

proposal with regard to the Tier Size Pilot.

FINRA has filed the proposed rule change for immediate effectiveness. The operative date of the proposed rule change will be June 10, 2016.

## 2. Statutory Basis

FINRA believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 15A(b)(6) of the Act,<sup>11</sup> which requires, among other things, that FINRA rules must be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. FINRA also believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 15A(b)(11) of the Act.<sup>12</sup> Section 15A(b)(11) requires that FINRA rules include provisions governing the form and content of quotations relating to securities sold otherwise than on a national securities exchange which may be distributed or published by any member or person associated with a member, and the persons to whom such quotations may be supplied.

FINRA believes that the extension of the Tier Size Pilot until December 9, 2016, is consistent with the Act in that it would provide the Commission and FINRA with additional time to finalize its proposal with regard to the Tier Size Pilot.

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

FINRA does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

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

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (i) Significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section

19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>13</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.<sup>14</sup>

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)<sup>15</sup> normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii),<sup>16</sup> the Commission may designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.

FINRA has asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposal may become operative immediately upon filing. The Commission believes that waiver of the operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because such waiver will allow the pilot program to continue without interruption. Therefore, the Commission designates the proposal operative upon filing.<sup>17</sup>

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule 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 Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or 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. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

### *Electronic Comments*

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-FINRA-2016-016 on the subject line.

### *Paper Comments*

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Securities

<sup>13</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>14</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). As required under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii), the Exchange provided the Commission with written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and the text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change.

<sup>15</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>16</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

<sup>17</sup> For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-FINRA-2016-016. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). 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 Web site viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of FINRA. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-FINRA-2016-016 and should be submitted on or before June 23, 2016.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>18</sup>

**Brent J. Fields,**

*Secretary.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #14728 and #14729]

### Montana Disaster #MT-00095

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Montana (FEMA-4271-DR), dated 05/24/2016.

*Incident:* Severe Winter Storm and Straight-line Winds.

<sup>18</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

<sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(b)(6).

<sup>12</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(b)(11).

*Incident Period:* 04/15/2016 through 04/16/2016.

*Effective Date:* 05/24/2016.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 07/25/2016.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 02/24/2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on 05/24/2016, Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential services of governmental nature may file disaster loan applications at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

*Primary Counties:* Glacier, Liberty, Pondera, Teton, Toole.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Non-Profit Organizations With Credit Available Elsewhere ...	2.625
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.625
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.625

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 14728B and for economic injury is 14729B.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

**James E. Rivera,**  
Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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## SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No. SSA-2016-0005]

### Supplementary Agreement Amending the Agreement on Social Security Between the United States and the Czech Republic; Entry Into Force

**AGENCY:** Social Security Administration (SSA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Acting Commissioner of Social Security gives notice that a supplementary agreement coordinating the United States (U.S.) and the Czech Republic social security programs will enter into force on May 1, 2016. The original agreement with the Czech Republic was signed on September 7, 2007. The intent of the original agreement was that workers covered exclusively under U.S. laws while working in the Czech Republic would be exempt from the Czech health insurance contributions. A change in Czech law after the signing of the original 2007 agreement caused these workers to be liable for Czech health insurance taxes. This result was inconsistent with the purpose of the totalization agreement to eliminate duplicate taxation as permitted by 42 U.S.C. 433 and 26 U.S.C. 3101(c).

The supplementary agreement exempts a worker subject exclusively to U.S. laws from contributing to the Czech health insurance system. The supplementary agreement achieves this by placing the new Czech health insurance law, the Act on Public Health, within the scope of the 2007 U.S.-Czech Agreement.

Individuals who wish to obtain copies of the agreement or want more information about its provisions may write to the Social Security Administration, Office of International Programs, Post Office Box 17741, Baltimore, MD 21235-7741 or visit the Social Security Web site at [www.socialsecurity.gov/international](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/international).

Dated: May 24, 2016.

**Carolyn Colvin,**

Acting Commissioner of Social Security.

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 9595]

### Request for Comments and Suggestions for Environmental Cooperation Pursuant to the United States-Bahrain Memorandum of Understanding on Environmental Cooperation

**ACTION:** Notice of preparation of the 2016-2019 United States-Bahrain Environmental Cooperation Plan of Action (the "Second POA") and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State invites the members of the public, including non-governmental

organizations (NGOs), educational institutions, private sector enterprises, and other interested persons, to submit written comments or suggestions regarding items for inclusion in a new Plan of Action for implementing the United States-Bahrain Memorandum of Understanding on Environmental Cooperation (MOU), signed on September 14, 2004. In preparing such comments or suggestions, we encourage submitters to refer to: (1) The United States-Bahrain MOU, (2) the United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement (FTA) Environment Chapter, (3) the Environmental Review of the FTA, and (4) 2006-2008 Plan of Action, dated October 1, 2006 (the "First POA"). These documents are available at: <http://www.state.gov/e/oes/eqt/trade/bahrain/>.

**DATES:** To be assured of timely consideration, all written comments or suggestions are requested no later than July 5, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments or suggestions may be submitted in any of the following three ways:

- You may view and comment on this notice by going to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!home> and searching on docket number: DOS-2016-0039. Please note that comments you submit are not private and will not be edited to remove identifying or contact information. The State Department cautions against including any information that you would not want publicly disclosed.
- You may also send your comment by electronic mail at [CanuelET@state.gov](mailto:CanuelET@state.gov) with the subject line "U.S.-Bahrain Plan of Action."
- You may mail your comment to Edward T. Canuel, Office of Environmental Quality and Transboundary Issues (OES/EQT), 2201 C Street NW., Suite 2726, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Edward T. Canuel, telephone (202) 647-4828

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** United States-Bahrain MOU

The United States and Bahrain negotiated the MOU in parallel with the United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement. In Paragraph 3 of the MOU, the Governments state that they will develop and update, as appropriate, a POA. Priority projects for environmental cooperation in POAs are guided by the following subject areas set forth in the Annex to the MOU: (i) Environmental law and regulations; (ii) environmental impact assessments; (iii) environmental incentives/voluntary programs; (iv) air