

(5) The Secretary of the Treasury (hereinafter in this section referred to as the “Secretary”), by rule or order, upon the Secretary’s own motion or upon application, may conditionally or unconditionally exempt any government securities broker or government securities dealer, or class of government securities brokers or government securities dealers, from any provision of subsection (a), (b), or (d) of this section, other than subsection (d)(3), or the rules thereunder, if the Secretary finds that such exemption is consistent with the public interest, the protection of investors, and the purposes of this title.

(b)(1) The Secretary shall propose and adopt rules to effect the purposes of this title with respect to transactions in government securities effected by government securities brokers and government securities dealers as follows:

(A) Such rules shall provide safeguards with respect to the financial responsibility and related practices of government securities brokers and government securities dealers including, but not limited to, capital adequacy standards, the acceptance of custody and use of customers’ securities, the carrying and use of customers’ deposits or credit balances, and the transfer and control of government securities subject to repurchase agreements and in similar transactions.

(B) Such rules shall require every government securities broker and government securities dealer to make reports to and furnish copies of records to the appropriate regulatory agency, and to file with the appropriate regulatory agency, annually or more frequently, a balance sheet and income statement certified by an independent public accountant, prepared on a calendar or fiscal year basis, and such other financial statements (which shall, as the Secretary specifies, be certified) and information concerning its financial condition as required by such rules.

(C) Such rules shall require records to be made and kept by government securities brokers and government securities dealers and shall specify the periods for which such records shall be preserved.

(2) RISK ASSESSMENT FOR HOLDING COMPANY SYSTEMS.—

(A) OBLIGATIONS TO OBTAIN, MAINTAIN, AND REPORT INFORMATION.— Every person who is registered as a government securities broker or government securities dealer under this section shall obtain such information and make and keep such records as the Secretary by rule prescribes concerning the registered person’s policies, procedures, or systems for monitoring and controlling financial and operational risks to it resulting from the activities of any of its associated persons, other than a natural person. Such records shall describe, in the aggregate, each of the financial and securities activities conducted by, and customary sources of capital and funding of, those of its associated persons whose business activities are reasonably likely to have a material impact on the financial or operational condition of such registered person, including its capital, its liquidity, or its ability to conduct or finance its operations. The Secretary, by rule, may require summary reports of such informa-

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paragraph shall authorize the Secretary or any appropriate regulatory agency to withhold information from Congress, or prevent the Secretary or any appropriate regulatory agency from complying with a request for information from any other Federal department or agency requesting the information for purposes within the scope of its jurisdiction, or complying with an order of a court of the United States in an action brought by the United States or the Commission. For purposes of section 552 of title 5, United States Code, this paragraph shall be considered a statute described in subsection (b)(3)(B) of such section 552.

(3)(A) With respect to any financial institution that has filed notice as a government securities broker or government securities dealer or that is required to file notice under subsection (a)(1)(B), the appropriate regulatory agency for such government securities broker or government securities dealer may issue such rules and regulations with respect to transactions in government securities as may be necessary to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices and to promote just and equitable principles of trade. If the Secretary of the Treasury determines, and notifies the appropriate regulatory agency, that such rule or regulation, if implemented, would, or as applied does (i) adversely affect the liquidity or efficiency of the market for government securities; or (ii) impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of this section, the appropriate regulatory agency shall, prior to adopting the proposed rule or regulation, find that such rule or regulation is necessary and appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of this section notwithstanding the Secretary's determination.

(B) The appropriate regulatory agency shall consult with and consider the views of the Secretary prior to approving or amending a rule or regulation under this paragraph, except where the appropriate regulatory agency determines that an emergency exists requiring expeditious and summary action and publishes its reasons therefor. If the Secretary comments in writing to the appropriate regulatory agency on a proposed rule or regulation that has been published for comment, the appropriate regulatory agency shall respond in writing to such written comment before approving the proposed rule or regulation.

(C) In promulgating rules under this section, the appropriate regulatory agency shall consider the sufficiency and appropriateness of then existing laws and rules applicable to government securities brokers, government securities dealers, and persons associated with government securities brokers and government securities dealers.

(4) Rules promulgated and orders issued under this section shall—

(A) be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices and to protect the integrity, liquidity, and efficiency of the market for government securities, investors, and the public interest; and

(B) not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, government securities brokers, or government securities dealers, or to impose any burden on

competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of this title.

(5) In promulgating rules and issuing orders under this section, the Secretary—

(A) may appropriately classify government securities brokers and government securities dealers (taking into account relevant matters, including types of business done, nature of securities other than government securities purchased or sold, and character of business organization) and persons associated with government securities brokers and government securities dealers;

(B) may determine, to the extent consistent with paragraph (2) of this subsection and with the public interest, the protection of investors, and the purposes of this title, not to apply, in whole or in part, certain rules under this section, or to apply greater, lesser, or different standards, to certain classes of government securities brokers, government securities dealers, or persons associated with government securities brokers or government securities dealers;

(C) shall consider the sufficiency and appropriateness of then existing laws and rules applicable to government securities brokers, government securities dealers, and persons associated with government securities brokers and government securities dealers; and

(D) shall consult with and consider the views of the Commission and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, except where the Secretary determines that an emergency exists requiring expeditious or summary action and publishes its reasons for such determination.

