

make the Nasdaq Registration and Continuing Education Rules applicable to the Exchanges' members, member organizations (as applicable), associated persons, and other persons subject to their jurisdiction as though such rules were fully set forth within each Exchange's rulebook.

The Exchanges have requested, pursuant to Rule 0–12 under the Exchange Act,⁶ that the Commission grant the Exchanges an exemption from the rule filing requirements of Section 19(b) of the Exchange Act for changes to each Exchange's rules that are effected solely by virtue of a change to the Nasdaq Registration and Continuing Education Rules. Specifically, the Exchanges request that they be permitted to incorporate by reference changes made to the Nasdaq Registration and Continuing Education Rules without the need for each Exchange to separately file with the Commission the same proposed rule changes pursuant to Section 19(b) of the Exchange Act.⁷

The Exchanges represent that the Nasdaq Registration and Continuing Education Rules are not trading rules.⁸ Moreover, the Exchanges state that they propose to incorporate by reference categories of rules (rather than individual rules within a category) that are regulatory in nature.⁹ The Exchanges also represent that, as a condition of this exemption, they would provide written notice to their members whenever Nasdaq proposes a change to the Nasdaq Registration and Continuing Education Rules.¹⁰

According to the Exchanges, this exemption is necessary and appropriate because it will result in the Exchanges' rules being consistent with the relevant cross-referenced Nasdaq Registration and Continuing Education Rules at all times, thus ensuring that the Exchanges and Nasdaq maintain consistent registration, qualification, and continuing education rules for their respective members, associated persons, and other persons subject to their jurisdiction.¹¹

The Commission has issued exemptions similar to the Exchanges'

request.¹² The Commission has previously outlined standards for reviewing exemption requests from self-regulatory organizations ("SROs"), provided that:

- An SRO wishing to incorporate rules of another SRO by reference has submitted a written request for an order exempting it from the requirement in Section 19(b) of the Exchange Act to file proposed rule changes relating to the rules incorporated by reference, has identified the applicable originating SRO(s), together with the rules it wants to incorporate by reference, and otherwise has complied with the procedural requirements set forth in the Commission's release governing procedures for requesting exemptive orders pursuant to Rule 0–12 under the Exchange Act;¹³
- The incorporating SRO has requested incorporation of categories of rules (rather than individual rules within a category) that are not trading rules (e.g., the SRO has requested incorporation of rule such as margin, suitability, or arbitration);¹⁴ and
- The incorporating SRO has reasonable procedures in place to provide written notice to its members each time a change is proposed to the incorporated rules of the other SRO.¹⁵

The Commission believes that the Exchanges have satisfied each of these conditions. The Commission also believes that granting the Exchanges an exemption from the rule filing requirements under Section 19(b) of the Exchange Act will promote efficient use of the Commission's and the Exchanges' resources by avoiding duplicative rule

filings based on simultaneous changes to identical rule text sought by more than one SRO. The Commission therefore finds it in the public interest and consistent with the protection of investors to exempt the Exchanges from the rule filing requirements under Section 19(b) of the Exchange Act with respect to the Nasdaq Registration and Continuing Education Rules described above to be incorporated by reference. This exemption is conditioned upon the Exchanges promptly providing written notice to their members whenever Nasdaq changes a rule which the Exchanges have incorporated by reference.

Accordingly, *it is ordered*, pursuant to Section 36 of the Exchange Act,¹⁶ that the Exchanges are exempt from the rule filing requirements of Section 19(b) of the Exchange Act solely with respect to changes to the rules identified in their request that incorporate by reference certain Nasdaq rules, provided that the Exchanges promptly provide written notice to their members whenever Nasdaq proposes to change a rule that the Exchanges have incorporated by reference.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁷

Jill M. Peterson,

Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10831]

Certification Pursuant to Section 7008 of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2019 With Respect to Thailand

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as Secretary of State, including by section 7008 of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2019 (Div. F, Pub. L. 116–6), and similar provisions in previous appropriations acts, I hereby certify that subsequent to the termination of assistance to the Government of Thailand a democratically elected government has taken office in Thailand.

This Certification shall be published in the **Federal Register** and, along with the accompanying Memorandum of

¹² See, e.g., Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 83887 (August 20, 2018), 83 FR 42722 (August 23, 2018) (order granting exemptive request from Exchanges to incorporate by reference BX's rules for investigatory, disciplinary, and adjudicatory proceedings) ("Nasdaq Investigatory Rules Order"); 80338 (March 29, 2017), 82 FR 16464 (April 4, 2017) (order granting exemptive request from MIAx PEARL, LLC relating to rules of Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC incorporated by reference); 72650 (July 22, 2014), 79 FR 44075 (July 29, 2014) (order granting exemptive requests from NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc. and Nasdaq relating to rules of NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC incorporated by reference); 67256 (June 26, 2012), 77 FR 39277 (July 2, 2012) (order approving SR–BX–2012–030 and granting exemptive request relating to rules incorporated by reference by NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc.); 61534 (February 18, 2010), 75 FR 8760 (February 25, 2010) (order granting BATS Exchange, Inc.'s exemptive request relating to rules incorporated by reference by the BATS Exchange Options Market rules); and 57478 (March 12, 2008), 73 FR 14521 (order approving SR–NASDAQ–2007–004 and SR–NASDAQ–2007–080, and granting exemptive request relating to rules incorporated by reference by the Nasdaq Options Market).

