

Dated: October 4, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Notice of Meeting of the National Intellectual Property Law Enforcement Coordination Council

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce Department.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Intellectual Property Law Enforcement Coordination Council (Council) will be holding a public meeting. Interested members of the public are invited to attend the meeting.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on Monday, November 27, 2000, beginning at noon and ending no later than 2 P.M. Those wishing to attend the meeting must pre-register by close of business on Friday, November 16, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The November 27, 2000, meeting will be held in the Main Auditorium at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. Those interested in attending should pre-register by submitting their name and telephone contact number either by electronic mail through the Internet to elizabeth.shaw2@uspto.gov or by facsimile sent to the attention of Elizabeth Shaw at 703-305-7575.

Transcripts of the meeting will be available after January 5, 2001, and will be maintained for public inspection in the Executive Library of the USPTO, Crystal Park Two, Room 900A, 2121 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Shaw by telephone at 703-305-1033; by facsimile at 703-305-7575; by electronic mail at elizabeth.shaw2@uspto.gov; or by mail addressed to Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Box 4, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On Monday, June 5, 2000, the Council published a Notice of Request for Public Comments (65 FR 35611 (2000)) regarding issues related to the Council's

policies and agenda. The November 27, 2000, meeting will introduce the Council to the public and give those who submitted comments (respondent industry speakers) regarding the issues identified in the notice an opportunity to elaborate on their responses.

I. Issues To Be Discussed

Respondent industry speakers have been invited to address the Council regarding law enforcement and policy issues related to the Council's mission and how the Council and the intellectual property industries can work together to improve intellectual property law enforcement in the U.S. and abroad.

The Government speakers will discuss the Council's activities and the individual agencies' current and future intellectual property law enforcement-related activities.

II. Meeting Format

The Council will provide a brief overview of its activities and introduce its Members and other affiliated agencies. Each agency will then have an opportunity to make a brief presentation on its law enforcement-related efforts. Respondent industry speakers will be given up to fifteen (15) minutes to present their remarks. The exact duration of each presentation will depend upon the final number of speakers. A question and answer session will follow the final industry presentation. The public is invited to be present for the entire program; however, only Council Members and respondent industry speakers may participate orally in the program. Industry speakers may provide a written copy of their testimony for inclusion in the record of the proceedings. These remarks should be provided in electronic format no later than November 27, 2000. A schedule providing the approximate starting time for each Government and industry speaker will be distributed the morning of the day of the hearing. Speakers are advised that the schedule for testimony will be subject to change during the course of the hearing. Information that is provided pursuant to this notice will be made part of a public record and may be available via the Internet. In view of this, parties should not submit information that they do not wish to be publicly disclosed or made electronically accessible. Parties who would like to rely on confidential information to illustrate a point are requested to summarize or otherwise submit the information in a way that will permit its public disclosure.

Dated: October 5, 2000.

Q. Todd Dickinson,

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts is scheduled for October 19, 2000, at 10 a.m., in the Commission's offices at the National Building Museum (Pension Building), Suite 312, Judiciary Square, 441 F Street, NW., Washington, DC, 20001-2728. Items of discussion will include designs for projects affecting the appearance of Washington, DC, including buildings and parks.

Inquiries regarding the agenda and requests to submit written or oral statements should be addressed to Charles H. Atherton, Secretary, Commission of Fine Arts, at the above address or call 202-504-2200. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired should contact the Secretary at least 10 days before the meeting date.

Dated in Washington, DC, October 2, 2000.

Charles H. Atherton,

Secretary.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Chicago Board of Trade: Proposed Amendments to the Chicago Board of Trade Corn and Soybeans Futures Contracts, Increasing the Maximum Daily Premium Charge, Decreasing the Maximum Number of Shipping Certificates Issuable, and Modifying Certain Loading Requirements

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed amendments to contract terms and conditions.

