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## Division 30—Secretary of State

## Chapter 54—Exemptions and Federal Covered Securities

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15 CSR 30-54.010 General

PURPOSE: This rule prescribes general policies and procedures applicable to exemptions from the registration of securities.

(1) The commissioner may render interpretative opinions upon the request of applicants with respect to the availability of any exemption (section 409.6-605(d) of the Missouri Securities Act of 2003 (the Act)). For fees, see 15 CSR 30-50.030. The opinions of the commissioner do not constitute any approval of the securities or transactions concerned and it is unlawful for an applicant to represent to any prospective purchaser, customer or client that the commissioner has announced approval (section 409.5-506, RSMo).

(2) The burden of proof that the offer and sale of large blocks of securities by any person or of any securities by controlling persons (15 CSR 30-50.010(1)(H)) is not directly or indirectly for the benefit of the issuer and therefore eligible for the nonissuer exemptions of section 409.2-202 of the Act, is upon the person claiming the exemption (section 409.5-503, RSMo). For purposes of this rule, sales of securities in accordance with rule 144 or any similar rule promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933 are deemed to be not directly or indirectly for the benefit of the issuer.

(3) All issuers who effect sales of securities pursuant to the exemptions specified in sections 409.2-210(7) and 409.2-203 shall preserve the following records during the period of six (6) years following the completion of the sales:

(A) A copy of the application for the exemption and all exhibits to the application;

(B) A copy of all literature by which the issuer made disclosure to offerees of the offers for sale;

(C) Original copies of all communications received and copies of all communications sent by the issuer pertaining to the offer, sale and transfer of the securities, including purchase agreements and confirmations; and

(D) A list of the names and addresses of all persons to whom the securities were sold, the type and amount of securities sold to each, the consideration paid or promised by each, the method of payment, for example, cash, check, property, services, note and the name of each person(s) who represented the issuer in effecting each sale.


*Original authority: 409.2-202, RSMo 2003; 409.2-203, RSMo 2003; 409.5-503, RSMo 2003; 409.6-605, RSMo 2003.

15 CSR 30-54.015 Notice Filings for Investment Companies

PURPOSE: This rule prescribes the notice to be filed for investment companies as federal covered securities.

(1) The initial notice required under section 409.3-302(a), to be filed for investment companies, that include an open-end or closed-end investment company, unit investment trust or face amount certificate company, as those persons are classified in the Investment Company Act of 1940, shall consist of the following:

(A) The Uniform Investment Company Notice Filing Form (Form NF) and accompanying documents;

(B) Form U-2, Consent to Service of Process; and

(C) The fee described in 15 CSR 30-50.030.

(2) No documents filed by investment companies with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission need to be filed with the notice described in section (1) above.

(3) Annual Sales Report or Termination. For investment companies, the following notice shall be filed with the division when applicable:

(A) An annual sales report on the Form NF and the fee described in 15 CSR 30-50.030 within sixty (60) days of the company’s fiscal year end; or

(B) A termination notice on the Form NF and the fee described in 15 CSR 30-50.030 (this notice needs to be filed with the division on the completion of the offering in Missouri).

(4) Renewals. The annual renewal for investment companies shall consist of the Form NF and a one hundred dollar ($100) filing fee. This notice needs to be filed with the division within thirty (30) days before the anniversary of the company’s effective date in Missouri or at the time of the company’s fiscal year end.

(5) Amendments. During the period of the offering, the investment company shall take steps necessary to insure that all material information contained in the notice remains current and accurate.


*Original authority: 409.3-302, RSMo 2003; 409.6-605, RSMo 2003.

15 CSR 30-54.020 Government Issued or Guaranteed Securities

PURPOSE: This rule prescribes policies and procedures applicable to filings for the exemption of government issued or guaranteed securities.

(1) Any security (including a revenue obligation), for the purposes of section 409.2-201(1) of the Missouri Securities Act of 2003, shall be construed to include loan or lease arrangement guarantees, as well as revenue obligations to which they relate.


*Original authority: 409.2-201, RSMo 2003; 409.6-605, RSMo 2003.
15 CSR 30-54.030 Bank, Savings Institution or Trust Company Securities
(Rescinded February 29, 2004)


15 CSR 30-54.040 Federal Savings and Loan Association or State Building and Loan or Similar Association Securities
(Rescinded February 29, 2004)


15 CSR 30-54.050 Railroad, Other Common Carrier, Public Utility and Holding Company Securities

PURPOSE: This rule prescribes policies applicable to the exemption of securities of railroads, other common carriers, public utilities and holding companies.

(1) A common carrier, for the purposes of section 409.2-201(5) of the Missouri Securities Act of 2003 (the Act), shall be construed to include a contract carrier (section 3(a)(6), Securities Act of 1933; Section 214, Interstate Commerce Act, as amended).


