

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 NYSE. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-NYSE-2001-22 and should be submitted by September 26, 2001.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹³

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION

Sentencing Guidelines for United States Courts

AGENCY: United States Sentencing Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed amendments to the Sentencing Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth proposed amendments to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission invites public comment on these proposed amendments.

DATE: Public comment should be received not later than October 5, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: United States Sentencing Commission, One Columbus Circle, NE, Suite 2-500, South Lobby, Washington, DC 20002-8002, Attention: Public Affairs-Amendment of Rules Comment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Courlander, Public Affairs Officer, Telephone: (202) 502-4590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 995(a)(1) of title 28, United States Code, authorizes the Commission to establish general policies and promulgate rules and regulations as necessary for the Commission to carry out the purposes of the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984. The Commission originally adopted the Rules of Practice and Procedure in July 1997 and now proposes to make amendments to these rules. Specifically, the proposed amendments clarify various rules pertaining to public access and generally provide updated information regarding how the public can contact the Commission. In accordance with Rule 1.2 of its Rules of

Practice and Procedure, the Commission hereby invites the public to provide comment on the proposed amendments.

Authority: 28 U.S.C. 995(a)(1); USSC Rules of Practice and Procedure 1.2.

Diana E. Murphy,

Chair.

Proposed Amendments: Part I of the Rules of Practice and Procedure is amended by striking the introduction in its entirety.

Part I of the Rules of Practice and Procedure is amended in Rule 1.1 by striking the last sentence and inserting the following:

"These rules are not intended to create or enlarge legal rights for any person."

Part II of the Rules of Practice and Procedure is amended in Rule 2.2 in the first paragraph by striking "public" following "and vote in"; and in the fourth paragraph by striking the last sentence and inserting the following:

"Such matters include the approval of budget requests, legal briefs, staff reports, analyses of legislation, administrative and personnel issues, notices regarding Commission amendment priorities, technical and clerical amendments to these rules, and decisions to hold a nonpublic meeting."

Part III of the Rules of Practice and Procedure is amended in Rule 3.1 by adding at the end the following paragraph:

"Members may participate in meetings from remote locations by electronic means, including telephone, satellite, and video conference devices."

Part III of the Rules of Practice and Procedure is amended in Rule 3.2 by adding at the end of the first paragraph the following:

"Except as provided in Rule 3.3, meetings of the Commission with outside parties shall be conducted in public."

Rule 3.3 is amended to read as follows:

"Rule 3.3—Nonpublic Meetings
The Commission may hold nonpublic meetings (*i.e.*, meetings closed to the public) for purposes of the following: (1) To transact business of the Commission that is not appropriate for a public meeting (*e.g.*, discussion and resolution of personnel and budget issues); (2) to receive information from, and participate in discussions with, Commission staff and any person designated by an ex-officio commissioner as support staff for that commissioner; and (3) upon a decision by a majority of the members then serving, to receive or share information,

from or with any other person, that is inappropriate for public disclosure (one example of which would be information from a law enforcement agency, the public disclosure of which would reveal confidential investigatory techniques or jeopardize an ongoing investigation)."

Part III of the Rules of Practice and Procedure is amended by striking Rule 3.4 in its entirety; and by redesignating Rules 3.5 and 3.6 as Rules 3.4 and 3.5, respectively.

Part V of the Rules of Practice and Procedure is amended in Rule 5.1 by striking "Office of Legislative and Public Affairs" and inserting "Office of Publishing and Public Affairs"; and by striking the second paragraph in its entirety and inserting the following:

"'Public comment' means (1) any written comment submitted by an outside party, including an agency represented by an ex-officio commissioner, pursuant to a solicitation by the Commission; and (2) any other written submission, from an outside party, that the Chair or a majority of the members then serving has not precluded from being made available to the public. 'Public comment' does not include any internal communication between and among commissioners, Commission staff, and any person designated by an ex-officio commissioner as support staff for that commissioner."

Part V of the Rules of Practice and Procedure is amended in Rule 5.2 by adding at the end the following paragraph:

"Subsequent to the deadline for comment on the tentative priorities, the Commission shall publish in the **Federal Register**, and make available to the public for inspection, a notice of priorities for Commission inquiry and possible action."

Part V of the Rules of Practice and Procedure is amended in Rule 5.3 by striking "Data and Reports" in the title and inserting "Information"; by striking "relevant data and reports for consideration" and inserting "relevant data, reports, and other information for consideration"; and by striking the last sentence and inserting the following:

"Upon authorization by the Staff Director, the Office of Publishing and Public Affairs shall make the data, reports, and other information available to the public as soon as practicable."

Part VI of the Rules of Practice and Procedure is amended in Rule 6.1 by striking "(202) 273-4500" and inserting "(202) 502-4500"; by striking "(202) 273-4529" and inserting "(202) 502-4699"; and by adding at the end "The e-mail address is pubaffairs@ussc.gov."