SUMMARY: The Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT or Exchange) has submitted proposed amendments to its corn and soybeans futures contracts which would increase the maximum daily premium charge, decrease the maximum number of shipping certificates issuable, and modify certain loading requirements. The CBT's proposals are described in detail below. The proposed amendments were submitted under the

Commission's 45-day Fast Track procedures which provide that, absent any contrary action by the Commission, the proposed amendments may be deemed approved on November 20—45 days after the Commission's receipt of the proposals. The Acting Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division) of the Commission, acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that publication of the proposed amendments is in the public interest and will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before November 13, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521, or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be made to the proposed amendments to the CBOT's maximum permissible premium charge, maximum number of

shipping certificates issuable, and certain loading requirements.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact Martin Murray of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581, telephone (202) 418-5276. Facsimile number: (202) 418-5527. Electronic mail: mmurray@cftc.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CBT's proposed amendments are summarized in the table below.

Item	Current terms	Proposed terms
1. Increase the daily premium charge on outstanding shipping certificates.	12/100 cent/bu/day at Chicago, 10/100 cent/bu/day at all other locations.	15/100 cent/bu/day at all locations on all outstanding shipping certificates, effective November 1, 2001.
2. Decrease the maximum number of shipping certificates operators of delivery facilities are allowed to issue.	Maximum certificates issuable limited to the storage capacity of delivery facilities in Chicago, and 30 times the delivery facility's registered daily rate of loading at facilities on the Illinois Waterway and St. Louis.	Maximum certificates issuable limited to the storage capacity in Chicago, and 20 times the delivery facility's registered daily rate of loading at facilities on the Illinois Waterway and St. Louis.
3. Rescind the cessation of premium charges while transportation is constructively placed.	Premium charges stop 10 days after transportation is constructively placed, or load-out is completed, whichever is earlier.	Premium charges stop after load-out is completed.
4. Include the stevedoring costs in barge load-out charge.	Certificate owner pays for stevedoring costs for barge load-out.	Certificate issuer pays for stevedoring costs for barge load-out.
5. Extend the responsibility of the certificate owner to reimburse the certificate issuer's expense for making grain available at the delivery location.	Certificate owner must reimburse certificate issuer if owner fails to place barge within 10 days of scheduled loading date.	Certificate owner must reimburse certificate issuer if owner fails to place barge within 10 days of scheduled loading date or cancels loading orders and requires shipping certificates to be reissued.
6. Eliminate the requirement that shipping certificates be delivered in multiples of 55,000 bushels.	Delivery facilities on the Illinois Waterway must make initial deliveries in multiples of 55,000 bushels.	Delivery facilities on the Illinois Waterway must make initial deliveries in multiples of 5,000 bushels.
7. Improve merchantability of shipping certificates at shipping stations with less than eleven outstanding at a delivery facility, the owner of all such outstanding shipping certificates.	(No current provision.) In the event less than eleven shipping certificates are outstanding at a delivery facility, the owner of all such outstanding shipping certificates may cancel the shipping certificates and obligate the certificate issuer to provide a market value at which the issuer will either buy back all the canceled shipping certificates or sell the balance needed to complete a barge loading of at least 55,000 bushels, taker's preference.	

The Exchange intends to make the proposed amendments effective on November 1, 2001, for all existing and newly listed contract months beginning with the November 2001 contract month. The proposed changes will apply to all shipping certificates that are outstanding on the effective date. Shipping certificates issued prior to November 1, 2001 or shipping certificates that are returned to the shipper, or his agent, for reissuance prior to November 1, 2000 may indicate two premium charges, one for the period through October 31, 2001 and other commencing on November 1, 2001.

In support of the proposed amendments, the Exchange provides the following justification:

- Increase in the maximum premium charge. The CBT indicates that the proposed charge better reflects commercial charges in the delivery

territory during periods of high crop surplus, such as currently exist. Thus, the CBT believes that the proposal will improve convergence between cash and futures prices.

- Reduction in the maximum number of shipping certificates issuable to 20 times the daily rate of load-out. The CBT believes that the proposal will provide more timely load-out to receivers by reducing the potential delivery lineup to 20 business days from 30. The Exchange further notes that "only about 20 percent of the [current] maximum number of shipping certificates have been registered at one time." Consequently, it believes that this proposal would not reduce substantively "the effective deliverable supply."

