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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

12 CFR Part 220

[Regulation T]

Credit by Brokers and Dealers; List of Foreign Margin Stocks

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ACTION: Final rule; determination of applicability of regulations.

SUMMARY: The List of Foreign Margin Stocks (Foreign List) is composed of certain foreign equity securities that qualify as margin securities under Regulation T. The Foreign List is published twice a year by the Board.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 1999.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Listed below is a complete edition of the Board's Foreign List. The Foreign List was last published on February 23, 1999 (64 FR 8711), and became effective March 1, 1999.

The Foreign List is composed of foreign equity securities that qualify as foreign margin stock under Regulation T by meeting the requirements of section 220.11 (c) and (d). Additional foreign securities qualify as margin securities if they are deemed by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to have a "ready market" under SEC Rule 15c3-1 (17 CFR 240.15c3-1) or a "no-action" position issued thereunder. This includes all foreign stocks on the Financial Times/Standard & Poor's Actuaries World Indices.

There are no additions to the Foreign List. The following nine stocks are being removed because they no longer substantially meet the provisions of section 220.11(d) of Regulation T:

Hong Kong

PEREGRINE INVESTMENT HOLDINGS LTD.

HK \$.60 ordinary shares

Japan

KURIMOTO, LTD.

¥ 50 par common

KYUDENKO CORPORATION

¥ 50 par common

MEIDENSHA CORPORATION

¥ 50 par common

NISSAN FIRE & MARINE

INSURANCE CO., LTD.

¥ 50 par common

SANYO SECURITIES CO., LTD.

¥ 50 par common

TOKYO SOWA BANK, LTD.

¥ 50 par common

TOKYO TATEMONO CO., LTD.

¥ 50 par common

TOSHIBA CERAMICS CO., LTD.

¥ 50 par common

Public Comment and Deferred Effective Date

The requirements of 5 U.S.C. 553 with respect to notice and public participation were not followed in connection with the issuance of this amendment due to the objective character of the criteria for inclusion and continued inclusion on the Foreign List specified in 220.11(c) and (d). No additional useful information would be gained by public participation. The full requirements of 5 U.S.C. 553 with respect to deferred effective date have not been followed in connection with the issuance of this amendment because the Board finds that it is in the public interest to facilitate investment and credit decisions based in whole or in part upon the composition of the Foreign List as soon as possible. The Board has responded to a request by the public and allowed approximately a one-week delay before the Foreign List is effective.

List of Subjects in 12 CFR Part 220

Brokers, Credit, Margin, Margin requirements, Investments, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Securities.

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority of sections 7 and 23 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (15 U.S.C. 78g and 78w), and

in accordance with 12 CFR 220.2 and 220.11, there is set forth below a complete edition of the Foreign List.

Germany

GEHE AG

Ordinary shares, par DM 50

HOECHST AG

Ordinary shares, par DM 50

Japan

AIWA CO., LTD.

¥50 par common

AKITA BANK, LTD.

¥50 par common

AOMORI BANK, LTD.

¥50 par common

ASATSU INC.

¥50 par common

BANDAI CO., LTD.

¥50 par common

BANK OF KINKI, LTD.

¥50 par common

BANK OF NAGOYA, LTD.

¥50 par common

CHUDENKO CORP.

¥50 par common

CHUGOKU BANK, LTD.

¥50 par common

CLARION CO., LTD.

¥50 par common

DAIHATSU MOTOR CO., LTD.

¥50 par common

DAINIPPON SCREEN MFG. CO., LTD.

¥50 par common

DAIWA KOSHO LEASE CO., LTD.

¥50 par common

DENKI KAGAKU KOGYO CO., LTD.

¥50 par common

EIGHTEENTH BANK, LTD.

¥50 par common

FUTABA CORP.

¥50 par common

FUTABA INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD.

¥50 par common

HIGO BANK, LTD.

¥50 par common

HITACHI CONSTRUCTION

MACHINERY CO., LTD.

¥50 par common

HITACHI SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

CO., LTD.

¥50 par common

HITACHI TRANSPORT SYSTEM, LTD.

¥50 par common

HOKKOKU BANK, LTD.

¥50 par common

HOKUETSU BANK, LTD.

¥50 par common

HOKUETSU PAPER MILLS, LTD.

¥50 par common

IYO BANK, LTD.

¥50 par common

JACCS CO., LTD.