(6) If the Commission or the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System comments in writing on a proposed rule of the Secretary that has been published for comment, the Secretary shall respond in writing to such written comment before approving the proposed rule.

(7) No government securities broker or government securities dealer shall make use of the mails or any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce to effect any transaction in, or to induce or attempt to induce the purchase or sale of, any government security in contravention of any rule under this section.

(c)(1) With respect to any government securities broker or government securities dealer registered or required to register under subsection (a)(1)(A) of this section—

(A) The Commission, by order, shall censure, place limitations on the activities, functions, or operations of, suspend for a period not exceeding 12 months, or revoke the registration of such government securities broker or government securities dealer, if it finds, on the record after notice and opportunity for hearing, that such censure, placing of limitations, suspension, or revocation is in the public interest and that such government securities broker or government securities dealer, or any person associated with such government securities broker or government securities dealer (whether prior or subsequent to becoming so associated), has committed or omitted any act, or is subject to an order or finding, enumerated in subparagraph

(2) the impact of the guarantee provision of such section 3(a)(2) on competition between banks and insurance companies and between domestic and foreign guarantors;

(3) whether, and under what circumstances, debt securities guaranteed by insurance policies should be exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933; (*15 USC 77a*)

(4) an analysis of the impact of such an exemption on investor protection and the public interest; and

(5) such other issues as the Commission deems relevant.

(b) CONSULTATION. -- In conducting the study required by subsection (a), the Commission shall consult with and solicit comment from the Secretary of the Treasury, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and other Federal bank regulatory agencies.

(c) REPORT. -- The Securities and Exchange Commission shall, on or before 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, submit a report to the Congress containing --

(1) the results of its study under this section;

(2) the actions it proposes to take on the basis of its study; and

(3) recommendations for legislation.

TITLE II -- DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS

SEC. 201. DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS.

(a) AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 31 OF TITLE 31, UNITED STATES CODE. -- Section 3121 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"(h)(1) The Secretary shall prescribe by regulation standards for the safeguarding and use of obligations issued under this chapter, and obligations otherwise issued or guaranteed as to principal or interest by the United States. Such regulations shall apply only to a depository institution that is not a government securities broker or a government securities dealer and that holds such obligations as fiduciary, custodian, or otherwise for the account of a customer and not for its own account. Such regulations shall provide for the adequate segregation of obligations so held, including obligations which are purchased or sold subject to resale or repurchase.

"(2) Violation of a regulation prescribed under paragraph (1) shall constitute adequate basis for the issuance of an order under section 5239(a) or (b) (*12 USC 1818*) of the Revised Statutes (12 U.S.C. 93(a) or (b)), section 8(b) or 8(c) (*12 USC 1464*) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, section 5(d)(2) or 5(d)(3) (*12 USC 1730*) of the Home Owners' Loan Act of 1933, section 407(e) or 407(f) of the National Housing Act, or section 206(e) or 206(f) of the Federal Credit Union Act. (*12 USC 1786*) Such an order may be issued with respect to a depository institution by its appropriate regulatory agency and with respect to a federally insured credit union by the National Credit Union Administration Board.

"(3) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to affect in any way the powers of such agencies under any other provision of law.

"(4) The Secretary shall, prior to adopting regulations under this subsection, determine with respect to each appropriate regulatory agency and the National Credit Union Administration Board, whether its rules and standards adequately meet the purposes of regulations to be promulgated under this subsection, and if the Secretary so determines, shall exempt any depository institution subject to such rules or standards from the regulations promulgated under this subsection.

"(5) As used in this subsection --

"(A) 'depository institution' has the meaning stated in clauses (i) through (vi) of section 19(b)(1)(A) (*12 USC 461*) of the Federal Reserve Act and also includes a foreign bank, an agency or branch of a foreign bank, and a commercial lending company owned or controlled by a foreign bank (as such terms are defined in the International Banking Act of 1978).

"(B) 'government securities broker' has the meaning prescribed in section 3(a)(43) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. (*15 USC 78c*)

"(C) 'government securities dealer' has the meaning prescribed in section 3(a)(44) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

"(D) 'appropriate regulatory agency' has the meaning prescribed in section 3(a)(34)(G) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934."

(b) AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 91 OF TITLE 31, UNITED STATES CODE. -- Chapter 91 of title 31, United States Code, is amended --

(1) by adding at the end thereof the following:

"Section 9110. Standards for depository institutions holding securities of a Government-sponsored corporation for customers. (*31 USC 9110*)

"(a) The Secretary shall prescribe by regulation standards for the safeguarding and use of obligations that are government securities described in subparagraph (B) or (C) of section 3(a)(42) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such regulations shall apply only to a depository institution that is not a government securities broker or a government securities dealer and that holds such obligations as fiduciary, custodian, or otherwise for the account of a customer and not for its own account. Such regulations shall provide for the adequate segregation of obligations so held, including obligations which are purchased or sold subject to resale or repurchase.

