

longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

(A) by order approve such proposed rule change, or

(B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be 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. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. 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 inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the PCX. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-PCX-98-27 and should be submitted by August 24, 1998.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁷

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

Form Submitted To The Office of Management and Budget For Clearance

The following form has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for extension of clearance in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35):

SSS FORM—404

Title: Potential Board Member Information.

Need and/or use: Is used to identify individuals willing to serve as members of local, appeal or review boards in the Selective Service System.

Respondents: Potential board members.

Burden: A burden of 15 minutes or less on the individual respondent.

Copies of the above identified form can be obtained upon written request to the Selective Service System, Reports Clearance Officer, 1515 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22209-2425.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed extension of clearance of the form should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to the Selective Service System, Reports Clearance Officer, 1515 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22209-2425.

A copy of the comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer, Selective Service System, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 3235, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: July 24, 1998.

Gil Coronado,

Director.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Finding Regarding the Social Insurance System of the Slovak Republic

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.

ACTION: Notice of Finding Regarding the Social Insurance System of the Slovak Republic.

FINDING: Section 202(t)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(t)(1)) prohibits payment of monthly benefits to any individual who is not a United States citizen or national for any month after he or she has been outside the United States for 6 consecutive months, and prior to the first month thereafter for all of which the individual has been in the United States. This prohibition does not apply to such an individual where one of the exceptions described in sections 202(t)(2) through 202(t)(5) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(t)(2) through 402(t)(5)) affects his or her case.

Section 202(t)(2) of the Social Security Act provides that, subject to certain residency requirements of section 202(t)(11), the prohibition

against payment shall not apply to any individual who is a citizen of a country which the Commissioner of Social Security finds has in effect a social insurance system which is of general application in such country and which:

(a) pays periodic benefits, or the actuarial equivalent thereof, on account of old age, retirement, or death; and

(b) permits individuals who are United States citizens but not citizens of that country and who qualify for such benefits to receive those benefits, or the actuarial equivalent thereof, while outside the foreign country regardless of the duration of the absence.

The Commissioner of Social Security has delegated the authority to make such a finding to the Associate Commissioner for International Programs. Under that authority, the Associate Commissioner for International Programs has approved a finding that the Slovak Republic, as of January 1, 1993, has a social insurance system of general application which:

(a) pays periodic benefits, or the actuarial equivalent thereof, on account of old age, retirement, or death; and

(b) permits United States citizens who are not citizens of the Slovak Republic and who qualify for the relevant benefits to receive those benefits, or their actuarial equivalent, while outside of the Slovak Republic regardless of the duration of the absence of these individuals from the Slovak Republic.

Accordingly, it is hereby determined and found that the Slovak Republic has in effect, as of January 1, 1993, a social insurance system which meets the requirements of section 202(t)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(t)(2)).

This is our first finding under section 202(t) of the Social Security Act for the Slovak Republic. Before January 1993, the United States did not recognize the Slovak Republic as an independent nation. Czechoslovakia divided into two separate states, the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic, on January 1, 1993. At that time, the Slovak Republic adopted the Czechoslovak basic law on social insurance which continues to govern the country's social insurance system.

Although the Slovak Republic added several amendments to the old law, these provisions did not affect the determination under section 202(t)(2) of the Social Security Act. In addition, the Slovak Republic considers itself bound by the Diplomatic Notes on reciprocity of payments which were exchanged between the United States and Czechoslovakia in 1968. Since all such agreements are binding on the Slovak Republic by right of succession, the

⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

1969 addendum to the 1968 Diplomatic Notes is also being honored.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Donna Powers, Room 1104, West High Rise Building, P.O. Box 17741, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235, (410) 965-3568.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance: Program Nos. 96.001 Social Security—Disability Insurance; 96.002 Social Security—Retirement Insurance; 96.004 Social Security—Survivors Insurance)

Dated: July 24, 1998.

James A. Kissko,

Associate Commissioner for International Programs.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority

This statement amends part T of the Statement of the Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority, which covers the Social Security Administration (SSA). Chapter TE covers the Deputy Commissioner for Communications. Notice is given that Chapter TE, the Office of Communications is being amended to reflect the establishment of subordinate components within the Office of External Affairs (TEG) and the abolishment of the Office of National Affairs (TEE).