- Receiver must pay premium charges through completion of loading, rather than through the earlier of ten business days following constructive placement

of barges or completion of loading. The CBT indicates that the proposal "would compensate the maker for securing grain in preparation for load-out." The Exchange also notes that the receiver is protected from unnecessary delays in loading (and consequent increased premium charges) by the contracts' existing preferential treatment of shipping certificate holders over all other receivers, as well as the proposed reduction in the potential delivery lineup to 20 days, as indicated above.

- Stevedoring fees for loading grain into barges are to be paid by the certificate issuer. The CBT indicates that this reflects customary cash market practice, and "will standardize the load-out charges at all shipping stations for barges."

- Clarification that receiver must compensate deliverer for costs incurred when loading orders are canceled. The CBT notes that the proposal merely

"clarifies that the taker must reimburse the maker for expenses for making the grain available for load-out when loading and shipping instructions are canceled prior to load-out."

- Permit delivery in minimum increments of 5,000 bushels, rather than 55,000 bushels. The CBT states that, "If the taker can issue shipping certificates in any multiple of 5,000 bushels and not be restricted to making initial deliveries in multiples of 55,000 bushels, the delivery process will be simplified and made more flexible." Furthermore, the "concern that less than barge load quantities would be left outstanding is minimized" by the proposed requirement that a shipper with fewer than a barge-load quantity of certificates outstanding must quote a market rate for buying back the certificates or selling a sufficient quantity of certificates to make up a barge load.

- New requirement that shippers provide a market quote for buying or selling shipping certificates should the number of shipping certificates at the shipping station fall below eleven certificates (55,000 bushels or one barge load). The CBT states that the proposal "increases merchandising opportunities of outstanding shipping certificates for the taker." The CBT also notes that, "if the shipper does not wish to be obligated to buy back shipping certificates or provide the balance for loadout, he may decide to maintain at least eleven shipping certificates outstanding at a shipping station."

The Commission is requesting comments on the proposed amendments. In particular, the Commission requests that commenters address the extent to which the proposals reflect commercial practices, and their potential impact on deliverable supplies for the corn and soybeans futures contracts.

Copies of the proposed amendments will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. Copies of the proposed amendments can be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address, by phone at (202) 418-5100, or via the Internet at secretary@cftc.gov.

Other materials submitted by the Exchange in support of the proposal may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 CFR part 145 (1987)), except to the extent they are entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in 17 CFR 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials

should be made to the FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of Secretariat at the Commission's headquarters in accordance with 17 CFR 145.7 and 145.8.

Any person interested in submitting written data, views, or arguments on the proposed amendments, or with respect to other materials submitted by the Exchange, should send such comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 6, 2000.

Richard Shilts,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management Policy) announces the following proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by December 11, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Defense Manpower Data Center (Personnel Testing Division), ATTN: Dr. Harley Baker, 400 Gigling Road, Seaside, CA 93955.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address or call at (831) 583-2400.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Control Number: High School Career Development Questionnaire, 0704—[To be determined]

Needs and Uses: This information collection requirement is necessary to increase the utilization of the ASVAB Career Exploration Program (CEP) in the nation's high schools. At no cost to the schools, the CEP provides age-appropriate materials to support high school career counseling and aids in the process of identifying interested students who meet the qualifications for entrance into the nation's Armed Forces. While the CEP is utilized in about 14,000 schools nationwide serving about 850,000 students, this represents only about 13% of the school population. This brief questionnaire study will provide the information needed to modify the CEP to make it more useful both for the schools and the students they serve and for DoD recruiting efforts.

Affected public: Not-for-profit educational institutions.

Annual burden hours: 722.

Number of respondents: 2,166.

Responses per respondent: 1.

Average burden per response: 20 minutes.

Frequency: Other: One-time.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

This one-time study will employ a brief questionnaire to help document why schools elect to participate in the ASVAB program. The questionnaire will be sent to approximately 3,050 schools, with an expected response rate of about 70%. This study will employ the sampling plan developed by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) for their School and Staffing Survey. The information is needed to determine what changes could be made in the ASVAB program to increase its effectiveness in high school career counseling and thus increase its utilization in the schools. The questionnaire focuses on several issues, such as the types of career development programs used in the schools, their strengths and weaknesses, barriers to wider implementation of these programs, and the career development needs of high school students. For those schools that use the CEP, we will ask questions about why they elect to use the ASVAB program, whether