

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to Ronald W. Melton, Chief, Operations Support Division, Retirement and Insurance Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 3349, Washington, DC 20415-3540.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION CONTACT: Cyrus S. Benson, Team Leader, Desktop Publishing and Printing Team, Budget and Administrative Services Division, (202) 606-0623.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Kay Coles James,
Director.

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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL
MANAGEMENT**

**Proposed Collection; Comment
Request for Review of an Information
Collection: SF 2817**

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for review of an information collection. SF 2817, Life Insurance Election, is used by employees and assignees (those who have acquired ownership and control of an employee's or annuitant's coverage through the enrollee's assignment of life insurance). The form is used as the official agency record of the individual's coverage and enrollment status under the Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance (FEGLI) program, and as acknowledgment and authorization by the individual for collection from him or her of the enrollee share of the premium contributions.

Comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the Office of Personnel Management, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Approximately 100 forms are completed annually by assignees. Each form takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. The annual estimated burden is 25 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, FAX (202) 418-3251 or via e-mail to mbtoomey@opm.gov. Please include a mailing address with your request.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received within 60 calendar days from the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to: Christopher N. Meuchner, Insurance Policy and Information Division, Retirement and Insurance Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 3425, Washington, DC 20415-3660.

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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL
MANAGEMENT**

**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request for Reclearance of
a Revised Information Collection: RI
98-7**

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for reclearance of a revised information collection. RI 98-7, We Need Important Information About Your Eligibility for Social Security Disability Benefits, is used by OPM to verify receipt of Social Security Administration (SSA) disability benefits, to lessen or avoid overpayment to Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) disability retirees. It notifies the annuitant of the responsibility to notify OPM if SSA benefits begin and the overpayment that will occur with the receipt of both benefits.

Approximately 3,000 RI 98-7 forms will be completed annually. We

estimate it takes approximately 5 minutes to complete the form. The annual burden is 250 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, FAX (202) 418-3251 or Email to mbtoomey@opm.gov. Please include your mailing address with your request.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before January 16, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to—

Lawrence P. Holman, Acting Chief, FERS Division, Retirement and Insurance Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 3313, Washington, DC 20415-3520; and Stuart Shapiro, OPM Desk Officer, Office of Information & Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION CONTACT: Cyrus Benson, Team Leader, Desktop Publishing and Printing Team, Budget and Administrative Services Division, (202) 606-0623.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Kay Coles James,
Director.

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION**

[File No. 500-1]

**In the Matter of e-Smart Technologies,
Inc.; Order of Suspension of Trading**

December 12, 2002.

It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), based on information provided by the staff, that there is a lack of adequate and accurate information concerning the management, business practices and results of operations of e-Smart Technologies, Inc. ("e-Smart"). The securities of e-Smart Technologies, Inc. are quoted on the Pink Sheets under the symbol ESMT. Information has been provided to the Commission raising concerns as to the adequacy and accuracy of e-Smart's publicly disseminated information concerning, among other things, e-Smart's results of operations, contractual relationships, ownership of technology assets, and projected revenues and profits.

The Commission is of the opinion that the public interest and the protection of

investors require a suspension of trading in the securities of e-Smart.

Therefore, it is ordered that, pursuant to section 12(k) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act"), trading in the securities of e-Smart is suspended for the period from 9:30 a.m. e.s.t. December 13, 2002, through 11:59 p.m. e.s.t., on December 27, 2002.

By the Commission.

J. Lynn Taylor,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-46983; File No. SR-Amex-2002-95]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of Proposed Rule Change by the American Stock Exchange LLC Relating to Member Notifications Required in Connection With Offerings and Distributions of Amex-Listed Securities

December 11, 2002.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on November 18, 2002, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons and to grant accelerated approval of the proposed rule change.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange has proposed new Amex Rules 193(f) and 570A that would require notification to Amex by members and member organizations in connection with offerings and distributions of Amex-listed securities. The text of the proposed rule change is as follows; new text is underlined:

Affiliated Persons of Specialists

Rule 193. (a) through (e): No change.
(f)(i) *An approved person associated with a specialist member organization ("Affiliated Specialist") that is entitled to an exemption from certain Exchange*

rules pursuant to Exchange Rule 193 shall notify the Exchange of its participation in any distribution or tender or exchange offer of any security covered by paragraph (f)(ii) of this rule, in such form and within such time frame as may be prescribed by the Exchange and shall provide the information required below:

1. name of security
2. symbol
3. type of security
4. symbol of reference security or securities (if different from security being distributed)
5. description of distribution or tender or exchange offer
6. distribution price or terms of tender or exchange offer
7. date of pricing
8. time of pricing
9. pricing basis (e.g., Amex or consolidated close)
10. beginning and ending dates of the restricted period under Regulation M (if applicable) or, for a tender or exchange offer, the date the offer is publicly announced and its expiration date
11. firm submitting notification
12. name and title of individual submitting notification
13. telephone number
14. such other information as the Exchange may from time to time require.

(ii) *The notification requirements of this rule are applicable to any security in which the Affiliated specialist is registered where such security is either:*

1. *the subject of a tender or exchange offer (or any other security which is immediately convertible into or exchangeable for such security) for purposes of Rule 14e-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; or*
2. *a covered security as defined in Rule 100 of Regulation M.*

* * * Commenatry

No change.

Notification Requirements for Offerings of Listed Securities

Rule 570A. (a) *A member or member organization which acts as the lead underwriter of any offering in a listed security shall notify the Exchange of such offering in such form and within such time frame as may be prescribed by the Exchange and shall provide the information required below:*

1. name of security
2. symbol
3. type of security
4. number of shares offered
5. offering price
6. date of pricing
7. time of pricing
8. pricing basis (e.g., Amex or Consolidated close)

9. *beginning and ending dates of the restricted period under Regulation M (if applicable)*

10. *syndicate members*
11. *firm submitting notification*
12. *name of individual submitting notification*
13. *telephone number*
14. *such other information as the Exchange may from time to time require.*

(ii) *The notification requirements of this rule are applicable to any security in which the Affiliated Specialist is registered where such security is either:*

1. *the subject of a tender or exchange offer (or any other security which is immediately convertible into or exchangeable for such security) for purposes of Rule 14e-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; or*
2. *a covered security as defined in Rule 100 of Regulation M.*

* * * Commentary

No change.

Notification Requirements for Offerings of Listed Securities

Rule 570A. (a) *A member or member organization which acts as the lead underwriter of any offering in a listed security shall notify the Exchange of such offering in such form and within such time frame as may be prescribed by the Exchange and shall provide the information required below:*

1. name of security
2. symbol
3. type of security
4. number of share offered
5. offering price
6. date of pricing
7. time of pricing
8. pricing basis (e.g., Amex or Consolidated close)
9. *beginning and ending dates of the restricted period under Regulation M (if applicable)*
10. *syndicate members*
11. *firm submitting notification*
12. *name of individual submitting notification*
13. *telephone number*
14. *such other information as the Exchange may from time to time require.*

(b) *Any Exchange member or member organization effecting a syndicate covering transaction or imposing a penalty bid or placing or transmitting a stabilizing bid in a listed security shall provide prior notice of such to the Exchange in such format and within such time frame as the Exchange may from time to time require.*

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¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.