*Original authority: 409.2-201, RSMo 2003; 409.6-605, RSMo 2003.

15 CSR 30-54.060 Stock Exchange Listed Securities

PURPOSE: This rule prescribes policies applicable to the exemption on approved stock exchanges of securities listed or approved for listing upon notice of issuance.

(1) Stock exchanges specified by or approved under section 409.2-202(6) of the Missouri Securities Act of 2003 are as follows:
(A) The Chicago Stock Exchange;
(B) The Chicago Board Options Exchange;
(C) Tier I or II of the Pacific Stock Exchange; and
(D) Tier I of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc.


*Original authority: 409.2-201, RSMo 2003; 409.6-605, RSMo 2003.

15 CSR 30-54.070 Not-for-Profit Securities

PURPOSE: This rule adopts a new rule that complies with the Missouri Securities Act of 2003 and that describes the terms and conditions of the request for exemption authorization under section 409.2-201(7)(B) of the Missouri Securities Act of 2003 that became effective September 1, 2003.

PUBLISHER’S NOTE: The secretary of state has determined that the publication of the entire text of the material which is incorporated by reference as a portion of this rule would be unduly cumbersome or expensive. Therefore, the material which is so incorporated is on file with the agency who filed this rule, and with the Office of the Secretary of State. Any interested person may view this material at either agency’s headquarters or the same will be made available at the Office of the Secretary of State at a cost not to exceed actual cost of copy reproduction. The entire text of the rule is printed here. This note refers only to the incorporated by reference material.

(1) The Securities Division will apply the applicable statement of policy adopted by the North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc. (NASAA) as listed in section (2) below when reviewing requests for exemption authorization pursuant to section 409.2-201(7)(B) of the Missouri Securities Act of 2003 (the Act).

(2) The following statements of policy are hereby incorporated by reference:
(A) Church Bonds as adopted by NASAA on April 14, 2002; and
(B) Guidelines for General Obligations Financing by Religious Denominations as adopted by NASAA on April 17, 1994.

(3) Cross-Reference Sheet. If requested by the Securities Division, a request for exemption authorization shall include a cross-reference table to indicate compliance with, or deviation from, the various sections of the applicable NASAA statement of policy.

(4) Documents. The request for exemption shall include the documents listed in section II.A.3. of the NASAA Statement of Policy Regarding Church Bonds.

(5) Sales Literature. All sales and advertising literature shall be filed with the Securities Division prior to use and shall comply with the applicable NASAA statement of policy.

(6) Filing Fee. Each request for exemption under section 409.201(7)(B), RSMo shall include a filing fee of one hundred dollars ($100) as specified in Missouri regulation 15 CSR 30-50.030.

(7) Effective Period. The securities that qualify for the exemption under section 409.2-201(7)(B), RSMo are exempt when ordered by the commissioner. The exemption is effective for one (1) year from the date that the securities were ordered to be exempt by the commissioner.

(8) Renewal. If the securities offering is not completed during the effective period, an issuer can renew the exemption by submitting to the commissioner a written request for renewal that includes any amendments to any documents filed with the request for the exemption and a fee of one hundred dollars ($100). The renewal must be filed with the commissioner within thirty (30) days before the end of the one (1) year effective date. With each renewal, the commissioner may
 require a cross-reference sheet to demonstrate compliance with the applicable NASAA statement of policy.


*Original authority: 409.2-201, RSMo 2003; 409.6-605, RSMo 2003.*

**15 CSR 30-54.080 Commercial Paper Securities**

(Rescinded February 29, 2004)


*Original authority: 409.2-202, RSMo 2003; 409.6-605, RSMO 2003.*

**15 CSR 30-54.090 Employees' Benefit Plan Securities**

(Rescinded February 29, 2004)


*Original authority: 409.2-202, RSMo 2003; 409.6-605, RSMo 2003.*

**15 CSR 30-54.100 Manual Exemption**

**PURPOSE:** This rule prescribes recognized securities manuals and policies applicable to nonissuer distributions of securities of issuers reported in the manuals.

1. For the purpose of the manual exemption (section 409.2-202(2)(D) of the Missouri Securities Act of 2003 (the Act)), the following securities manual(s) or portions of the manual(s) is recognized: Fitch Rating Register.

2. The exemption specified in section 409.2-202(2)(D) of the Act shall be available only when a recognized manual has contained the required information for a period of not less than ninety (90) days prior to the transaction.


*Original authority: 409.2-202, RSMo 2003; 409.6-605, RSMo 2003.*

**15 CSR 30-54.120 Mortgage-Note Exemption**

**PURPOSE:** This rule prescribes policies on the availability of the exemption of evidence of indebtedness and the related security documents offered or sold as a unit.