¹³ See 17 CFR 240.0–12 and Nasdaq Investigatory Rules Order, *supra* note 12 at 42723.

¹⁴ *Id.*

¹⁵ *Id.*

¹⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78mm.

¹⁷ 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

⁶ 17 CFR 240.0–12.

⁷ See Exemptive Request, *supra* note 4, at 2.

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ The Exchanges state that they will provide notice on their websites in the same section they use to post their own proposed rule change filings and within the timeframe required by Rule 19b–4(f). In addition, the Exchanges state that their websites will include a link to the Nasdaq website where the proposed rule change filings are located. *Id.* at 3.

¹¹ *Id.* at 2.

Justification, shall be reported to Congress.

Michael R. Pompeo,
Secretary of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10814]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Evaluation of the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to September 24, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by the following method:

- *Web:* Persons with access to the internet may comment on this notice by going to www.Regulations.gov. You can search for the document by entering "Docket Number: DOS-2019-0024" in the Search field. Then click the "Comment Now" button and complete the comment form.

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and the OMB control number in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, may be sent to Natalie Donahue, Chief of Evaluation, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, DonahueNR@state.gov who may be reached at (202) 632-6193.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Evaluation of the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders.
- *OMB Control Number:* None.
- *Type of Request:* New collection.
- *Originating Office:* Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA/P/V).

- *Form Number:* No form.
- *Respondents:* Mandela Washington Fellowship program implementers and participating private individuals and organizations who interacted with the Fellows (including University staff, internship host organizations, peer collaborators, home stay hosts, and site visit/community service organizations).
- *Estimated Number of Academic and Leadership Institute Survey Respondents:* 100.
- *Estimated Number of Academic and Leadership Institute Survey Responses:* 40.
- *Average Time per Academic and Leadership Institute Survey:* 30 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Academic and Leadership Institute Survey Burden Time:* 20 hours.
- *Estimated Number of Professional Development Experience Host Survey Respondents:* 407.
- *Estimated Number of Professional Development Experience Host Responses:* 122.
- *Average Time per Professional Development Experience Host Survey:* 30 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Professional Development Experience Host Survey Burden Time:* 61 hours.
- *Estimated Number of Reciprocal Exchange Alumni Survey Respondents:* 172.
- *Estimated Number of Reciprocal Exchange Alumni Responses:* 52.
- *Average Time per Reciprocal Exchange Alumni Survey:* 30 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Reciprocal Exchange Alumni Survey Burden Time:* 26 hours.
- *Estimated Number of U.S. Community Members Survey Respondents:* 50.
- *Estimated Number of U.S. Community Members Responses:* 15.
- *Average Time per U.S. Community Members Survey:* 25 minutes.
- *Total Estimated U.S. Community Members Survey Burden Time:* 6.25 hours.
- *Estimated Number of Academic and Leadership Institute Staff Key Informant Interview Participants:* 15.
- *Average Time per Academic and Leadership Institute Staff Key Informant Interviews:* 60 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Academic and Leadership Institute Staff Key Informant Interviews Burden Time:* 15 hours.
- *Estimated Number of Professional Development Experience Host Organization Staff Key Informant Interview Participants:* 15.
- *Average Time per Professional Development Experience Host Organization Staff Key Informant Interviews:* 60 minutes.

- *Total Estimated Professional Development Experience Host Organization Staff Key Informant Interviews Burden Time:* 15 hours.
- *Estimated Number of Reciprocal Exchange Alumni Key Informant Interview Participants:* 15.
- *Average Time per Reciprocal Exchange Alumni Key Informant Interviews:* 60 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Reciprocal Exchange Alumni Key Informant Interviews Burden Time:* 15 hours.
- *Estimated Number of U.S. Community Member Focus Group Participants:* 15.
- *Average Time per U.S. Community Member Focus Group:* 75 minutes.
- *Total Estimated U.S. Community Member Focus Group Burden Time:* 18.75 hours.
- *Estimated Number of Fellowship Experience Map Participants:* 40.
- *Average Time per Fellowship Experience Map Interview:* 60 minutes.
- *Total Estimated U.S. Community Member Focus Group Burden Time:* 40 hours.
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 217 annual hours.
- *Frequency:* Once.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Voluntary.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

The Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, begun in 2014, is the flagship program of the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) that empowers young people through academic coursework, leadership training, and networking. The Fellows, who are between the ages of 25 and 35, have established records of accomplishment in promoting