

(or his or her designee) within 15 minutes from the time the contested ruling was rendered.¹⁷ The Commission believes that these provisions will facilitate the prompt resolution of trading disputes while providing members with an adequate opportunity to obtain a ruling from a floor official or to appeal a floor official's ruling. In addition, the Commission notes that these procedures are described in the Advises, which will be readily available to members in the PHLX's Floor Procedure Handbook. Accordingly, the Commission believes that PHLX members will have sufficient notice of the Exchange's procedures for obtaining a ruling from a floor official and appealing a floor official's decision.

Under PHLX Rule 124(d), a review panel, consisting of either three members of the applicable Subcommittee on Rules and Rulings (in the case of options trading) or three members of the Floor Procedure Committee (in the case of equity trading),¹⁸ may sustain, overturn or modify a floor official's ruling. In making its decision, the review panel may consider facts and circumstances not available to the ruling floor official and action taken by the parties in reliance on the floor official's ruling (e.g., cover, hedge, and related trading activity). A member may appeal the review panel's decision to the Exchange's Board of Governors pursuant to PHLX By-law Article XI. The Commission believes that these procedures will provide for prompt and effective review of floor officials' rulings in trading disputes and help to ensure that trading disputes are resolved fairly.

IV. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,¹⁹ that the proposed rule change (SR-PHLX-98-03) is approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.²⁰

¹⁷ According to the PHLX, a "reasonable period of time" will depend on market and trading floor conditions (e.g., volume, systems functioning, and quotation updating). Floor officials will determine what constitutes a reasonable period of time for requesting a ruling. The PHLX believes that it is necessary to provide floor officials with flexibility in making this determination. Telephone conversation between Linda S. Christie, Counsel, PHLX, and Yvonne Fraticelli, Attorney, Division, Commission, on April 27, 1998.

¹⁸ If three committee members cannot be convened promptly, the Chairperson of the applicable committee, or his or her designee, may review the ruling. See PHLX Rule 124(d).

¹⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

²⁰ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submissions for OMB Review

This notice lists information collection packages that have been sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance, in compliance with Public Law 104-13 effective October 1, 1995, The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Wage Reports and Pension Information—0960-0547. The information obtained through Regulation OR-418P, found in 20 CFR, section 422.122(b), is used by SSA to identify the requester of pension plan information and to confirm that the individual is entitled to the data we provide. The respondents are requesters of pension plan information.

Number of Respondents: 1,211.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 606 hours.

Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be directed within 30 days to the OMB Desk Officer and SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following addresses:

(OMB) Office of Management and Budget, OIRA, Attn: Laura Oliven, New Executive Office Building, Room 10230, 725 17th St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20503

(SSA) Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Nicholas E. Tagliareni, 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235.

To receive a copy of any of the forms or clearance packages, call the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4125 or write to him at the address listed above.

Dated: May 8, 1998.

Nicholas E. Tagliareni,

Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Office of the Secretary

[Public Notice 2812]

Determination and Certification Under Section 40A of the Arms Export Control Act

Pursuant to Section 40A of the Arms Export Control Act (Pub. L. 90-629), as added by the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-132) (22 U.S.C. 2771 *et. seq.*) and Executive Order 11958, as amended, I hereby determine and certify to the Congress that the following countries are not cooperating fully with United States antiterrorism efforts:

Afghanistan;
Cuba;
Iran;
Iraq;
Libya;
North Korea;
Sudan; and
Syria.

This determination and certification shall be transmitted to the Congress and published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: May 4, 1998.

Strobe Talbott,

Acting Secretary of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs

[Public Notice 2813]

Government Activities on International Harmonization of Chemical Classification and Labeling Systems; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs (OES), Department of State.

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting regarding Government Activities on International Harmonization of Chemical Classification and Labeling Systems.

SUMMARY: This public meeting will provide an update on current activities related to international harmonization since the previous public meeting, conducted January 23, 1998. (See Department of State Public Notice 2708, on page 1987 of the **Federal Register** of January 13, 1998.) The meeting will also offer interested organizations and individuals the opportunity to provide

information and views for consideration in the development of United States Government policy positions. For more complete information on the harmonization process, please refer to State Department Public Notice 2526, pages 15951–15957 of the **Federal Register** of April 3, 1997.

