

V. Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange, and, in particular, with Section 6(b)(5).¹⁸

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,¹⁹ that the proposed rule change (SR-PCX-99-04) is approved; and that Amendment No. 4 is approved on an accelerated basis.

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

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Data Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Small Business Administration's intention to request approval on a new and/or currently approved information collection.

DATES: Submit comments on or before November 9, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments regarding whether this information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, whether the burden estimate is accurate, and if there are ways to minimize the estimated burden and enhance the quality of the collection, to Mr. Charles Thomas, Small Business Administration, Office of Financial Assistance, 409 3rd Street SW., Suite 8300, Washington, DC 20416.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles Thomas, Financial Assistance, 202-205-6656 or Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, 202-205-7030.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: SBAExpress/Community Express Borrower Information Form.
Type of Request: New Information Collection.

Form No: SBA Form 1919.
Description of Respondents: Borrowers.

Annual Responses: 12,000.
Annual Burden: 4,800.

Title: Request for SBAExpress/Community Express Loan Number.

Type of Request: New Information Collection.

Form Number: SBA Form 1920.

Description of Respondents: Lenders/Borrowers.

Annual Responses: 12,000.

Annual Burden: 1,200.

Title: Eligibility Information Required for SBAExpress/Community Express Submission.

Type of Request: New Information Collection.

Form Number: SBA Form 2092.

Description of Respondents: Lenders/Borrowers.

Annual Responses: 12,000.

Annual Burden: 12,000.

Title: Supplemental Information for PLP Express/Community Express Processing.

Type of Request: New Information Collection.

Form Number: SBA Form 2093.

Description of Respondents: Lenders/Borrowers.

Annual Responses: 12,000.

Annual Burden: 4,800.

Dated: September 3, 1999.

Jacqueline White,

Chief, Administrative Information Branch.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

North American Free Trade Agreement: Sanitary and Phytosanitary Committee

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with legislation implementing the North American Free Trade Agreement, we are informing the public of a meeting to be held Tuesday, September 21, 1999 at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in Washington, D.C. The purpose of this meeting is to solicit public comment on proposed agenda items for the next scheduled meeting of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Committee, November 2-3, 1999, in Ottawa, Canada. It is also to seek public input in identifying any new issues of concern that should be considered for the agenda. Representatives from each of the SPS Committee's eight Technical Working Groups (TWGs) will also be present to

apprise the public of each TWG's progress and to respond to questions.

The November meeting will be the Eighth Meeting of the NAFTA SPS Committee and will include co-chairs or other representatives from the TWGs that report to the Committee. The purpose of the NAFTA SPS Committee is to address sanitary and phytosanitary trade issues affecting the entry of agricultural products among the three member countries.

DATES: The public meeting date will take place Tuesday, September 21, 1999, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., USDA South Building (at the back of USDA cafeteria, 1st floor), 14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC. Written comments should be submitted by September 16, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carolyn T. Cohen, Foreign Agricultural Service, International Trade Policy, Food Safety and Technical Services Division, Room 5545, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW, Washington DC, 20250, (202) 720-1301; or e-mail ofsts@fas.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with Article 722 of NAFTA, the NAFTA SPS Committee is responsible for facilitating: (a) the enhancement of food safety and sanitary and phytosanitary conditions in the territories of the parties; (b) activities of the Parties pursuant to Articles 713 and 714 relating respectively to international standards and equivalence; (c) technical cooperation; and (d) consultation on specific bilateral issues. An SPS issue can be raised by any party and is sent to the Committee for consideration. The Committee will either consider the matter itself or refer the issue to an individual, working group or relevant standard setting organization for technical advice.

Since the entry into force of NAFTA on January 1, 1994, the NAFTA SPS Committee has met on seven separate occasions: March 24, 1994, in Washington, DC; October 6, 1994, in Washington, DC; September 21, 1995, in Mexico City; February 14, 1996, in Mexico City; June 20, 1996, in Ottawa; November 18-19, 1997, in Washington, DC; and November 4-5, 1998, in Mexico City. The Committee meets at least once a year with meetings rotating among the three countries. Starting in 1998, the dates for meetings of the NAFTA SPS Committee are fixed for the first week in November. Each TWG is to send at least one representative to the annual Committee meeting to report on its progress and activity. The eight TWGs under the NAFTA SPS Committee and their points of contacts are as follows:

¹⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

²⁰ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).