alcohol use by Volunteer at time of incident; whether weapons were involved; type of injury; medical support provided; updates to the incident report; victim's intention to prosecute; and motive for committing incident; name of alleged offender; age range of alleged offender; gender of alleged offender; relationship of alleged offender to victim; alcohol use by alleged offender at time of incident; and whether alleged offender was apprehended; any available information on witness.

SAFEGUARDS:

Names and social security numbers have been redacted from paper records that were collected until 2006. After 2006, social security numbers were no longer collected on the Volunteer. The crime incident database does not collect or store previously collected social security numbers. Accounts are created for Peace Corps staff for whom a business need exists, i.e., select staff in Director's office, Safety and Security, Regions, and Volunteer Support. Regional Security Officers and Assistant Regional Security Officers at the U.S. Embassy at post also receive CIRS accounts. Embassy officials must complete a Technology Access Agreement form to receive an account. All CIRS accounts require a user name and password. Access to Volunteer names and addresses in the reports is restricted to only those CIRS users who have a need to know. These include reporting post staff, Office of Volunteer Support staff who are responsible for medical support, and Regional Security Officers with the U.S. Embassy.

Information is encrypted using 128-bit SSL and AES encryptions standards. The system platform went through the accreditation process in February 2008 (i.e., accreditation with the WebTrust seal) and through a SAS–70 Type II audit performed by a third party auditor.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

As there is no records disposal schedule for this information, electronic and paper records are being retained indefinitely. Records are retained to allow for historical data and trends analysis. Paper files are redacted to remove Volunteer names and social security numbers. The annual Safety of the Volunteer report is kept on file permanently for historical reference.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Social Science Analyst, Office Safety and Security, Peace Corps, 1111 20th St., NW., Washington, DC 20526.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Any individual who wants notification that this system of records contains a record about him or her should make a written request to the System Manager. Requesters will be required to provide adequate identification, such as a driver's license, employee identification card, or other identifying documentation. Additional identification may be required in some instances. Complete Peace Corps Privacy Act procedures are set out in 22 CFR Part 308.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Any individual who wants access to his or her record should make a written request to the System Manager. Requesters will be required to provide adequate identification, such as a driver's license, employee identification card, or other identifying documentation. Additional identification may be required in some instances. Complete Peace Corps Privacy Act procedures are set out in 22 CFR Part 308.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

Any individual who wants to contest the contents of a record should make a written request to the System Manager. Requesters will be required to provide adequate identification, such as a driver's license, employee identification card, or other identifying documentation. Additional identification may be required in some instances. Requests for correction or amendment must identify the record to be changed and the corrective action sought. Complete Peace Corps Privacy Act procedures are set out in 22 CFR Part 308.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Record Subject.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

Dated: December 23, 2008.

Carl R. Sosebee,

Acting General Counsel. [FR Doc. E8–31221 Filed 12–31–08; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6015–01–P

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-59162; File No. 4-533]

Joint Industry Plan; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Amendments to the National Market System Plan for the Selection and Reservation of Securities Symbols To Add New York Stock Exchange LLC, NYSE Arca, Inc., NYSE Alternext US LLC and Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated as Parties Thereto

December 24, 2008.

Pursuant to Section 11A(a)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 608 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on December 22, 2008, (i) New York Stock Exchange LLC ("NYSE"), NYSE Arca, Inc. ("NYSE Arca"), and NYSE Alternext U.S. LLC ("NYSE Alternext" and, together with NYSE and NYSE Arca, the "NYSE Group Exchanges") and (ii) Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated ("CBOE") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") amendments to the National Market System Plan for the Selection and **Reservation of Securities Symbols** ("Symbology Plan" or "Plan").³ The amendments propose to add the NYSE Group Exchanges and CBOE as parties to the Symbology Plan. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed amendment from interested persons.

I. Description and Purpose of the Amendment

The current parties to the Symbology Plan are CHX, FINRA, the International Securities Exchange, LLC ("ISE"),⁴ Nasdaq, NSX and Phlx. The proposed amendments to the Symbology Plan would add the NYSE Group Exchanges and CBOE parties to the Symbology Plan. A self-regulatory organization ("SRO") may become a party to the Symbology Plan if it satisfies the

³ On November 6, 2008, the Commission approved the Symbology Plan that was originally proposed by the Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc. ("CHX"), The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. ("Nasdaq"), National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD") (n/k/a Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA")),⁴ National Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NSX"), and Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Phlx"), subject to certain changes. *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 58904, 73 FR 67218 (November 13, 2008) (File No. 4–533).