Rule 6.2 is amended to read as follows:

¹³ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

“Rule 6.2—Availability of Materials for Public Inspection; Office of Publishing and Public Affairs

The Office of Publishing and Public Affairs is the repository of all materials that are available to the public.

Generally, the Office of Publishing and Public Affairs will maintain for public inspection the following: (1) Agendas and schedules for Commission public meetings and public hearings; (2) approved minutes of Commission public meetings; (3) transcripts of public hearings; (4) public comment as defined in Rule 5.1; (5) data, reports, and other information made available pursuant to Rule 5.3; and (6) with respect to nonpublic meetings described in Rule 3.3(3), a list of outside parties attending the meeting, a list of issues upon which the Commission was briefed, and, unless otherwise directed by the Chair or a majority of the members then serving, copies of written materials submitted by outside parties.

The Office of Publishing and Public Affairs also will make available upon request (1) information available pursuant to the Commission's policy on public access to Commission data; and (2) *A Guide to Publications & Resources* that lists all publications and datasets available from the Commission.”

Part VI of the Rules of Practice and Procedure is amended in Rule 6.4 by striking “http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs; “Information Available for Free Public Use in Federal Depository Libraries” should be selected. The listing may be searched by state or by area code.” and inserting “http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/locators/findlibs/index.html.”

Part VI of the Rules of Practice and Procedure is amended in Rule 6.5 by striking “<http://www.ICPSR.umich.edu/NACJD/home.html>.” and inserting “<http://www.ICPSR.umich.edu/NACJD/archive.html>.”

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Bureau of Political-Military Affairs

[Public Notice 3767]

U.N. Arms Embargo of Liberia

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that all licenses and other approvals to export or otherwise transfer defense articles or defense services to Liberia will continue to be denied pursuant to section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA) and

section 5 of the U.N. Participation Act (UNPA) in implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1343.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 5, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Sweeney, Munitions Control Analyst, Office of Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State (202) 633-2700.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: U.N. Security Council Resolution (UNSC) 788 (1992) instituted an embargo on all deliveries of weapons and military equipment to Liberia. Consequently, the Department of State imposed a suspension on all previously issued licenses and approvals authorizing the export or transfer of defense articles or defense services to Liberia, and instituted a policy of denial for all new applications for licenses and other approvals to export or otherwise transfer defense articles or defense services to Liberia (57 FR 60265, December 18, 1992). The prohibited country list at section 126.1 of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) was updated on July 22, 1993 (58 FR 39280) to include Liberia.

Since that time, the Government of Liberia has been supporting armed rebel groups in the region and the Revolutionary United Front (RUF) in Sierra Leone in preparing and committing attacks on neighboring countries. On March 7, 2001, the U.N. Security Council adopted UNSCR 1343 replacing the earlier arms embargo imposed by UNSCR 788 with a broader embargo. This notice hereby advises that U.S. implementation of the prohibitions set forth in UNSCR 1343 is given effect by continuing the existing policy of denial for Liberia.

UNSCR 1343 requires that all States prevent the sale or supply to Liberia by their nationals or from their territories or using their flag vessels or aircraft, of arms and related materiel of all types, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment and spare parts for the aforementioned. Also, the resolution requires States to prevent any provision to Liberia by their nationals or from their territories of technical training or assistance related to the provision, manufacture, maintenance or use of the aforementioned items. UNSCR 1343 has limited exceptions for supplies of non-lethal military equipment intended solely for humanitarian or protective use if approved in advance by an established Committee of the Security Council, and also for certain protective clothing exported to Liberia by United Nations

personnel, humanitarian workers and the media for their personal use.

In accordance with 22 CFR 126.1, the U.S. Government will continue to deny all applications for licenses and other approvals to export or otherwise transfer defense articles and services to Liberia. This action also continues to preclude the use in connection with Liberia of any exemptions from licensing or other approval requirements (e.g. brokering) available under the ITAR. Exceptions to this denial policy, particularly for non-lethal items intended solely for humanitarian or protective use, will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

This action has been taken pursuant to section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2778) and relevant provisions of the ITAR, as well as section 5 of the UN Participation Act (22 U.S.C. 287(c)).

Dated: August 27, 2001.

John R. Bolton,

Under Secretary, Arms Control and International Security, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3741]

Notice of Meetings; United States International Telecommunication Advisory Committee, Telecommunication Standardization (ITAC-T) US Study Group B

The Department of State announces a meeting of a U.S. International Telecommunication Advisory Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Department on policy and technical issues with respect to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

US Study Group B will meet from 9:30 to 4 at the Department of Commerce, Room B841B, 1401 Constitution Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20230 on Tuesday September 25, 2001 to prepare for ITU-T Study Group 15 meeting of October 2001.

Members of the general public may attend this meeting. Directions to meeting location and actual room assignments may be determined by calling the Secretariat at 202 647-0965/2592. Entrance to the building is controlled; people intending to attend this meeting should send an e-mail to mgeissinger@QWEST.NET no later than 48 hours before the meeting for preclearance. This e-mail should display the name of the meeting and date of meeting, your name, social security number, date of birth, and