"(b) Violation of a regulation prescribed under subsection (a) shall constitute adequate basis for the issuance of an order under section 5239(a) or (b) of the Revised Statutes (12 U.S.C. 93(a) or (b)), section 8(b) or 8(c) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, section 5(d)(2) (*12 USC 1818*) or 5(d)(3) of the Home Owners' Loan Act of 1933, section 407(e) or 407(f) (*12 USC 1464*) of the National Housing Act, or section 206(e) or 206(f) (*12 USC 1730*) of the Federal Credit Union Act. (*12 USC 1786*) Such an order may be issued with respect to a depository institution by its appropriate regulatory agency and with respect to a federally insured credit union by the National Credit Union Administration.

"(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect in any way the powers of such agencies under any other provision of law.

"(d) The Secretary shall, prior to adopting regulations under this section, determine with respect to each appropriate regulatory agency and the National Credit Union Administration Board, whether its rules and standards adequately meet the purposes of regulations to be promulgated under this section, and if the Secretary so determines, shall exempt any depository institution subject to such rules or standards from the regulations promulgated under this section.

"(e) As used in this subsection --

"(1) 'depository institution' has the meaning stated in clauses (i) through (vi) of subparagraph 19(b)(1)(A) of the Federal Reserve Act (*12 USC 461*) and also includes a foreign bank, an agency or branch of a foreign bank, and a commercial lending company owned or controlled by a foreign bank (as such terms are defined in the International Banking Act of 1978). (*12 USC 3101 note*)

"(2) 'government securities broker' has the meaning prescribed in section 3(a)(43) of the Securities Exchange Act

of 1934.

"(3) 'government securities dealer' has the meaning prescribed in section 3(a)(44) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

"(4) 'appropriate regulatory agency' has the meaning prescribed in section 3(a)(34)(G) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934."; and

(2) by adding at the end of the chapter analysis the following:

"9110. Standards for depository institutions holding securities of a Government-sponsored corporation for customers."

TITLE III -- TRANSITIONAL AND SAVINGS PROVISIONS

SEC. 301. TRANSITIONAL AND SAVINGS PROVISIONS.

(a) EFFECT ON PENDING ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS. -- The provisions of this Act (*15 USC 78o-5 note*) shall not affect any proceedings pending on the effective date of this Act.

(b) EFFECT ON PENDING JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS. -- The provisions of this Act shall not affect suits commenced prior to the effective date of this Act, and in all such suits, proceedings shall be and, appeals taken, and judgments rendered in the same manner and effect as if this Act had not been enacted.

(c) DISCRETION OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK. -- Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit or impair the discretion or authority of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to require reports or establish terms and conditions in connection with the Bank's relationship with any government securities broker or government securities dealer, including a primary dealer.

(d) JURISDICTION OF THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION. -- Nothing in this Act affects the jurisdiction of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act (*7 USC 1*) over trading of commodity futures contracts and options on such contracts involving government securities.

TITLE IV -- EFFECTIVE DATES

SEC. 401. GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATES.

Except as provided in section 402, this Act and the amendments made by this Act (*15 USC 78o-5 note*) shall take effect 270 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 402. EFFECTIVE DATE AND REQUIREMENTS FOR REGULATIONS.

Notwithstanding section 401, (*15 USC 78o-5 note*) the Secretary of the Treasury and each appropriate regulatory agency shall, within 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, publish for notice and public comment such regulations as are initially required to implement this Act, which regulations shall become effective as temporary regulations 210 days after the date of enactment of this Act and as final regulations not later than 270 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 403. REGISTRATION DATE.

No person may continue to act as a government securities broker or government securities dealer after 270 days after the date of enactment of this Act unless such person has been registered or has provided notice to the Commission or the appropriate regulatory agency as required by the amendment made by section 101 of this Act.

(5) The Secretary of the Treasury (hereinafter in this section referred to as the “Secretary”), by rule or order, upon the Secretary’s own motion or upon application, may conditionally or unconditionally exempt any government securities broker or government securities dealer, or class of government securities brokers or government securities dealers, from any provision of subsection (a), (b), or (d) of this section, other than subsection (d)(3), or the rules thereunder, if the Secretary finds that such exemption is consistent with the public interest, the protection of investors, and the purposes of this title.

(b)(1) The Secretary shall propose and adopt rules to effect the purposes of this title with respect to transactions in government securities effected by government securities brokers and government securities dealers as follows:

(A) Such rules shall provide safeguards with respect to the financial responsibility and related practices of government securities brokers and government securities dealers including, but not limited to, capital adequacy standards, the acceptance of custody and use of customers’ securities, the carrying and use of customers’ deposits or credit balances, and the transfer and control of government securities subject to repurchase agreements and in similar transactions.

(B) Such rules shall require every government securities broker and government securities dealer to make reports to and furnish copies of records to the appropriate regulatory agency, and to file with the appropriate regulatory agency, annually or more frequently, a balance sheet and income statement certified by an independent public accountant, prepared on a calendar or fiscal year basis, and such other financial statements (which shall, as the Secretary specifies, be certified) and information concerning its financial condition as required by such rules.

(C) Such rules shall require records to be made and kept by government securities brokers and government securities dealers and shall specify the periods for which such records shall be preserved.

