

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
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**Request for Public Comment Upon
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From: Securities and Exchange
Commission, Office of Filings and
Information Services, Washington,
D.C. 20549**

Existing Collection of Information: Rule 10a-1, SEC File No. 270-413, OMB Control No. 3235-new

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is publishing the following summary of collection for public comment.

Rule 10a-1 (17 CFR 240.10a-1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") is intended to limit short selling of a security in a declining market, by requiring, in effect, that each successive lower price be established by a long seller. The price at which short sales may be effected is established by reference to the last sale price reported in the consolidated system or on a particular marketplace. Rule 10a-1 requires each broker or dealer that effects any sell order for a security registered on, or admitted to unlisted trading privileges, on a national securities exchange to mark the relevant order ticket either "long" or "short."

There are approximately 1,500 brokers and dealers registered with the national securities exchanges. The Commission has considered each of these respondents for the purposes of calculating the reporting burden under Rule 10a-1. Each of these approximately 1,500 registered broker-dealers effects sell orders for securities registered on, or admitted to unlisted trading privileges, on a national securities exchange. In addition, each respondent makes an estimated 55,663 annual responses, for an aggregate total of 83,493,861 responses per year. Each response takes approximately .000143 hours to complete. Thus, the total compliance burden per year is 11,902 burden hours.

Written 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 the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be 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 in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Direct your written comments to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20549.

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Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.
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[Rel. No. IC-22103; No. 812-9692]

**ITT Hartford Life and Annuity
Insurance Company, et. al.**

July 26, 1996.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission").

ACTION: Notice of Application for an Order pursuant to the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act").

APPLICANTS: ITT Hartford Life and Annuity Insurance Company ("ITT Hartford"), Separate Account VL I of ITT Hartford Life and Annuity Insurance Company (the "Account"), and Hartford Equity Sales Company ("HESCO").

RELEVANT 1940 ACT SECTIONS: Order requested pursuant to Section 6(c) of the 1940 Act granting exemptions from Section 27(a)(3) thereof and Rules 6e-3(T)(b)(13)(ii) and 6e-3(T)(d)(1)(ii) thereunder.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicants request an order to permit ITT Hartford, through the Account, to issue certain flexible premium variable life insurance contracts ("Contracts") that provide for a front-end sales loan on premium payments in any given contract year up to a maximum amount ("Maximum Sales Load Premium") and no sales load on premiums in excess of such Maximum Sales Load Premium ("Excess Premiums") in any given contract year. Applicants also request exemptive relief to permit ITT Hartford, through separate accounts it establishes in the future, to issue flexible premium variable life insurance contracts that are materially similar to the Contracts.

FILING DATE: The application was filed on July 26, 1995, and amended on June 6, 1996.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the application will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Secretary of the Commission and serving Applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests must be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on August 20, 1996, and must be accompanied by proof of service on Applicants in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons may request notification of a hearing by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Applicants, c/o Scott K. Richardson, Assistant Counsel, ITT Hartford Insurance Companies, P.O. Box 2999, Hartford, Connecticut 06104-2999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin M. Kirchoff, Senior Counsel, or Patrice M. Pitts, Special Counsel, Office of Insurance Products (Division of Investment Management), at (202) 942-0670.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Following is a summary of the application; the complete application is available for a fee from the Public Reference Branch of the Commission.

Applicants' Representations

1. ITT Hartford is a stock life insurance company engaged in the business of writing annuities and both individual and group life insurance in the District of Columbia and all states except New York. ITT Hartford is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hartford Life Insurance Company.

2. The Account was established as a separate account of ITT Hartford on June 8, 1995, pursuant to the insurance law of the State of Connecticut. The Account is registered with the Commission pursuant to the 1940 Act as a unit investment trust. The Account presently consists of twenty-two subaccounts ("Subaccounts"), each of which will invest exclusively in certain open-end management investment companies.

3. HESCO, the principal underwriter for the Contracts, is registered as a broker-dealer pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and is a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.

4. The Contracts are flexible premium variable life insurance policies. Contract owners choose the amount of premiums