

17A(b)(3)(F) of the Act,¹² and Rule 17Ad-22(e)(16).¹³

A. Consistency With Section 17A(b)(3)(F) of the Act

Section 17A(b)(3)(F) of the Act requires, among other things, that the rules of ICE Clear Europe be designed to assure the safeguarding of securities and funds which are in the custody or control of the clearing agency or for which it is responsible.¹⁴ The proposed rule change is consistent with section 17A(b)(3)(F)¹⁵ because it improves ICE Clear Europe's ability to manage its investments without subjecting its investments to significantly greater risk.

The Commission believes that the changes to the Procedures discussed above help to improve ICE Clear Europe's management of its investments. As noted above, ICE Clear Europe's Procedures prohibit it from investing its regulatory capital in permitted investments that have a maturity greater than ninety days. At times, this limitation could subject ICE Clear Europe's regulatory capital to reinvestment risk¹⁶ and volatility risk.¹⁷ Under the proposed rule change, ICE Clear Europe can more effectively utilize investment strategies that would allow it to mitigate some of this reinvestment and volatility risk by purchasing longer term instruments when appropriate. Such flexibility could be important in light of current and expected market conditions, including to assist ICE Clear Europe in avoiding having to invest or reinvest in shorter duration instruments during potential periods of market volatility.

For the above reasons, the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 17A(b)(3)(F) of the Act.¹⁸

B. Consistency With Rule 17Ad-22(e)(16) Under the Act

Rule 17Ad-22(e)(16) requires that ICE Clear Europe establish, implement, maintain, and enforce, written policies and procedures reasonably designed to safeguard its own and its participants' assets, minimize the risk of loss and delay in access to these assets, and invest such assets in instruments with minimal credit, market, and liquidity

risks.¹⁹ The Commission previously found that applying the Procedures to ICE Clear Europe's regulatory capital helps ICE Clear Europe to safeguard its own and its Clearing Members' assets and helps ICE Clear Europe to invest such assets in instruments with minimal credit, market, and liquidity risks.²⁰ As discussed above, the Procedures would continue to apply to ICE Clear Europe's regulatory capital, with the only change being that ICE Clear Europe could invest its regulatory capital in instruments with a maturity of up to thirteen months, rather than ninety days.

Even with this change, the Commission continues to believe that ICE Clear Europe would safeguard its regulatory capital and invest it in instruments with minimal credit, market, and liquidity risks. The Commission believes this to be the case because investing in instruments with a maturity of up to thirteen months, rather than ninety days, could allow ICE Clear Europe to avoid having to invest or reinvest in shorter duration instruments during potential periods of market volatility. Moreover, the maximum maturity for regulatory capital would be the same as what the Commission previously approved for investments of cash from Clearing Members and ICE Clear Europe's skin in the game.²¹

For the above reasons, the proposed rule change is consistent with Rule 17Ad-22(e)(16) under the Act.²²

IV. Conclusion

On the basis of the foregoing, the Commission finds that the Proposed Rule Change is consistent with the requirements of the Act, and in particular, Section 17A(b)(3)(F) of the Act²³ and Rule 17Ad-22(e)(16) thereunder.²⁴

¹⁹ 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22(e)(16).

²⁰ Self-Regulatory Organizations; ICE Clear Europe Limited; Notice of Filing of Partial Amendment No. 1 and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Partial Amendment No. 1, Relating to the ICE Clear Europe Investment Management Procedures and Treasury and Banking Services Policy, Securities Exchange Act Release No. 89211 (July 1, 2020), 85 FR 41082, 41086 (July 8, 2020) (File No. SR-ICEEU-2020-002).

²¹ *Id.*; Self-Regulatory Organizations; ICE Clear Europe Limited; Notice of Filing of Partial Amendment No. 2 and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Partial Amendment No. 1 and Partial Amendment No. 2, To Revise the ICE Clear Europe Treasury and Banking Services Policy, Liquidity Management Procedures, Investment Management Procedures and Unsecured Credit Limits Procedures, Securities Exchange Act Release No. 86891 (Sept. 6, 2019), 84 FR 48191 (Sept. 12, 2019) (File No. SR-ICEEU-2019-012).

²² 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22(e)(16).

²³ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(F).

²⁴ 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22(e)(16).

It is therefore ordered pursuant to section 19(b)(2) of the Act that the Proposed Rule Change (SR-ICEEU-2023-009) be, and hereby is, approved.²⁵

For the Commission by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.²⁶

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[SEC File No. 270-21, OMB Control No. 3235-0025]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension: Rule 30e-1

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-2736

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) ("Paperwork Reduction Act"), the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for extension and approval.