(2) RISK ASSESSMENT FOR HOLDING COMPANY SYSTEMS.—

(A) OBLIGATIONS TO OBTAIN, MAINTAIN, AND REPORT INFORMATION.— Every person who is registered as a government securities broker or government securities dealer under this section shall obtain such information and make and keep such records as the Secretary by rule prescribes concerning the registered person’s policies, procedures, or systems for monitoring and controlling financial and operational risks to it resulting from the activities of any of its associated persons, other than a natural person. Such records shall describe, in the aggregate, each of the financial and securities activities conducted by, and customary sources of capital and funding of, those of its associated persons whose business activities are reasonably likely to have a material impact on the financial or operational condition of such registered person, including its capital, its liquidity, or its ability to conduct or finance its operations. The Secretary, by rule, may require summary reports of such informa-

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tion to be filed with the registered person's appropriate regulatory agency no more frequently than quarterly.

(B) AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—If, as a result of adverse market conditions or based on reports provided pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph or other available information, the appropriate regulatory agency reasonably concludes that it has concerns regarding the financial or operational condition of any government securities broker or government securities dealer registered under this section, such agency may require the registered person to make reports concerning the financial and securities activities of any of such person's associated persons, other than a natural person, whose business activities are reasonably likely to have a material impact on the financial or operational condition of such registered person. The appropriate regulatory agency, in requiring reports pursuant to this subparagraph, shall specify the information required, the period for which it is required, the time and date on which the information must be furnished, and whether the information is to be furnished directly to the appropriate regulatory agency or to a self-regulatory organization with primary responsibility for examining the registered person's financial and operational condition.

(C) SPECIAL PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO ASSOCIATED PERSONS SUBJECT TO FEDERAL BANKING AGENCY REGULATION.—

(i) COOPERATION IN IMPLEMENTATION.—In developing and implementing reporting requirements pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph with respect to associated persons subject to examination by or reporting requirements of a Federal banking agency, the Secretary shall consult with and consider the views of each such Federal banking agency. If a Federal banking agency comments in writing on a proposed rule of the Secretary under this paragraph that has been published for comment, the Secretary shall respond in writing to such written comment before adopting the proposed rule. The Secretary shall, at the request of a Federal banking agency, publish such comment and response in the Federal Register at the time of publishing the adopted rule.

(ii) USE OF BANKING AGENCY REPORTS.—A registered government securities broker or government securities dealer shall be in compliance with any recordkeeping or reporting requirement adopted pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph concerning an associated person that is subject to examination by or reporting requirements of a Federal banking agency if such government securities broker or government securities dealer utilizes for such recordkeeping or reporting requirement copies of reports filed by the associated person with the Federal banking agency pursuant to section 5211 of the Revised Statutes, section 9 of the Federal Reserve Act, section 7(a) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, section 10(b) of the Home Owners' Loan Act, or section 8 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956. The Secretary may, however, by rule adopted pursuant to subparagraph (A), require any reg-

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istered government securities broker or government securities dealer filing such reports with the appropriate regulatory agency to obtain, maintain, or report supplemental information if the Secretary makes an explicit finding, based on information provided by the appropriate regulatory agency, that such supplemental information is necessary to inform the appropriate regulatory agency regarding potential risks to such government securities broker or government securities dealer. Prior to requiring any such supplemental information, the Secretary shall first request the Federal banking agency to expand its reporting requirements to include such information.

(iii) PROCEDURE FOR REQUIRING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—Prior to making a request pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this paragraph for information with respect to an associated person that is subject to examination by or reporting requirements of a Federal banking agency, the appropriate regulatory agency shall—

(I) notify such banking agency of the information required with respect to such associated person; and

(II) consult with such agency to determine whether the information required is available from such agency and for other purposes, unless the appropriate regulatory agency determines that any delay resulting from such consultation would be inconsistent with ensuring the financial and operational condition of the government securities broker or government securities dealer or the stability or integrity of the securities markets.

(iv) EXCLUSION FOR EXAMINATION REPORTS.—Nothing in this subparagraph shall be construed to permit the Secretary or an appropriate regulatory agency to require any registered government securities broker or government securities dealer to obtain, maintain, or furnish any examination report of any Federal banking agency or any supervisory recommendations or analysis contained therein.

(v) CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION PROVIDED.—No information provided to or obtained by an appropriate regulatory agency from any Federal banking agency pursuant to a request under clause (iii) of this subparagraph regarding any associated person which is subject to examination by or reporting requirements of a Federal banking agency may be disclosed to any other person (other than a self-regulatory organization), without the prior written approval of the Federal banking agency. Nothing in this clause shall authorize the Secretary or any appropriate regulatory agency to withhold information from Congress, or prevent the Secretary or any appropriate regulatory agency from complying with a request for information from any other Federal department or agency requesting the information for purposes within the scope of its jurisdiction, or complying with an order of a court of the United States in an action brought by the United States or the Commission.

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(vi) NOTICE TO BANKING AGENCIES CONCERNING FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL CONDITION CONCERNS.—The Secretary or appropriate regulatory agency shall notify the Federal banking agency of any concerns of the Secretary or the appropriate regulatory agency regarding significant financial or operational risks resulting from the activities of any government securities broker or government securities dealer to any associated person thereof which is subject to examination by or reporting requirements of the Federal banking agency.