The changes are as follows:

Section TE.10 *Office of Communications*—(Organization):

Delete:

F. The Office of National Affairs (TEE).

Reletter:

"G" to "F".

F. The Office of External Affairs (TEG).

Establish:

1. The Office of National Communications (TEGA).

2. The Office of Regional Communications and Community Affairs (TEGB).

Section TE.20 *The Office of Communications*—(Functions):

Delete:

F. The Office of National Affairs (TEE) in its entirety.

Reletter:

"G" to "F".

F. The Office of External Affairs (TEG).

Establish:

1. The Office of National Communications (TEGA).

a. Oversees the monitoring of plans, administrative and policy proposals,

and work products of other SSA components in headquarters and the regions to assess their impact on institutions, public and private organizations and special interest groups.

b. Initiates short- and long-range projects or assignments of substantial importance to the Office of Communications. The projects are initiated to solve problems resulting from adverse impacts of SSA programs and program service delivery on special groups or the general public.

c. Provides leadership in advising agency component management on the interests of groups and organizations and their potential reaction to administrative and policy proposals and work products.

d. Identifies techniques and strategies that assist in implementing SSA's Communication Plan initiatives; analyzes and identifies target markets; plans, promotes, and distributes ideas, products and services to create exchanges that satisfy customer and organizational goals.

e. Plans, directs and implements a program designed to develop and preserve working relationships with a wide variety of national organizations, special interests and advocacy groups in order to secure understanding, cooperation and acceptance of SSA programs, policies and procedures.

f. Provides overall direction in the development of a liaison program with national special interest and advocacy groups through their leaders to elicit their concerns and reactions to SSA initiatives.

2. The Office of Regional Communications and Community Affairs (TEGB).

a. Directs the design and development of SSA's regional external affairs program, including liaison with outside groups and organizations; Federal/State interface; and preparation and dissemination of information through the media.

b. Develops national communication strategies for use in disseminating information through the ten Regional Public Affairs Officers (RPAO) who report to the Office Director. Assures that field office and other personnel in the regions speak with one voice on matters related to public affairs.

c. Serves as SSA liaison to the greater Baltimore community through contacts with community leaders, private businesses and local government agencies and ensuring that their opinions and expectations are relayed to the Agency. Represents SSA on boards of Federal and local agencies, and communicates with the appropriate

offices of major businesses, the Mayor, County Executives and the Governor.

d. Develops and implements plans for expansion of a model community relations program which involves White House and Domestic Policy Council issues.

Dated: July 17, 1998.

Paul D. Barnes,

Deputy Commissioner for Human Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2864]

Bureau of Consular Affairs; Registration for the Diversity Immigrant (DV-2000) Visa Program

ACTION: Notice of registration for the sixth year of the Diversity Immigrant Visa Program.

This public notice provides information on the procedures for obtaining an opportunity to apply for one of the 50,000 immigrant visas to be made available in the Diversity Immigrant Visa (DV) category during Fiscal Year 2000. (Note: The Nicaraguan and Central American Relief Act (NCARA) passed by Congress in November 1997 stipulates that beginning with DV-99, and for as long as necessary, 5,000 annually-allocated diversity visas will be made available for use under the NCARA Program). This notice is issued pursuant to 22 CFR 42.33(b)(2) which implements Sections 201(a)(3), 201(e), 203(c) and 204(a)(1)(G) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, (8 U.S.C. 1151, 1153, and 1154(a)(1)(G)). The Department published regulations related to this Notice in the **Federal Register** on March 31, 1994 (59 FR 15303) and on January 22, 1996 (61 FR 1523).

Entry Procedures for the 50,000 Immigrant Visas To Be Made Available in the DV Category During Fiscal Year 2000.

Entries for the DV-2000 mail-in period must be received between noon (Eastern time) on Thursday, October 1, 1998 and noon (Eastern time) on Saturday, October 31, 1998. Entries received before or after these dates will be disqualified regardless of when they are postmarked. Entries sent to an incorrect address will also be disqualified.

How Visas Are Apportioned

Visas are apportioned among six geographic regions with a greater number of visas going to regions with