

partial withdrawal from the plan has occurred. Section 4203(f) also sets standards for the approval of such special rules.

The PBGC's regulation on Extension of Special Withdrawal Liability Rules (29 CFR Part 4203) requires the plan sponsor of a plan that adopts special rules to submit information about the rules, the plan, and the industry in which the plan operates with its request for PBGC approval of the rules. The PBGC uses that information in determining whether the plan's special withdrawal liability rules meet the requirements of ERISA. (The regulation may be accessed on the PBGC's home page at <http://www.pbgc.gov>.)

The collection of information under the regulation has been approved by OMB under control number 1212-0023. The PBGC is requesting that OMB extend its approval for three years. 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. The PBGC estimates that it receives at most one submission from a plan sponsor annually under the regulation; that virtually all submissions are prepared by outside consultants; that the total annual hour burden of engaging the services of such consultants is one hour; and that the total annual cost burden of having the submissions prepared is \$2,400.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Information Based Indicia Program (IBIP) Product Definition

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Notice of USPS potential IBIP PC Postage product classification with request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service has published a set of draft specifications for the Information Based Indicia Program (IBIP). Current versions of the draft specifications are:

- IBIP Interim Product Submission Procedures dated January 7, 1997
- IBIP Open System Indicia Specification dated July 23, 1997
- IBIP Open System PSD Specification dated July 23, 1997
- IBIP Open System Host Specification dated October 9, 1996

IBIP Key Management Plan dated April 25, 1997

As a result of comments received on the above draft specifications, and previous versions, in addition to other inquiries, the following information is provided regarding various design approaches for proposed IBIP PC Postage products:

The Postal Service recognizes that while the current IBIP specifications define a relatively specific implementation of an IBIP PC Postage product in regard to the physical location of the PSD, there are potential alternative approaches that may offer equally or greater secure solutions. As such, the Postal Service envisions potential IBIP PC Postage products being classified into four major categories:

- (1) Standalone system products.
- (2) Local Area Network (LAN) system products.
- (3) Wide Area Network (WAN) system products.
- (4) Hybrid system products.

A "Standalone" system PC Postage product is one which is designed upon the current IBIP specifications approach, particularly as it relates to the location of the IBIP PSD relative to the IBIP Host system. A "LAN" system PC Postage product operates on a local area network, and a "WAN" system PC Postage product operates across wide area networks with potential alternative approaches to IBIP PSD locations relative to the IBIP Host system. A "Hybrid" system is any proposed PC Postage product approach that substantially departs from the approach implied in the IBIP PSD specification in regard to location(s) of cryptography based functions. The Postal Service intends to classify IBIP Concepts of Operations (CONOPs) and products submitted for consideration or evaluation into these four categories. PC Postage CONOPs or products classified as LAN, WAN, or Hybrid may be subject to measurement against additional baseline specifications as deemed appropriate to ensure that overall product security is equal to or greater than that envisioned with the Standalone product approach.

The Postal Service also seeks comments on intellectual property issues raised by IBIP specifications, policy, and procedures if adopted in present form. If an intellectual property issue includes patents or patent applications covering any implementations of the specifications, the comment should include a listing of such patents and applications and the license terms available for such patents and applications.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the specifications noted above may be obtained from Edmund Zelickman, United States Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Room 1P-801, Washington, DC 20260-2444. Copies of all written comments may be inspected, by appointment, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the above address.

DATES: All written comments must be received on or before May 4, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edmund Zelickman at (202) 268-3940.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Issuer Delisting; Notice to Application to Withdraw From Listing and Registration; (Barr Laboratories, Inc., Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value) File No. 1-9860

February 25, 1998.

Barr Laboratories, Inc. ("Company") has filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") and Rule 12d2-2(d) promulgated thereunder, to withdraw the above specified security ("Security") from listing and registration on the American Stock Exchange ("Amex" or "Exchange").

The reasons cited in the application for withdrawing the Security from listing and registration include the following:

The Security also is listed for trading on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE") pursuant to a Registration Statement on Form 8A that became effective February 6, 1998. Trading in the security on the NYSE commenced on February 10, 1998.

The Board of Directors of the Company previously determined that it was in the best interests of the Company to list its Security on the NYSE. The Company seeks to avoid the costs and the division of the market that may result from listing the Security on the Amex and the NYSE. The Board unanimously approved a resolution on January 16, 1998, to take all actions necessary to withdraw the Company's Security from listing and registration on the Amex.

The Company has complied with Amex Rule 18 by notifying the Exchange of its intention to withdraw the Security from listing and registration