1. The exemption specified in section 409.2-202(11) of the Missouri Securities Act of 2003 shall not be considered to extend to any transaction in a security in the nature of an investment contract or profit-sharing agreement.


*Original authority: 409.2-202, RSMo 2003; 409.6-605, RSMo 2003.*

**15 CSR 30-54.110 Unsolicited Order to Buy Exemption**

**PURPOSE:** This rule prescribes procedures applicable to the exemption of nonissuer transactions affected by or through a registered broker-dealer pursuant to an unsolicited order to buy.

1. Any purchaser acquiring a security pursuant to the exemption specified in section 409.2-202(6) of the Missouri Securities Act of 2003 shall acknowledge in writing that his/her order to buy was unsolicited; provided, that no such acknowledgment shall be required if the confirmation furnished the purchaser is clearly marked “Unsolicited Order” or the broker-dealer furnishes the purchaser before or concurrently with the delivery of the confirmation a memorandum stating that the transaction is based upon an unsolicited order to buy.


**5 CSR 30-54.125 Institutional Buyer Exemption**

(Rescinded February 29, 2004)


*Original authority: 409.2-202, RSMo 2003; 409.6-605, RSMo 2003.*
15 CSR 30-54.130 Limited Offering Exemption

PURPOSE: This rule prescribes the meaning of terms and conditions used in the transactional exemption of section 409.2-202(14) under the Missouri Securities Act of 2003.

(1) In determining the number of purchasers under section 409.2-202(14)(A), RSMo, purchasers shall include as many persons as there are record and beneficial owners of equity interests in any corporation, partnership, association, joint stock company, trust, limited liability company or unincorporated organization or other entity organized for the purpose of owning those securities of the issuer or which is merely a medium through or by which an individual invests or trades in securities and where that entity has no other substantial business. A tenancy by the entirety is one (1) person.

(2) General solicitation under section 409.2-202(14)(B), RSMo does not include an offer to sell or sale of securities where the offeree or the seller is the issuer or an agent of the issuer and the offeree or seller has a familial or substantive preexisting relationship with the offeree or purchaser.


15 CSR 30-54.150 Suggested Form of Investment Letter

PURPOSE: This rule suggests the form for compliance with the requirement of an investment undertaking in clause (B), section 409.402(b)(10), RSMo 1986.

(Name and Address of Issuer)

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is a statement of my intention to purchase (description of securities) of the (issuer) knowing that said (securities) are not registered for offer or sale under the Missouri Securities Act of 2003 (Chapter 409, RSMo).

Pursuant to subsection (D), of section 409.2-202(14) of the Missouri Securities Act of 2003, I hereby represent that I am purchasing said (securities) solely for investment and do not intend to divide my participation with others or to resell or otherwise dispose of all or any part of said (securities) in Missouri. In making the foregoing representations I understand that the statutory exemption of section 409.2-202(14) of the Missouri Securities Act of 2003 would not be available if I were acquiring said (securities) for resale or other disposition upon the occurrence or nonoccurrence of some predetermined event.

I acknowledge that the (issuer) is relying on the statutory exemption of section 409.2-202(14) of the Missouri Securities Act of 2003, and is basing his/her reliance in part on my said representations.

Further, I acknowledge that, unless said (securities) are registered under the Missouri Securities Act of 2003, I may not resell, hypothecate, transfer or assign or make other disposition of said (securities) in the state of Missouri, except in transactions exempted from the registration requirements of the Act.

I have received and examined financial statements of the (issuer) for the (period or periods) and (other data) which I consider sufficient to enable me to form a decision concerning my purchase.

(Name and Address of Purchaser)


15 CSR 30-54.160 Offers to Existing Security Holders Exemption

(Rescinded February 29, 2004)


15 CSR 30-54.170 Preeffective Offer Exemption

PURPOSE: This rule prescribes policies applicable to the availability of transactional exemptions to offers of securities as to which registration statements have been filed under both the Securities Act of 1933 and Chapter 409, RSMo.

(1) The exemption specified in section 409.2-202(16) of the Missouri Securities Act of 2003 (the Act) shall not be available to any offer made after the later of either effectiveness of registration under the Act or effectiveness of the registration statement filed under the Securities Act of 1933.


*Original authority: 409.2-202, RSMo 2003; 409.6-605, RSMo 2003.

15 CSR 30-54.180 Securities and Exchange Commission Registration Nonissuer Exemption

(Rescinded February 11, 1979)


15 CSR 30-54.183 Exemption for Reporting Company Securities

PURPOSE: This rule prescribes the circumstances under which certain transactions in securities of reporting companies are exempted from the registration requirements of the Missouri Securities Act of 2003.