Rule 30e-1 (17 CFR 270.30e-1) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-1 *et seq.*) ("Investment Company Act") generally requires a registered investment company ("fund") to transmit to its shareholders, at least semi-annually, reports containing the information that is required to be included in such reports by the fund's registration statement form under the Investment Company Act. The purpose of the collection of information required by rule 30e-1 is to provide fund shareholders with current information about the operation of their funds in accordance with Section 30 of the Investment Company Act.

Approximately 11,840 funds, respond to rule 30e-1 annually.¹ We estimate that it takes approximately 147 hours to comply with the collection of information associated with rule 30e-1

²⁵ In approving the Proposed Rule Change, the Commission considered the proposal's impacts on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

²⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ Includes all open-end funds, including ETFs, registered on Form N-1A.

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(F).

¹³ 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22(e)(16).

¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(F).

¹⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(F).

¹⁶ Reinvestment risk is the risk that an investor will be unable to reinvest assets received from an investment at a rate comparable to their current rate of return.

¹⁷ Volatility risk in this context, *i.e.*, sovereign and government agency bonds, refers to the risk that a bond's price will fluctuate due to changing interest rates.

¹⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(F).

per fund. This time is spent, for example, preparing, reviewing, and certifying the reports, as well as the website availability requirements and delivery of shareholder reports upon request requirements. Accordingly, we calculate the total estimated annual internal burden of responding to rule 30e–1 to be approximately 1,738,428 hours (146.8 hours × 11,840 funds). In addition to the burden hours, we estimate that the total cost burden of compliance with the information collection requirements of rule 30e–1 is approximately \$13,105 per fund. This includes, for example, the cost of goods and services purchased to prepare, comply with website availability requirements, and deliver reports upon request under the amendments to rule 30e–1, such as for the services of independent auditors and outside counsel. Accordingly, we calculate the total external cost burden associated with rule 30e–1 to be approximately \$155,164,791.

Estimates of average burden hours are made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act and are not derived from a comprehensive or even representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules and forms. The collection of information under rule 30e–1 is mandatory. The information provided under rule 30e–1 will not be kept confidential. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Written comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) 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. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted by July 24, 2023.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information under the PRA unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Please direct your written comments to: David Bottom, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o John Pezzullo, 100 F Street NE, Washington,

DC 20549 or send an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

Dated: May 22, 2023.

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Information Collection for State Trade and Export Promotion (STEP) Grant Program

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: 60-day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Small Business Administration (SBA) intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the collection of information described below. The Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 requires federal agencies to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information before submission to OMB, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice complies with that requirement.

DATES: Submit comments on or before July 24, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments to Shadetra Robinson, STEP Program Director, Office of International Trade, Small Business Administration, Washington, DC 20416.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shadetra Robinson, STEP Program Director, Office of International Trade, Small Business Administration, shadetra.robinson@sba.gov, 202–205–6725, or Curtis B. Rich, Agency Clearance Officer, 202–205–7030, curtis.rich@sba.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary objective of the STEP Client Report form is to collect data on the quarterly progress of grantees of the SBA's State Trade and Export Promotion (STEP) program. These data will be used to understand how states have improved their trade and export activities and revenue. The STEP program has two primary objectives: (1) increase the number of small businesses that are exporting and (2) increase the value of exports for small businesses that are currently exporting. To achieve these objectives, SBA provides state-level grant recipients with funding for nine activities, including participation in foreign trade missions, design of marketing media, and trade show exhibitions.

Data from the STEP Client Report will provide SBA with critical information about the impact of various strategies used to advance trade and export activities in each state. These data will also provide an understanding of the specific ways in which funded activities meet SBA's goal of improving small business trade and export productivity. These data may inform strategies that can be replicated by other small businesses. These data are not currently being collected elsewhere and are critical to understanding the outcomes of STEP grantee activities.

Solicitation of Public Comments

SBA is requesting comments on (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the agency to properly perform its functions; (b) whether the burden estimates are accurate; (c) whether there are ways to minimize the burden, including through the use of automated techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) whether there are ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information.

Summary of Information Collection

OMB Control Number: 3245–0413.

Title: STEP Program Quarterly Client Reporting Form.

Description of Respondents: State administrators in states that receive an SBA STEP grant.

Form Number: N/A.

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 90.

Total Estimated Annual Hour Burden: 360 hours.

Curtis Rich,

Agency Clearance Officer.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #17932 and #17933; TENNESSEE Disaster Number TN–00146]

Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Tennessee

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 Tennessee (FEMA–4712–DR), dated 05/17/2023.

Incident: Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Tornado.

Incident Period: 03/01/2023 through 03/03/2023.