⁴On November 18, 2008, ISE filed with the Commission an amendment to the Plan to add ISE as a member to the Plan. *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 59024 (November 26, 2008), 73 FR 74538 (December 8, 2008) (File No. 4–533).

^{1 15} U.S.C. 78k–1(a)(3).

² 17 CFR 242.608.

requirements of Section I(c) of the Plan. Specifically, an SRO may become a party to the Symbology Plan if: (i) It maintains a market for the listing or trading of Plan Securities,⁵ in accordance with rules approved by the Commission, which securities are identified by one, two, or three character symbols, on the one hand, or four or five character symbols, on the other hand, in each case prior to any suffix or special conditional identifier; (ii) it signs a current copy of the Plan; and (iii) it pays to the other parties a proportionate share of the aggregate development costs, based upon the number of symbols reserved by the new party during the first twelve (12) months of such party's membership.⁶

The NYSE Group Exchanges and CBOE have submitted a signed copy of the Symbology Plan to the Commission in accordance with the requirement set forth in the Symbology Plan regarding new parties to the plan.

II. Effectiveness of the Proposed Symbology Plan Amendment

The foregoing proposed Symbology Plan amendments have become effective pursuant to Rule 608(b)(3)(iii) 7 because it involves solely technical or ministerial matters. At any time within sixty days of the filing of these amendments, the Commission may summarily abrogate the amendment and require that it be refiled pursuant to paragraph (b)(1) of Rule 608,8 if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors or the maintenance of fair and orderly markets, to remove impediments to, and perfect the mechanisms of, a national market system or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

III. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether these amendments are consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

 Use the Commission's Internet comment form (*http://www.sec.gov/* rules/sro.shtml); or

⁶ Sections I(c) and IV(a) of the Plan.

717 CFR 242.608(b)(3)(iii).

8 17 CFR 242.608(b)(1).

• Send an e-mail to rulecomments@sec.gov. Please include File Number 4–533 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

• Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number 4–533. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (http://www.sec.gov/rules/ sro.shtml). 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 in the Commission's Public Reference Room, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number 4-533 and should be submitted on or before January 23, 2009.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.9

Florence E. Harmon,

Acting Secretary. [FR Doc. E8-31205 Filed 12-31-08; 8:45 am]

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-59165; File No. S7-35-08]

Order Pursuant to Section 36 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 **Granting Temporary Exemptions From** Sections 5 and 6 of the Exchange Act for Broker-Dealers and Exchanges Effecting Transactions in Credit **Default Swaps**

December 24, 2008.

I. Background

In response to the recent turmoil in the financial markets, the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has taken multiple actions to protect investors and ensure the integrity of the nation's securities markets.¹ Today, we are taking further action designed to address concerns related to the market in credit default swaps ("CDS"). The over-the-counter ("OTC") market for CDS has been a source of concerns to us and other financial regulators. These concerns include the systemic risk posed by CDS, highlighted by the possible inability of parties to meet their obligations as counterparties and the potential resulting adverse effects on

917 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

⁵ "Plan Securities" are defined in the Symbology Plan as securities that: (i) Are NMS securities as currently defined in Rule 600(a)(46) under the Act; and (ii) any other equity securities quoted, traded and/or trade reported through an SRO facility.

¹ A nonexclusive list of the Commission's actions to stabilize financial markets during this credit crisis includes: Adopting a package of measures to strengthen investor protections against naked short selling, including rules requiring a hard T+3 closeout, eliminating the options market maker exception of Regulation SHO, and expressly targeting fraud in short selling transactions (See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 58572 (September 17, 2008), 73 FR 54875 (September 23, 2008)); issuing an emergency order to enhance protections against naked short selling in the securities of primary dealers, Fannie Mae, and Freddie Mac (See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 58166 (July 15, 2008), 73 FR 42379 (July 21, 2008)); taking temporary emergency action to ban short selling in financial securities (See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 58592 (September 18, 2008), 73 FR 55169 (September 24, 2008)); approving emergency rulemaking to ensure disclosure of short positions by hedge funds and other institutional money managers (See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 58591A (September 21, 2008), 73 FR 55557 (September 25, 2008)); proposing rules to strengthen the regulation of credit rating agencies and making the limits and purposes of credit ratings clearer to investors (See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 57967 (June 16, 2008), 73 FR 36212 (June 25, 2008); entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System ("FRB") to make sure key federal financial regulators share information and coordinate regulatory activities in important areas of common interest (See Memorandum of Understanding Between the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System Regarding Coordination and Information Sharing in Areas of Common Regulatory and Supervisory Interest (July 7, 2008), http://www.sec.gov/news/press/2008/2008-134_mou.pdf).