(vii) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this subparagraph, the term “Federal banking agency” shall have the same meaning as the term “appropriate Federal banking agency” in section 3(q) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813(q)).

(D) EXEMPTIONS.—The Secretary by rule or order may exempt any person or class of persons, under such terms and conditions and for such periods as the Secretary shall provide in such rule or order, from the provisions of this paragraph, and the rules thereunder. In granting such exemptions, the Secretary shall consider, among other factors—

(i) whether information of the type required under this paragraph is available from a supervisory agency (as defined in section 1101(6) of the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978 (12 U.S.C. 3401(6))), a State insurance commission or similar State agency, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, or a similar foreign regulator;

(ii) the primary business of any associated person;

(iii) the nature and extent of domestic or foreign regulation of the associated person’s activities;

(iv) the nature and extent of the registered person’s securities transactions; and

(v) with respect to the registered person and its associated persons, on a consolidated basis, the amount and proportion of assets devoted to, and revenues derived from, activities in the United States securities markets.

(E) CONFORMITY WITH REQUIREMENTS UNDER SECTION 17(H).—In exercising authority pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph concerning information with respect to associated persons of government securities brokers and government securities dealers who are also associated persons of registered brokers or dealers reporting to the Commission pursuant to section 17(h) of this title, the requirements relating to such associated persons shall conform, to the greatest extent practicable, to the requirements under section 17(h).

(F) AUTHORITY TO LIMIT DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary and any appropriate regulatory agency shall not be compelled to disclose any information required to be reported under this paragraph, or any information supplied to the Secretary or any appropriate regulatory agency by any domestic or foreign regulatory agency that relates to the financial or operational condition of any associated person of a registered government securities broker or a government securities dealer. Nothing in this

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paragraph shall authorize the Secretary or any appropriate regulatory agency to withhold information from Congress, or prevent the Secretary or any appropriate regulatory agency from complying with a request for information from any other Federal department or agency requesting the information for purposes within the scope of its jurisdiction, or complying with an order of a court of the United States in an action brought by the United States or the Commission. For purposes of section 552 of title 5, United States Code, this paragraph shall be considered a statute described in subsection (b)(3)(B) of such section 552.

(3)(A) With respect to any financial institution that has filed notice as a government securities broker or government securities dealer or that is required to file notice under subsection (a)(1)(B), the appropriate regulatory agency for such government securities broker or government securities dealer may issue such rules and regulations with respect to transactions in government securities as may be necessary to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices and to promote just and equitable principles of trade. If the Secretary of the Treasury determines, and notifies the appropriate regulatory agency, that such rule or regulation, if implemented, would, or as applied does (i) adversely affect the liquidity or efficiency of the market for government securities; or (ii) impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of this section, the appropriate regulatory agency shall, prior to adopting the proposed rule or regulation, find that such rule or regulation is necessary and appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of this section notwithstanding the Secretary's determination.

(B) The appropriate regulatory agency shall consult with and consider the views of the Secretary prior to approving or amending a rule or regulation under this paragraph, except where the appropriate regulatory agency determines that an emergency exists requiring expeditious and summary action and publishes its reasons therefor. If the Secretary comments in writing to the appropriate regulatory agency on a proposed rule or regulation that has been published for comment, the appropriate regulatory agency shall respond in writing to such written comment before approving the proposed rule or regulation.

(C) In promulgating rules under this section, the appropriate regulatory agency shall consider the sufficiency and appropriateness of then existing laws and rules applicable to government securities brokers, government securities dealers, and persons associated with government securities brokers and government securities dealers.

(4) Rules promulgated and orders issued under this section shall—

(A) be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices and to protect the integrity, liquidity, and efficiency of the market for government securities, investors, and the public interest; and

(B) not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, government securities brokers, or government securities dealers, or to impose any burden on

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records expeditiously upon the Commission's request.

"(E) Exclusion for examination reports.—Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed so as to permit the Commission to require any government securities broker or government securities dealer to obtain, maintain, or furnish any examination report of any appropriate regulatory agency other than the Commission or any supervisory recommendations or analysis contained in any such examination report.

"(F) Authority to limit disclosure of information.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Commission and the appropriate regulatory agencies shall not be compelled to disclose any information required or obtained under this paragraph. Nothing in this paragraph shall authorize the Commission or any appropriate regulatory agency to withhold information from Congress, or prevent the Commission or any appropriate regulatory agency from complying with a request for information from any other Federal department or agency requesting information for purposes within the scope of its jurisdiction, or from complying with an order of a court of the United States in an action brought by the United States, the Commission, or the appropriate regulatory agency. For purposes of section 552 of title 5, United States Code, this subparagraph shall be considered a statute described in subsection (b)(3)(B) of such section 552."

(b) Conforming Amendments.—(1) Section 15C(a)(4) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (*15 U.S.C. 78o-5(a)(4)*) is amended by inserting ", other than subsection (d)(3)," after "subsection (a), (b), or (d) of this section".

