

MICHIGAN CORPORATION & SECURITIES BUREAU

RELEASE NO. 92-1-S

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

SUBJECT: International Manual Exemption

General Background:

Section 402(b)(2)(A) of the Michigan Uniform Securities Act provides that listing in a recognized securities manual, coupled with the other specified requirements, may serve as a basis for exemption for non-issuer distributions. Securities manuals which have been recognized by the Michigan Corporation and Securities Bureau are listed in Rule 451.802.2. Currently, none of the recognized manuals are international in nature. The Bureau has been made aware of the fact that this lack of an international manual is having a significant adverse effect upon the brokerage communities' ability to make offerings of high quality foreign issuers available to Michigan investors. Thirty-five states have recognized Moody's International Manual listings as a basis for exemption under their manual exemption provisions. Moody's International Manual is accepted as listing quality foreign issuers. It provides corporate descriptions identical in format and coverage to those in Moody's other manuals which are already listed as recognized by the Bureau in Rule 451.802.2.

Action or Interpretation:

In order to alleviate the unwarranted impact of precluding broker-dealers from making foreign issues of reasonable quality available to Michigan investors, the Corporation and Securities Bureau hereby recognizes Moody's International Manual for purposes of the exemption pursuant to Section 402(b)(2)). The Bureau will move to amend Rule 451.802.2 at its first opportunity to add this recognized manual to those listed in this rule.

AUTHORITY:

Act 265 of 1964.

Signed by Carl L. Tyson, Director
Corporation & Securities Bureau

Dated: May 18, 1992