  
SF 2802-B, RI 36-7**

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget a request for review of a revised of the following information collections: SF 2802, Application for Refund of Retirement Deductions (Civil Service Retirement System); SF 2802B, Current/Former Spouse's Notification of Application for Refund of Retirement Deductions; and RI 36-7, Marital Information Required of Refund Applicants. The OPM must have the SF 2802 completed and signed before paying a refund of retirement contributions from the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund. SF 2802B must be completed if there are spouse(s) or former spouse(s) who must be notified of the employee's intent to take a refund from the Fund. RI 36-7 is needed when the SF 2802 received at the OPM is incomplete about the applicant's marital status.

Approximately 35,000 SF 2802 forms are completed annually. We estimate it takes approximately 45 minutes to complete the form. The annual burden is 26,250 hours. Approximately 31,500 SF 2802B forms are completed annually. We estimate it takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. The estimated

annual burden is 7,875. Approximately 21,050 RI 36-7 forms are completed annually. Each form takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. The annual estimated burden is 3,508 hours. The total combined annual burden is 37,663 hours.

Comments are particularly invited on:

- Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the Office of Personnel Management, and whether it will have practical utility;
- Whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and
- Ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use of the appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

For copies of this proposal, contact Jim Farron on (202) 418-3208, or E-mail to [jmfarron@opm.gov](mailto:jmfarron@opm.gov)

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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL  
MANAGEMENT**

**Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory  
Committee Cancellation of Open  
Committee Meeting**

According to the provisions of section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), notice is hereby given that the meeting of the Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee scheduled for Thursday, October 23, 1997, has been canceled.

Information on other meetings can be obtained by contacting the Committee's Secretary, Office of Personnel Management, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee, Room 5559, 1900

E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20415, (202) 606-1500.

Dated: October 6, 1997.

**Phyllis G. Heuerman,**

*Chair, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee.*

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE  
COMMISSION**

**Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application  
To Withdraw From Listing and  
Registration; (Nu-Tech Bio-Med, Inc.,  
Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value) File  
No. 1-13900**

October 7, 1997.

Nu-Tech Bio-Med, Inc. ("Company") has filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") and Rule 12d2-2(d) promulgated thereunder, to withdraw the above specified security ("Security") from listing and registration on the Boston Stock Exchange, Inc. ("BSE" or "Exchange").

The reasons cited in the application for withdrawing the Security from listing and registration include the following:

In making the decision to withdraw its Security from listing on the BSE, the Company considered the direct and indirect costs and expenses attendant on maintaining the dual listing of its Security. The Company does not see any particular advantage in the dual trading of its securities.

The Company has complied with the Rules of the BSE by filing with such Exchange details of the reasons for such proposed withdrawal, and the facts in support thereof.

By letter dated September 22, 1997, the BSE informed the Company that the Exchange has no objection to the withdrawal of the Company's Security from listing on the BSE.

Any interested person may, on or before October 29, 1997, submit by letter to the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549, facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of the exchange and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. The Commission, based on the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date mentioned above, unless the Commission determines to order a hearing on the matter.

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

**Jonathan G. Katz,**  
Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-39191; File No. SR-AMEX-97-34]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by American Stock Exchange, Inc. Relating to Revised Equity Fee Schedule

October 3, 1997.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act"),<sup>1</sup> notice is hereby given that on September 24, 1997, the American Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the fee change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the fee change from interested persons.

#### I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The American Stock Exchange has revised its schedule of fees imposed on trades in exchange-traded fund products ("EXTRA Funds") executed on the Exchange.

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

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the fee change and discussed any comments it received on the fee change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The self-regulatory organization has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

##### 1. Purpose

The Exchange currently imposes a transaction charge and a regulatory fee on trades in equity securities executed on the Exchange. The Exchange's equity transaction charge is a two-part fee consisting of a share charge and a value charge, based on the total number of shares traded and the value of such shares, respectively. All equity trades executed through the Exchange's Post Execution Reporting ("PER") order routing system up to 1,099 shares are exempt from Exchange equity transaction charges (excluding only those for the account of nonmember competing dealers). The Exchange also imposes a separate regulatory fee on all equity trades calculated at \$.00005 times the value of shares traded.

The Exchange currently lists a number of exchange-traded fund products, which are subject to the Exchange's equity fee schedule. Standard & Poor's Depositary Receipts ("SPDRs") is a fund product based on the S&P 500 Index that has traded on the Exchange since 1993. MidCap SPDRs and World Equity Benchmark Shares ("WEBS") are also currently traded, with additional fund products expected to be traded in the future.

The Exchange is revising its schedule of equity fees to exempt customer (i.e., non broker-dealer) PER trades in exchange-traded fund products up to 5,099 shares from both the equity transaction charge and the regulatory fee. We believe that these changes are necessary in order to make the cost of trading on the Exchange comparable to the economics of trading these products in other markets.

The revised equity fee schedule will be implemented starting with transactions effected on September 26, 1997 or as soon as practical thereafter. The Exchange will notify member firms as to the date of effectiveness and as to any necessary modifications to provide for proper identification of orders entitled to the fee exemption.

##### (2) Statutory Basis

The fee change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Exchange Act in general and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4)<sup>2</sup> in particular in that it is intended to assure the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among members, issuers,

and other persons using the Exchange's facilities.

#### B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The fee change will impose no burden on competition.

#### C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants or Others

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the fee change.

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

The fee change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Exchange Act<sup>3</sup> and subparagraph (e)(2) of Exchange Act Rule 19b-4.<sup>4</sup> At any time within 60 days of the filing of such fee change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such fee 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 Exchange Act.

#### IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the fee change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the fee 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 in Washington, D.C. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Amex. All submissions should refer to file number SR-AMEX-97-34 and should be submitted by November 4, 1997.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(e).

<sup>5</sup> 17 CFR 240.30-3(a)(12).