

Industry member of the NAC who would not be subject to the regional nominating requirements in Article VI of the NASD Regulation By-Laws. All six Industry members, along with six Non-Industry members, would be nominated by the National Nominating Committee and appointed by the NASD Regulation Board.

NASD Regulation proposes to make the rule change effective upon approval from the Commission.

2. Statutory Basis

NASD Regulation believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 15A(b)(6) of the Act, which requires, among other things, that the Association's 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. The NASD believes that the proposed rule change will provide greater flexibility to the National Nominating Committee and the NASD Regulation Board in selecting the most highly qualified candidates for the National Adjudicatory Council, which serves an important role in reviewing disciplinary, membership, and other matters for NASD Regulation.

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

NASD Regulation does not believe the proposed rule change would result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the act, as amended.

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

Withing 35 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such 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 NASD Regulation. All submissions should refer to file number SR-NASD-98-36 and should be submitted by July 2, 1998.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority

This statement amends Part S of the Statement of the Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority which covers the Social Security Administration (SSA). Chapter S1 covers the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Finance, Assessment and Management. Notice is given that Subchapter S1K, the Office of Program and Integrity Reviews (OPIR) is being retitled to the Office of Quality Assurance and Performance Assessment (OQAPA) and being amended to reflect minor organizational changes. The changes are as follows:

Section S1.10 *The Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Finance, Assessment and Management—(Organization):*

Retitle:
D. "The Office of Program and Integrity Reviews" (S1K) to "The Office of Quality Assurance and Performance Assessment" (S1K).

Section S1.20 *The Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Finance, Assessment and Management—(Functions):*

Retitle:
D. "The Office of Program and Integrity Reviews" (S1K) to "The Office of Quality Assurance and Performance Assessment" (S1K).

Retitle: Existing Subchapter S1K, "The Office of Program and Integrity Reviews" (S1K) to "The Office of Quality Assurance and Performance Assessment" (S1K).

Change all references to "The Office of Program and Integrity Reviews" (S1K) to "The Office of Quality Assurance and Performance Assessment" (S1K) and all references to "OPIR" to "OQAPA" throughout Chapter S1 and all its Subchapters.

Section S1K.00 *The Office of Quality Assurance and Performance Assessment—(Mission):*

Delete the last sentence.

Section S1K.10 *The Office of Quality Assurance and Performance Assessment—(Organization):*

C. The Immediate Office of the Associate Commissioner for Quality Assurance and Performance Assessment (S1K).

Retitle:
1. "The Administration, Matching and Data Management Staff" (S1K-3) to "The Data Management Staff" (S1K-3).

Retitle:
F. "The Office of Regional Program and Integrity Reviews" (S1K-F1-S1K-FX) to "The Office of Regional Quality Assurance and Performance Assessment" (S1K-F1-S1K-FX).

Section S1K.20 *The Office of Quality Assurance and Performance Assessment—(Functions):*

C. The Immediate Office of the Associate Commissioner for Quality Assurance and Performance Assessment (S1K).

Retitle:
1. "The Administration, Matching and Data Management Staff" (S1K-3) to "The Data Management Staff" (S1K-3).

Amend to read as follows:
1. The Data Management Staff supports OPIR components, including the Office of Regional Quality Assurance and Performance Assessment (ORQAPA), by planning, developing, maintaining and improving OQAPA's communications and data processing systems and the quality review data bases for SSA programs.

Retitle:
F. "The Office of Regional Program and Integrity Reviews" (S1K-F1-S1K-FX) to "The Office of Regional Quality Assurance and Performance Assessment" (S1K-F1-S1K-FX).

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Change all references to "The Office of Regional Program and Integrity Reviews" to "The Office of Regional Quality Assurance and Performance Assessment" and all references to "ORPIR" to "ORQAPA" throughout Subchapter S1K.

Dated: May 13, 1998.

Paul D. Barnes,

Deputy Commissioner for Human Resources.
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Office of International Energy Policy

[Public Notice 2832]

Notice of Receipt of Application for a Permit for Pipeline Facilities To Be Constructed and Maintained on the Borders of the United States

AGENCY: Office of International Energy Policy, Department of State.