(2) Section 15C(f)(2) of such Act is amended—

(A) in the first sentence, by inserting ", other than subsection (d)(3)", after "threatened violation of the provisions of this section"; and

(B) in the second sentence, by inserting "(except subsection (d)(3))" after "other than this section".

[*104] Sec. 104. LARGE POSITION REPORTING.

Section 15C of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (*15 U.S.C. 78o-5*) is amended—

[**2347] (1) by redesignating subsection (f) as subsection (g); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (e) the following new subsection:

"(f) Large Position Reporting.—

"(1) Reporting requirements.—The Secretary may adopt rules to require specified persons holding, maintaining, or controlling large positions in to-be-issued or recently issued Treasury securities to file such reports regarding such positions as the Secretary determines to be necessary and appropriate for the purpose of monitoring the impact in the Treasury securities market of concentrations of positions in Treasury securities and for the purpose of otherwise assisting the Commission in the enforcement of this title, taking into account any impact of such rules on the efficiency and liquidity of the Treasury securities market and the cost to taxpayers of funding the Federal debt. Unless otherwise specified by the Secretary, reports required under this subsection shall be filed with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, acting as agent for the Secretary. Such reports shall, on a timely basis, be provided directly to the Commission by the person with whom they are filed.

"(2) Recordkeeping requirements.—Rules under this subsection may require persons holding, maintaining, or controlling large positions in Treasury securities to make and keep for prescribed periods such records as the Secretary determines are necessary or appropriate to ensure that such persons can comply with reporting requirements under this subsection.

"(3) Aggregation rules.—Rules under this subsection—

"(A) may prescribe the manner in which positions and accounts shall be aggregated for the purpose of this subsection, including aggregation on the basis of common ownership or control; and

"(B) may define which persons (individually or as a group) hold, maintain, or control large positions.

"(4) Definitional authority; determination of reporting threshold.—

"(A) In prescribing rules under this subsection, the Secretary may, consistent with the purpose of this subsection, define terms used in this subsection that are not otherwise defined in section 3 of this title.

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"(B) Rules under this subsection shall specify—

"(i) the minimum size of positions subject to reporting under this subsection, which shall be no less than the size that provides the potential for manipulation or control of the supply or price, or the cost of financing arrangements, of an issue or the portion thereof that is available for trading;

"(ii) the types of positions (which may include financing arrangements) to be reported;

"(iii) the securities to be covered; and

"(iv) the form and manner in which reports shall be transmitted, which may include transmission in machine readable form.

"(5) Exemptions.—Consistent with the public interest and the protection of investors, the Secretary by rule or order may exempt in whole or in part, conditionally or unconditionally, [**2348] any person or class or persons, or any transaction or class of transactions, from the requirements of this subsection.

"(6) Limitation on disclosure of information.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary and the Commission shall not be compelled to disclose any information required to be kept or reported under this subsection. Nothing in this subsection shall authorize the Secretary or the Commission to withhold information from Congress, or prevent the Secretary or the Commission from complying with a request for information from any other Federal department or agency requesting information for purposes within the scope of its jurisdiction, or from complying with an order of a court of the United States in an action brought by the United States, the Secretary, or the Commission. For purposes of section 552 of title 5, United States Code, this paragraph shall be considered a statute described in subsection (b)(3)(B) of such section 552."

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[*105] Sec. 105. AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSION TO REGULATE TRANSACTIONS IN EXEMPTED SECURITIES.

(a) Prevention of Fraudulent and Manipulative Acts and Practices.—Section 15(c)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78o(c)(2)) is amended—

(1) by inserting "(A)" after "(2)";

(2) by striking "fictitious quotation, and no municipal securities dealer" and inserting the following:
"fictitious quotation.

"(B) No municipal securities dealer";

(3) by striking "fictitious quotation. The Commission shall" and inserting the following:
"fictitious quotation.

"(C) No government securities broker or government securities dealer shall make use of the mails or any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce to effect any transaction in, or induce or attempt to induce the purchase or sale of, any government security in connection with which such government securities broker or government securities dealer engages in any fraudulent, deceptive, or manipulative act or practice, or makes any fictitious quotation.

"(D) The Commission shall"; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

"(E) The Commission shall, prior to adopting any rule or regulation under subparagraph (C), consult with and consider the views of the Secretary of the Treasury and each appropriate regulatory agency. If the Secretary of the Treasury or any appropriate regulatory agency comments in writing on a proposed rule or regulation of the Commission under such subparagraph (C) that has been published for comment, the Commission shall respond in writing to such written comment before adopting the proposed rule. If the Secretary of the Treasury determines, and notifies the Commission, that such rule or regulation, if implemented, would, or as applied does (i) adversely affect the liquidity or efficiency of the market for government securities; or (ii) impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of this section, the Commission shall, prior to adopting the proposed rule or regulation, find that such rule or regulation is necessary and appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of this section notwithstanding the Secretary's determination."

would benefit from providing the railroad industry with operational relief, the emergency waiver procedures of 49 CFR 211.45 will go into effect. In such an event, the FRA Administrator will issue a statement in the ERD indicating the emergency waiver procedures are in effect and FRA will make every effort to post the statement on its website at <http://www.fra.dot.gov/>. Any party desiring relief from FRA regulatory requirements as a result of the emergency should submit a petition for emergency waiver under 49 CFR 211.45(e) and (f). Specific instructions for filing petitions for emergency waivers under 49 CFR 211.45 are found at 49 CFR 211.45(f). Specific instructions for filing comments in response to petitions for emergency waivers are at 49 CFR 211.45(h).

