that it is designed to perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, protect investors and the public interest and promote just and equitable principles of trade.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any inappropriate burden on competition.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

The Exchange did not receive or solicit any written comments on the proposed rule change.

III. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549–0609. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying at the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All submissions should refer to the File No. SR–NYSE–2001–38 and should be submitted by [insert date 21 days from date of publication].

IV. Commission's Findings and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of Proposed Rule Change

The Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange. [12] In particular, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b(5) of the Act, which requires that the rules of an exchange be designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national securities system, and protect investors and the public interest. [13] The Commission believes that the proposed rule change will remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market, and will protect investors and the public interest, by enabling the NYSE to serve as a market for shares of Deutsche Bank (rather than American depositary receipts) while maintaining the standards that are substantially equivalent to the NYSE's existing standards.

The Commission believes that it is reasonable for the NYSE to interpret the Manual to permit Deutsche Bank shares to be in book-entry format only, provided that the securities are ''depository eligible'' as required by Exchange Rule 227. The interpretation is necessary to accommodate the fact that Deutsche Bank shareholders generally have no right to individual shares in certificate form. In the event that individual certificates are issued, the Commission believes that it is reasonable for the Exchange to interpret the Manual to permit it to list shares of Deutsche Bank despite differences from the Manual's standards for endorsement.

The Commission also believes that it is reasonable for the NYSE to interpret the Manual to accept Deutsche Bank's proxy procedures. By mailing stockholder meeting materials approximately 45 days prior to its annual meeting, Deutsche Bank will give shareholders the same type of advance notification provided for in the Manual. Moreover, Deutsche Bank's proxy procedures will cancel proxies for shares sold prior to the meeting, and will facilitate voting by persons who purchase shares during the month leading up to the meeting. In that way, the Exchange's proxy procedures regarding Deutsche Bank appear to be substantially equivalent to the NYSE's existing standards, by permitting the votes cast at the annual meeting to accurately reflect the company's shareholders at the time of the meeting.

The Exchange has requested that the Commission approve the proposed rule change prior to the thirtieth day after publication of the proposal in the FEDERAL REGISTER. According to the Exchange, the trading of Deutsche Bank shares is scheduled to commence as early as October 3, 2001. The Exchange states that approval of the rule change by the date will facilitate the maintenance of an orderly market in the shares of Deutsche Bank. The Exchange further states that without accelerated approval of this proposed rule change, there will be uncertainty in the market regarding the form of Deutsche Bank certificates and the procedures governing Deutsche Bank proxies.

The Commission finds good cause, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, [14] for approving the proposed rule change prior to the thirtieth day after the date of publication of notice thereof in the **Federal Register**. The Commission believes that it is necessary to approve the NYSE's proposal on an accelerated basis to permit the public to begin to trade the newly issued Deutsche Bank shares on the NYSE without doubts about whether the book-entry only shares are acceptable under NYSE rules, and without question about how Deutsche Bank will conduct proxy voting.

V. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, [15] that the proposed rule change (SR–NYSE–2001–38) is hereby approved on an accelerated basis.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.[16]

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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[12] In approving this proposal, the Commission has considered its impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

[13] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

[14] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

[15] *Id.*

[16] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3367]

State of Florida

DeSoto, Flagler, Putnam and Sarasota Counties and the contiguous counties of Alachua, Bradford, Charlotte, Clay, Glades, Hardee, Highlands, Manatee, Marion, St. Johns and Volusia in the State of Florida constitute a disaster area due to damages from heavy rainfall, winds and severe flooding caused by Tropical Storm Gabrielle, which made landfall on September 14, 2001. Applications for loans for physical damage may be filed until the close of business on November 30, 2001 and for economic injury until the close of business on July 1, 2002 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 2 Office,

One Baltimore Place, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30308.

The interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere	6.750
Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.375
Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere	8.000
Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Others (Including Non-Profit Organizations) With Credit Available Elsewhere	7.125
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses and Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 336711 and for economic injury the number assigned is 9M9000.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008.)

Dated: October 1, 2001.

Hector V. Barreto,

Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3347 (Amendment #6)]

State of Texas;

In accordance with a notice received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, dated October 3, 2001, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to extend the deadline for filing applications for physical damages as a result of this disaster to October 22, 2001.

All other information remains the same, i.e., the deadline for filing applications for loans for economic injury is March 8, 2002.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008.)

Dated: October 4, 2001.

Herbert L. Mitchell,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Region IV—North Florida District Advisory Council; Public Meeting

The Small Business Administration Region IV North Florida District Advisory Council, located in the geographical area of Jacksonville, Florida, will hold a public meeting at 12 p.m. eastern time on Thursday, October 11, 2001, at the U.S. Small Business Administration, North Florida District Office, 7825 Baymeadows Way, Suite 100B, Jacksonville, Florida 32256, to discuss such matters as may be presented by members, staff of the Small Business Administration, or others present.

Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation to the Board must contact Wilfredo J. Gonzalez, District Director, in writing by letter or fax no later than September 21, 2001, in order to be put on the agenda. Wilfredo J. Gonzalez, District Director, U.S. Small Business Administration, North Florida District Office, 7825 Baymeadows Way, Suite 100B, Jacksonville, Florida 32256, (904) 443–1900 phone (904) 443–1980 fax.

For further information, write or call Nancy N. Collazo, U.S. Small Business Administration, 7825 Baymeadows Way, Suite 100–B, Jacksonville, Florida 32256–7504, telephone (904) 443–1970.

Steve Tupper,

Committee Management Officer.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

President's Commission To Strengthen Social Security

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA).

ACTION: Announcement of meeting location.

DATES: October 18, 2001, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Park Hyatt Ballroom, Park Hyatt Washington, 24th at M Street NW., Washington, DC 20037, (202) 789–1234.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The **Federal Register** notice announcing the October 18 meeting of the President's Commission to Strengthen Social Security did not include a meeting location. The purpose of this announcement is to provide the meeting location.

The Commission will meet commencing Thursday, October 18, at 10 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m., with a break for lunch between noon and 1 p.m. A series of panels will present testimony to members of the Commission. Panelists will include young Americans, academics, and technical experts.

Dated: October 3, 2001.

Michael A. Anzick,

Designated Federal Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3806]

Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration; Information Collection

ACTION: 30-Day Notice of Information Collection: Refugee Biographic Data, OMB # 1405–0102.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

The following summarizes the information collection proposal submitted to OMB:

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Originating Office: Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM).

Title of Information Collection: Refugee Biographic Data.

Frequency: On occasion.

Form Number: N/A.

Respondents: Refugees Abroad.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 80,000.

Average Hours Per Response: 30 minutes.

Total Estimated Burden: 40,000 hours.

Public comments are being solicited to permit the agency to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.