¥50 par common
JAPAN AIRPORT TERMINAL CO., LTD.
¥50 par common
JAPAN SECURITIES FINANCE CO., LTD.
¥50 par common
JUROKU ANK, LTD.
¥50 par common
KAGOSHIMA BANK, LTD.
¥50 par common
KAMIGUMI CO., LTD.
¥50 par common
KATOKICHI CO., LTD.
¥50 par common
KEISEI ELECTRIC RAILWAY CO., LTD.
¥50 par common
KEIYO BANK, LTD.
¥50 par common
KIYO BANK, LTD.
¥50 par common
KOMORI CORP.
¥50 par common
KONAMI CO., LTD.
¥50 par common
KYOWA EXEO CORP.
¥50 par common
MAEDA ROAD CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.
¥50 par common
MATSUSHITA SEIKO CO., LTD.
¥50 par common
MAX CO., LTD.
¥50 par common
MICHINOKU BANK, LTD.
¥50 par common
MUSASHINO BANK, LTD.
¥500 par common
NAMCO, LTD.
¥50 par common
NICHICON CORP.
¥50 par common
NICHIMEN CORP.
¥50 par common
NIHON UNISYS, LTD.
¥50 par common
NIPPON COMSYS CORP.
¥50 par common
NIPPON TRUST BANK, LTD.
¥50 par common
NISHI-NIPPON BANK, LTD.
¥50 par common
NISHI-NIPPON RAILROAD CO., LTD.
¥50 par common
NISSAN CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES, LTD.
¥50 par common
OGAKI KYORITSU BANK, LTD.
¥50 par common
Q.P. CORP.
¥50 par common
RINNAI CORPORATION
¥50 par common
RYOSAN CO., LTD.
¥50 par common
SAGAMI RAILWAY CO., LTD.
¥50 par common
SAIBU GAS CO., LTD.
¥50 par common
SAKATA SEED CORP.

¥50 par common
SANKI ENGINEERING CO., LTD.
¥50 par common
SANTEN PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD.
¥50 par common
SHIMADZU CORP.
¥50 par common
SHIMAMURA CO., LTD.
¥50 par common
SUMITOMO RUBBER INDUSTRIES, LTD.
¥50 par common
SURUGA BANK, LTD.
¥50 par common
TAIYO YUDEN CO., LTD.
¥50 par common
TAKARA STANDARD CO., LTD.
¥50 par common
TAKASAGO THERMAL ENGINEERING CO.
¥50 par common
TAKUMA CO., LTD.
¥50 par common
TOHO BANK, LTC.
¥50 par common
TOHO GAS CO., LTD.
¥50 par common
TOKYO OHKA KOGYO CO., LTD.
¥50 par common
TOKYO TOMIN BANK, LTC.
¥500 par common
UNI-CHARM CORP.
¥50 par common
USHIO, INC.
¥50 par common
YAMAHAMA MOTOR CO., LTD.
¥50 par common
YODOGAWA STEEL WORKS, LTD.
¥50 par common

List of Foreign Margin Stocks

By order of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, acting by its Director of the Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation pursuant to delegated authority (12 CFR 265.7(f)(10)), August 20, 1999.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

12 CFR Parts 541, 545, 560, 561

[No. 99-34]

RIN 1550-AB21

Letters of Credit, Suretyship and Guaranty

AGENCY: Office of Thrift Supervision, Treasury.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS) is amending its regulations to clarify that a Federal savings association may act as guarantor under section 5(b)(2) of the Home Owners' Loan Act (the "HOLA"). Additionally, OTS is modifying restrictions on suretyship and guaranty agreements issued under this section. The rule also clarifies that a Federal savings association holds authority to issue letters of credit and makes related technical amendments. OTS is also amending various lending related definitions to either clarify definitions or remove unnecessary or outdated definitions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1999.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On September 18, 1998, OTS issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("NPR") clarifying a Federal savings association's authority to act as guarantor under section 5(b)(2) of the HOLA (64 FR 49874). The proposed rule included restrictions on suretyship and guaranty agreements issued under this authority. OTS also proposed revisions clarifying that Federal savings associations may issue letters of credit. Finally, OTS sought comment on whether it should adopt a regulation to address the escrow authority of Federal savings associations.

This document finalizes the proposed changes, clarifies or removes various related definitions that are outdated or unnecessary, and makes other technical amendments.

II. Summary of Comments

The public comment period on the NPR closed on November 17, 1998. Two Federal savings associations, two trade associations, a Federal Home Loan Bank, and one individual filed comments on the NPR.

Four commenters addressed OTS's proposal clarifying the guaranty authority for Federal savings associations and proposing restrictions on suretyship and guaranty agreements under section 5(b)(2) of the HOLA. Two commenters supported the proposed