

*Section 213.3307 Department of the Army*

DWGS60053 Personal and Confidential Assistant to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management and Comptroller). Effective October 6, 2004.

*Section 213.3309 Department of the Air Force*

DFGS60007 Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary (Financial Management and Comptroller). Effective October 28, 2004.

*Section 213.3310 Department of Justice*

DJGS00151 Special Assistant to the Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration. Effective October 15, 2004.

*Section 213.3311 Department of Homeland Security*

DMGS00271 Deputy Assistant Secretary for Border and Transportation Security Policy to the Assistant Secretary for Border and Transportation Security Policy. Effective October 4, 2004.

DMGS00274 Writer-Editor to the Executive Secretary. Effective October 12, 2004.

DMGS00273 Special Assistant to the White House Liaison. Effective October 14, 2004.

DMGS00275 Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective October 15, 2004.

DMGS00276 Press Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective October 15, 2004.

DMGS00277 Writer-Editor to the Executive Secretary. Effective October 22, 2004.

*Section 213.3313 Department of Agriculture*

DAGS00727 Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment. Effective October 22, 2004.

DAGS00728 Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Rural Development. Effective October 25, 2004.

*Section 213.3314 Department of Commerce*

DCGS00663 Executive Director, White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the National Director, Minority Business Development Agency. Effective October 15, 2004.

*Section 213.3315 Department of Labor*

DLGS60105 Regional Representative to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective October 6, 2004.

DLGS60234 Chief of Staff to the Assistant Secretary for Policy. Effective October 15, 2004.

*Section 213.3316 Department of Health and Human Services*

DHGS60187 Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective October 4, 2004.

DHGS60696 Confidential Assistant (Scheduling) to the Director of Scheduling. Effective October 12, 2004.

*Section 213.3317 Department of Education*

DBGS00206 Deputy Secretary's Regional Representative, Region IX to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regional Services. Effective October 27, 2004.

*Section 213.3331 Department of Energy*

DEGS00431 Senior Policy Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environmental Management). Effective October 22, 2004.

DEGS00432 Senior Scheduler to the Director, Office of Scheduling and Advance. Effective October 7, 2004.

DEGS00433 Special Assistant to the Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board. Effective October 7, 2004.

*Section 213.3332 Small Business Administration*

SBGS00557 Deputy Associate Administrator for Communications and Public Liaison to the Associate Administrator for Communications/Public Liaison. Effective October 4, 2004.

SBGS60558 Legislative Assistant to the Associate Administrator for Congressional and Legislative Affairs. Effective October 14, 2004.

SBGS60559 Assistant Administrator for Congressional and Legislative Affairs to the Associate Administrator for Congressional and Legislative Affairs. Effective October 14, 2004.

SBGS60560 Press Secretary to the Associate Administrator for Communications/Public Liaison. Effective October 20, 2004.

*Section 213.3396 National Transportation Safety Board*

TBGS60106 Confidential Assistant to a Member. Effective October 7, 2004.

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR 1954-1958 Comp., P.218.

Office of Personnel Management.

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Director.

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:

Rule 7d-1; SEC File No. 270-176; OMB Control No. 3235-0311.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collections of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit these existing collections of information to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for extension and approval.

Section 7(d) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 [15 U.S.C. 80a-7(d)] (the "Act" or "Investment Company Act") requires an investment company ("fund") organized outside the United States ("foreign fund") to obtain an order from the Commission allowing the fund to register under the Act before making a public offering of its securities through the United States mail or any means of interstate commerce. The Commission may issue an order only if it finds that it is both legally and practically feasible effectively to enforce the provisions of the Act against the foreign fund, and that the registration of the fund is consistent with the public interest and protection of investors.

Rule 7d-1 [17 CFR 270.7d-1] under the Act, which was adopted in 1954, specifies the conditions under which a Canadian management investment company ("Canadian fund") may request an order from the Commission permitting it to register under the Act. Although rule 7d-1 by its terms applies only to Canadian funds, other foreign funds generally have agreed to comply with the requirements of rule 7d-1 as a prerequisite to receiving an order permitting those foreign funds' registration under the Act.

The rule requires a Canadian fund that wishes to register to file an application with the Commission that contains various undertakings and agreements by the fund. Certain of these undertakings and agreements, in turn, impose the following additional information collection requirements:

(1) The fund must file agreements between the fund and its directors, officers, and service providers requiring them to comply with the fund's charter and bylaws, the Act, and certain other obligations relating to the undertakings and agreements in the application;

(2) The fund and each of its directors, officers, and investment advisers that is not a U.S. resident, must file an irrevocable designation of the fund's custodian in the United States as agent for service of process;

(3) The fund's charter and bylaws must provide that (a) the fund will comply with

certain provisions of the Act applicable to all funds, (b) the fund will maintain originals or copies of its books and records in the United States, and (c) the fund's contracts with its custodian, investment adviser, and principal underwriter, will contain certain terms, including a requirement that the adviser maintain originals or copies of pertinent records in the United States;

(4) The fund's contracts with service providers will require that the provider perform the contract in accordance with the Act, the Securities Act of 1933 [15 U.S.C. 77a-77z-3], and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 [15 U.S.C. 78a-78mm ], as applicable; and

(5) The fund must file, and periodically revise, a list of persons affiliated with the fund or its adviser or underwriter.