The Department of State has received an application from Boise Cascade Corporation, a Delaware corporation, for a Presidential Permit, pursuant to Executive Order 11423 of August 16, 1968, as amended by Executive Order 12847 of May 17, 1993, seeking authorization for the continued operation and maintenance of four existing pipelines at the International Dam at International Falls, Minnesota on the U.S.-Canada border. The dam extends across the border between International Falls and Fort Frances, Ontario.

The pipelines were constructed in the 1915-40 period and have been in use since that time. The pipelines traverse the International Dam for a distance of approximately 1030 feet and convey water, steam, and filler material between the applicant's paper mill and a pulp and paper mill located in Fort Frances, Ontario. There will be no construction and no changes in the present use of the pipelines.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit, in duplicate, comments relative to this proposal on or before July 13, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel L. Martinez, Office of International Energy Policy, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520. Tel: (202) 647-4557.

Dated: May 28, 1998.

William A. Weingarten,

Director, Office of International Energy and Commodities Policy.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Implementation of the Second Round of Accelerated Tariff Eliminations Under Provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notification of articles proposed for accelerated tariff elimination under the North American Free Trade Agreement.

SUMMARY: Section 201(b) of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act of 1993 ("the Act") grants the President, subject to the consultation and lay-over requirements of section 103(a) of the Act, the authority to proclaim any accelerated schedule for duty elimination that may be agreed to by the United States, Mexico and Canada under Article 302(3) of the North American Free Trade Agreement ("the NAFTA"). This notice is intended to inform the public of those articles on which the United States has provisionally agreed to accelerate the elimination of duties as a result of the second round of talks.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Office of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Office of the United States Trade Representative, Room 522, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508; telephone: (202) 395-3412; fax: (202) 395-9517. The list of products for which the United States will accelerate tariff elimination, as well as the lists for Mexico and Canada and can be obtained from the USTR Internet Web Page, at www.ustr.gov under "Reports."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Two **Federal Register** notices provide information on the second round. A notice soliciting petitions appeared May 12, 1997 (62 FR 25992) and a request for comments on the list of products to be considered appeared October 21, 1997, (62 FR 54671).

Article 302 of the NAFTA provides that the Parties may consider and agree to accelerate the elimination of customs duties on goods of a Party. Pursuant to this provision, the United States, Canada and Mexico solicited requests from interested parties in May 1997. As a result, approximately 1,500 8-digit tariff subheadings were considered by the three Parties. For trade between the United States and Canada, all duties subject to tariff reductions were eliminated on January 1, 1998. Therefore, this acceleration round resulted in two parallel agreements, one between the United States and Mexico

and another between Mexico and Canada.

Section 201 of the Act authorizes the President to proclaim such modifications in NAFTA duty treatment as the President determines to be necessary or appropriate to maintain the general level of reciprocal and mutually advantageous concessions provided in the NAFTA, subject to the consultation and layover requirements of section 103 of the Act. Pursuant to section 103, on May 29, 1998, a report was submitted to the House Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees that sets forth the proposed action to be proclaimed, the reasons therefore, and the advice obtained from the International Trade Commission and appropriate advisory committees. After expiration of the 60-day consultation and layover period, the President may proclaim the proposed changes in NAFTA duty treatment.

As a part of the process, USTR requested the advice of the United States International Trade Commission (USITC) and consulted with private sector trade advisory groups. As was the practice under the first NAFTA tariff acceleration and the three rounds conducted under the provisions of the United States-Canada Free Trade Agreement, the United States did not agree to provide accelerated tariff elimination for those products subject to negative advice. In a similar manner, the governments of Canada and Mexico declined to agree to acceleration for products subject to negative comments by their interested parties.

The Parties agreed to accelerated tariff elimination on the remaining products, involving all or parts of approximately 600 8-digit tariff lines for which one or more of the Parties have provisionally agreed to eliminate duties at the conclusion of the necessary domestic procedures.

As noted above, the relevant private sector advisory committees were consulted throughout this process, and have expressed no objection to eliminating tariffs for the products appearing in the Annex. In addition, the USITC provided a report to USTR indicating that the proposed eliminations would have no harmful impact on the United States.

The attached list shows the tariff subheadings for which the United States proposes to eliminate the remaining tariffs on imports of NAFTA-qualifying goods from Mexico, effective August 1, 1998.

Regarding future tariff acceleration activity, trilateral work to date has brought about a positive process of consultations and communication among the private sectors of the NAFTA