Privacy

Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of regulations.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC.

Robert C. Lauby,

Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety, Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2007-0007]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this provides the public notice that on January 24, 2018, SMS Rail Service petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 223. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2007-0007.

Specifically, SMS Rail Service (SLRS) is seeking an extension of its existing waiver of compliance from 49 CFR 223.11, *Requirements for existing locomotives*, for one of its locomotives, SLRS 308. Locomotive SLRS 308 is a Baldwin Locomotive Works S12, built in 1953. The locomotive is currently in storage, but maintained in serviceable condition. SLRS would like to be able to operate the locomotive again should it have an immediate need. Locomotive SLRS 308 would be operated within the Pureland Industrial Park in Bridgeport, NJ. Maximum operating speed would be 10 miles per hour.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested parties desire an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Website:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by March 26, 2018 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an

association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of regulations.gov.

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Robert C. Lauby,

Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety, Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of the Fiscal Service

Proposed Collection of Information: Government Securities Act of 1986

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Currently the Bureau of the Fiscal Service within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the extension of information collections under the regulations which were issued pursuant to the Government Securities Act of 1986, as amended.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before April 9, 2018 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments and requests for additional information to Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Bruce A. Sharp, 200 Third Street A4-A, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328, or bruce.sharp@fiscal.treasury.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies should be directed to Lori Santamorenna, Government Securities Regulations Staff, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, (202) 504-3632, govsecreg@fiscal.treasury.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Government Securities Act of 1986, as amended, (15 U.S.C. 780-5).
OMB Number: 1530-0064.

Abstract: The information collections are contained within the regulations issued pursuant to the Government Securities Act (GSA) of 1986, as amended, (15 U.S.C. 78o-5), which require government securities brokers and dealers to make and keep certain records concerning their business activities and their holdings of government securities, to submit financial reports, and to make certain disclosures to investors. The regulations also require depository institutions to keep certain records of non-fiduciary custodial holdings of government securities. The regulations and associated collections are fundamental to customer protection and dealer financial responsibility.

Current Actions: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Private Sector (Government securities brokers and dealers and financial institutions).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,676.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 224,592.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: 1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; 2. the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; 3. ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; 4. ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and 5. estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: February 2, 2018.

Bruce A. Sharp,

Bureau Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Notice of OFAC Sanctions Action

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing the names of 6 individuals and 7 entities that have been placed on OFAC's Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List based on OFAC's determination that one or more applicable legal criteria were satisfied. All property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of these persons and these entities are blocked, and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with them.

DATES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

OFAC: Associate Director for Global Targeting, tel.: 202-622-2420; Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance & Evaluation, tel.: 202-622-2490; Assistant Director for Licensing, tel.: 202-622-2480; Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, tel. 202-622-4855; or the Department of the Treasury's Office of the General Counsel: Office of the Chief Counsel (Foreign Assets Control), tel.: 202-622-2410.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

The Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List and additional information concerning OFAC sanctions programs are available on OFAC's website (www.treasury.gov/ofac).

Notice of OFAC Action

On February 2, 2018, OFAC determined that the property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of the following persons and entities are blocked under the relevant sanctions authority listed below.

Individuals

1. ASSAF, Nabil Mahmoud (a.k.a. ASSAF, Nabil; a.k.a. ASSAF, Nabil Muhammad), Lebanon; DOB 11 Sep 1964; POB Beirut, Lebanon; Additional Sanctions Information—Subject to Secondary Sanctions Pursuant to the Hizballah Financial Sanctions Regulations; Gender Male (individual) [SDGT] (Linked To: AL-INMAA ENGINEERING AND CONTRACTING).

Designated pursuant to section 1(c) of Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, "Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism" (E.O. 13224) for acting for or on behalf of AL-INMAA ENGINEERING AND CONTRACTING, an entity determined to be subject to E.O. 13224.

2. BADR-AL-DIN, Muhammad (a.k.a. BADREDDINE, Mohamed; a.k.a. BADREDDINE, Mohammed), Iraq; DOB 12 Oct 1958; POB El Ghabayr 5, Lebanon; Additional Sanctions Information—Subject to Secondary Sanctions Pursuant to the Hizballah Financial Sanctions Regulations; Gender Male (individual) [SDGT] (Linked To: AL-INMAA ENGINEERING AND CONTRACTING).

Designated pursuant to section 1(c) of Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, "Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism" (E.O. 13224) for acting for or on behalf of AL-INMAA ENGINEERING AND CONTRACTING, an entity determined to be subject to E.O. 13224.