Under section 7(d) of the Act the Commission may issue an order permitting a foreign fund's registration only if the Commission finds that "by reason of special circumstances or arrangements, it is both legally and practically feasible effectively to enforce the provisions of the [Act]." The information collection requirements are necessary to assure that the substantive provisions of the Act may be enforced as a matter of contract right in the United States or Canada by the fund's shareholders or by the Commission.

Certain information collection requirements in rule 7d-1 are associated with complying with the Act's provisions. These requirements are reflected in the information collection requirements applicable to those provisions for all registered funds.

The Commission believes that one fund is registered under rule 7d-1 and currently active. Apart from requirements under the Act applicable to all registered funds, rule 7d-1 imposes ongoing burdens to maintain records in the United States, and to update, as necessary, the fund's list of affiliated persons. The Commission staff estimates that the rule requires a total of three responses each year. The staff estimates that a respondent would make two responses each year under the rule, one response to maintain records in the United States and one response to update its list of affiliated persons. The Commission staff further estimates that a respondent's investment adviser would make one response each year under the rule to maintain records in the United States. Commission staff estimates that each recordkeeping response would require 6.25 hours each of secretarial and compliance clerk time at a cost of \$21.10 and \$21.50 per hour, respectively, and the response to update the list of affiliated persons would require 0.25 hours of secretarial time, for a total annual burden of 25.25 hours at a cost of \$537.78. The estimated number of 25.25 burden hours is identical to the current allocation.

If a fund were to file an application under the rule, the Commission estimates that the rule would impose initial information collection burdens (for filing an application, preparing the specified charter, bylaw, and contract provisions, designations of agents for service of process, and an initial list of affiliated persons, and establishing a means of keeping records in the United States) of

approximately 90 hours for the fund and its associated persons. The Commission is not including these hours in its calculation of the annual burden because no foreign fund has applied under rule 7d-1 to register under the Act in the last three years.

After registration, a foreign fund may file a supplemental application seeking special relief designed for the fund's particular circumstances. Because rule 7d-1 does not mandate these applications and the fund determines whether to submit an application, the Commission has not allocated any burden hours for the applications.

The estimates of burden hours are made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act. The estimates are not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of Commission rules and forms.

The Commission believes that the active registrant and its associated persons may spend (excluding the cost of burden hours) approximately \$540 per year in maintaining records in the United States. These estimated costs include fees for a custodian or other agent to retain records, storage costs, and the costs of transmitting records.

If a Canadian or other foreign fund in the future applied to register under the Act under rule 7d-1, the fund initially might have capital and start-up costs (not including hourly burdens) of an estimated \$17,280 to comply with the rule's initial information collection requirements. These costs include legal and processing-related fees for preparing the required documentation (such as the application, charter, bylaw, and contract provisions), designations for service of process, and the list of affiliated persons. Other related costs would include fees for establishing arrangements with a custodian or other agent for maintaining records in the United States, copying and transportation costs for records, and the costs of purchasing or leasing computer equipment, software, or other record storage equipment for records maintained in electronic or photographic form.

The Commission expects that a fund and its sponsors would incur these costs immediately, and that the annualized cost of the expenditures would be \$17,280 in the first year. Some expenditures might involve capital improvements, such as computer equipment, having expected useful lives for which annualized figures beyond the first year would be meaningful. These annualized figures are not provided, however, because, in most cases, the expenses would be incurred immediately rather than on an annual basis. The Commission is not including these costs in its calculation of the annualized capital/start-up costs because no foreign fund has applied under rule 7d-1 to register under the Act pursuant to rule 7d-1 in the last three years.

We request written comment on: (a) Whether the collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's estimate of the burdens of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information

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.

Please direct your written comments to R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: November 15, 2004.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[File No. 1-10996]

### Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application of Aberdeen Global Income Fund, Inc., to Withdraw its Common Stock, \$.001 Par Value, From Listing and Registration on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc.

November 17, 2004.

On October 28, 2004, Aberdeen Global Income Fund, Inc., a Maryland corporation ("Issuer"), filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 12d2-2(d) thereunder,<sup>2</sup> to withdraw its common stock, \$.001 par value ("Security"), from listing and registration on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE").

The Board of Directors ("Board") of the Issuer approved a resolution on June 9, 2004 to withdraw the Issuer's Security from listing on the NYSE and to list on the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex"). The Board stated that it determined to withdraw its Security from the NYSE and to list the Security on the Amex for the following reasons: (i) The Board considered that the Issuer will pay lower listing fees to the Amex than the listing fees that are currently paid to the NYSE; (ii) the Board considered that the two other closed-end investment companies ("funds"), in the same fund complex as the Issuer, have their common stock currently listed on the Amex; (iii) the Amex caps annual listing fees for multiple closed-end funds of the same sponsor, which will result in savings for both the Issuer and the other funds in the fund complex; and (iv) the Issuer also

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78j(d).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(d).