The meeting will take place from 10 a.m. until noon on June 16 in Room N5437 CD, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC. Attendees should use the entrance at C and Third Streets NW. To facilitate entry, please have a picture ID available and/or a U.S. Government building pass if applicable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information or to submit written comments or information, please contact Mary Frances Lowe, U.S. Department of State, OES/ENV, Room 4325, 2201 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20520. Phone (202) 736-4660, fax (202) 647-5947. A public docket is also available for review (OSHA docket H-022H.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of State is announcing a public meeting of the interagency committee concerned with the international harmonization of chemical hazard classification and labeling systems (an effort often referred to as the "globally harmonized system" or GHS). The purpose of the meeting is to provide interested groups and individuals with an update on activities since the January 23, 1998, public meeting, a preview of key upcoming international meetings, and an opportunity to submit additional information and comments for consideration in developing U.S. Government positions. Representatives of the following agencies participate in the interagency group: the Department of State, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Transportation, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the Food and Drug Administration, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Agriculture, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

The Agenda of the public meeting will include:

1. Introduction

2. Reports on recent international meetings

- Meeting of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Aquatic Toxicity Working Group, April 20–21, in London, UK.
- Meeting of the OECD Advisory

Group on Harmonization of Classification and Labelling, April 22–24, in London, UK. This meeting focused on classification criteria proposals for health and environmental endpoints including skin and eye irritation/corrosion, target organ toxicity, reproductive toxicity, aquatic toxicity, acute toxicity, and the review of an integrated document to be comprised of introductory sections on cross-cutting issues and individual chapters on each covered endpoint. The goal is to have the integrated proposal and other issues resolved as much as possible before a high level OECD meeting, now scheduled for September 3–4, 1998, in Paris, France.

- First meeting of the Inter-Organization Program for the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC) Working Group concerning the Implementation of the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling, May 21–22, in London, UK. This working group is charged with identifying the functions of the institutional "body" or organization required to oversee the maintenance and updating of the GHS on an ongoing basis. A background paper prepared by the UK has been circulated and placed in the docket.

3. Preparation for upcoming meetings

- First meeting of the IOMC/International Labour Organisation Working Group for the Harmonization of Chemical Hazard Communication, June 22, in London, UK. This meeting will focus on the elaboration of terms of reference work plan and time table for the hazard communication elements of the GHS.
- IOMC Coordinating Group for the Harmonization of Chemical Classification Systems, June 23–24, London, UK. This group provides overall management direction to the development of the GHS. Among the agenda items is further consideration of a paper clarifying the scope and application of the GHS discussed at the last two Coordinating Group meetings, in June and November, 1997. The original paper, U.S. comments, and a report of the November 1997 meeting are in the public docket. A revised version is expected later this month and will be placed in the docket, along with other papers received for the June 23–24 meeting.
- OECD Working Group on Mixtures,

June 25–27, in London, UK. This group is charged with developing harmonized approaches for the classification of mixtures. This will be its second meeting, and participants will be discussing areas for harmonization based on a detailed review document outlining the components of major existing hazard classification systems for mixtures.

- Meeting of the UN Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, June 29–July 9, in Geneva, Switzerland. The Subcommittee has hosted the working group developing classification criteria proposals for physical hazards and largely completed this work in December 1997. It is also involved in consideration of OECD proposals on acute toxicity classifications, the institutional framework for the ongoing maintenance of the GHS, and hazard communication issues as they relate to goods in transport.

4. Public Comments

5. Concluding Remarks

Interested parties are invited to submit their comments as soon as possible for consideration in the development of U.S. positions for the international meetings listed above, and to present their views orally and/or in writing at the public meeting. Participants in the meeting may also address other topics relating to harmonization of chemical classification and labeling systems and are particularly invited to identify issues of concern to specific sectors that may be affected by the GHS.

All written comments will be placed in the public docket (OSHA docket H-022H). The docket is open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and is located at the Department of Labor, Room 2625, Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC (Telephone: 202-219-7894; Fax: 202-219-5046). The public may also consult the docket to review previous Federal Register notices, comments received, Questions and Answers about the GHS, a response to comments on the April 3 **Federal Register** notice, and other relevant documents.

Dated: May 11, 1998.

Michael Metelits,

*Director, Office of Environmental Policy,
Bureau of Oceans and International
Environmental and Scientific Affairs.*

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