3. QANSU, Jihad Muhammad (a.k.a. KANSO, Jihad; a.k.a. KANSO, Jihad Mohamed; a.k.a. KANSO, Jihad; a.k.a. KANSO, Jihad Mohamad; a.k.a. KANSOU, Jihad; a.k.a. KANSOU, Jihad Mohamad; a.k.a. KANSU, Jihad; a.k.a. QANSAWH, Jihad; a.k.a. QANSO, Jihad; a.k.a. QANSU, Jihad), Jinah-Hafez Al Asad Street, Abedah Building-1st Floor, Beirut, Lebanon; Hafez Al Assaad Street, Abadi Building, 1st Floor, Jnah, Baabda, Lebanon; Hafez Al Assaad Street, Ebadi Building, 1st Floor, Jnah, Baabda, Lebanon; DOB 10 Feb 1966; Additional Sanctions Information—Subject to Secondary Sanctions Pursuant to the Hizballah Financial Sanctions Regulations; Gender Male; Passport RL2647015 (Lebanon); alt. Passport 127298342 (Venezuela) (individual) [SDGT] (Linked To: AL-INMAA ENGINEERING AND CONTRACTING).

Designated pursuant to section 1(c) of Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, "Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism" (E.O. 13224) for acting for or on behalf of AL-INMAA ENGINEERING AND CONTRACTING, an entity determined to be subject to E.O. 13224.

4. QANSU, Ali Muhammad (a.k.a. KANSO, Ali Mohamed; a.k.a. KANSOU, Ali Mohamed; a.k.a. QANSU, Ali), Hafez Al Assaad Street, Abadi Building, 1st Floor, Jnah, Baabda, Lebanon; Hafez Al Assaad Street, Ebadi Building, 1st Floor, Jnah, Baabda, Lebanon; 5 Guma Valley Drive, Spur Road, Freetown, Sierra Leone; Haret Hreik, Lebanon; DOB 01 Oct 1967; POB Beirut, Lebanon; Additional Sanctions Information—Subject to Secondary Sanctions Pursuant to the Hizballah Financial Sanctions Regulations; Gender Male; Passport RL3504023 (Lebanon); alt.

2018 Table 1 (OMB# 1530-0064)
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECURITIES ACT - 17 CFR Chapter IV
PAPERWORK REDUCTION SUPPORTING STATEMENT (QUESTIONS 12, 13 & 14)

ANNUAL REPORTING OR DISCLOSURE BURDEN	(1) Number of Respondents	(2) Number of Responses Per Respondent	(3) Total Annual Responses	(4) Hours Per Response	(5) Total Hours	(6) Cost Per Hour	(7) Total Cost	(8) Government Cost
Section 400.4	316	1	316	2	632	\$60	\$37,920	\$2,770
Section 400.5	52	1	52	1	52	\$60	\$3,120	\$775
Section 402.2c	2	1	2	5	10	\$175	\$1,750	\$155
Section 402.2(i)	2	2	4	0.5	2	\$175	\$350	\$0
Section 404.2	0	1	0	1	0	\$60	\$0	\$0
Section 404.5	2	4	8	25	200	\$75	\$15,000	\$1,140
Section 405.2(a)	2	16	32	12	384	\$75	\$28,800	\$5,805
Section 405.2(c)	2	1000	2000	0.02	40	\$75	\$3,000	\$285
Section 405.3	2	1	2	3	6	\$175	\$1,050	\$285
Section 405.5	0	4	0	3.5	0	\$60	\$0	\$1,140
Section 420.3	20	1	20	10	200	\$115	\$23,000	\$58,020
Section 420.4(a)*	0	1	0	2	0	\$30	\$0	\$0
TOTAL REPORTING:	400		2,436		1,526		\$113,990	\$70,375

* This was a one-time reporting requirement in Fiscal Year 1997.

ANNUAL RECORDKEEPING BURDEN	(1) Number of Recordkeepers	(2) Annual Hours Per Recordkeeper	(3) Total Recordkeeping Hours	(4) Recordkeeping Retention Period	(5) Cost Per Hour	(6) Total Cost	(7) Government Cost
Section 401.7	10	3	30		\$60	\$1,800	\$115
Section 403.4	2	500	1000		\$80	\$80,000	\$1,710
Section 403.5(a)-(c)	33	50	1650		\$50	\$82,500	\$2,050
Section 403.5(d)	1152	100	115200		\$30	\$3,456,000	\$18,025
Section 403.5(e)	8	250	2000	3 yrs	\$80	\$160,000	\$570
Section 404.2	2	249	498	3 - 6 yrs	\$30	\$14,940	\$1,710
Section 404.2(b)	0	10	0	3 yrs	\$60	\$0	\$0
Section 404.3	2	254	508	3 - 6 yrs	\$60	\$30,480	\$570
Section 404.4	33	125	4125	6 yrs	\$60	\$247,500	\$2,050
Section 420.4(b)	40	7	280	3 - 6 yrs	\$60	\$16,800	\$3,415
Section 420.4(c)	65	75	4875	6 yrs	\$60	\$292,500	\$3,415
Section 450.4	929	100	92900		\$30	\$2,787,000	\$16,615
TOTAL RECORDKEEPING:	2,276		223,066			\$7,169,520	\$50,245

TOTAL (COMBINED) ANNUAL BURDEN

RESPONDENTS: 2,676

HOURS: 224,592

COST: \$7,283,510

TAL GOVERNMENT COST: \$120,620