(1) The exemption specified in section 409.2-202(4) of the Missouri Securities Act of 2003 shall be available only when the reports filed under Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 have been on file for a period of not less than ninety (90) days prior to the transaction.


*Original authority: 409.2-202, RSMo 2003; 409.6-605, RSMo 2003.

15 CSR 30-54.190 New Generation Processing Entity Exemption

PURPOSE: This rule complies with the Missouri Securities Act of 2003 and prescribes the qualifications for the exemption under the Missouri Securities Act of 2003 for securities issued by and representing an interest in a new generation processing entity.

(1) Definition. A “new generation processing entity” shall be defined as an “eligible new generation processing entity” as defined under section 348.432.1(4), RSMo which defines the term as a partnership, corporation, cooperative, or limited liability company organized or incorporated pursuant to the laws of this state consisting of not less than twelve (12) members, approved by the Missouri Agricultural and Small Business Development Authority, for the purpose of owning or operating within this state a development facility or a renewable fuel production facility in which producer members:

(A) Hold a majority of the governance or voting rights of the entity and any governing committee;

(B) Control the hiring of management; and

(C) Deliver agricultural commodities or products to the entity for processing, unless processing is required by multiple entities.

(2) Securities Exemption. The commissioner, pursuant to the provisions of section 409.2-203, RSMo, exempts from the registration requirements of section 409.3-301, RSMo securities issued by and representing an interest in a new generation processing entity if:

(A) A notice filing by the new generation processing entity is made with the commissioner that consists of the following:

1. A completed Form SE-1, Statement of Claim for the Exemption of Securities of a New Generation Processing Entity;

2. A completed Form U-2, Consent to Service of Process;

3. A completed Form U-2A, Uniform Form of Corporate Resolution;

4. A copy of the prospectus or offering document that shall have a minimum disclosure consisting of the following:

A. The name and address of the issuer;

B. The type of security being issued;

C. The total amount of securities being issued;

D. A risk factors section;

E. A description of the business or proposed business;

F. An itemized use of proceeds;

G. A plan of distribution section;

H. A summary of capitalization; and

I. Historical financial statements of the issuer for the past three (3) fiscal years or since the issuer’s inception, whichever is shorter, that are in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and have been reviewed by a certified public accountant. If the balance sheet in the above financial statements is more than one hundred twenty (120) days old on the date of making the notice filing or if the issuer has not completed its first fiscal year, reviewed financial statements not more than one hundred twenty (120) days old shall be included and in conformity with GAAP;

5. A copy of the bylaws, operating agreement or similar document;

6. A copy of any advertising materials or any summaries of the offering document to be used in the offer or sale of the securities in Missouri;

7. A copy of any underwriting or selling agreements;

8. A copy of the subscription agreement; and

9. A filing fee of one hundred dollars ($100);

(B) All proceeds raised by the new generation processing entity from the sale of securities pursuant to this exemption are held in escrow until the Missouri Agricultural and Small Business Development Authority provides final approval to the new generation processing entity for the new generation cooperative incentive tax credits. If the Missouri Agricultural and Small Business Development Authority does not provide final approval to the new generation processing entity for the new generation cooperative incentive tax credits, then the proceeds raised by new generation processing entity from the offer and sale of its securities under this exemption will be returned to investors.

(3) The securities of the new generation processing entity qualifying for the exemption under this regulation are exempt when ordered by the commissioner.

(4) Effective Period. The exemption under this regulation for the securities issued by or representing an interest in a new generation processing entity is effective for one (1) year from the date that the securities were ordered to be exempt by the commissioner.

(5) Amendments. The new generation processing entity shall file all amendments with the division in which there has been a material change to documents previously filed with the division. The new generation processing entity shall file with the division all advertising materials to be used in the offer or sale of the securities exempt under this regulation.

(6) Renewal. If the securities offering is not completed during the effective period, an issuer can renew the exemption by submitting to the commissioner a written request for renewal that includes any amendments to any documents filed with the notice filing and a
fee of one hundred dollars ($100). The renewal needs to be received by the commissioner within thirty (30) days before the end of the one (1) year effective date.

(7) Any new generation processing entity that meets the qualifications of the exemption under section 409.2-201(8), RSMo can rely on the exemption of section 409.2-201(8), RSMo and need not qualify for the exemption under this regulation.


*Original authority: 409.2-203, RSMo 2003; 409.6-605, RSMo 2003.

15 CSR 30-54.200 Transactional Exemption for Oil, Gas or Mining
(Rescinded November 11, 1984)


15 CSR 30-54.210 Notice Filings for Transactions under Regulation D, Rules 505 and 506

PURPOSE: This rule prescribes the policies and procedures applicable to transactions in Missouri under Regulation D, Rules 505 and 506.

(1) Rule 505.

(A) Pursuant to section 409.2-203 of the Missouri Securities Act of 2003 (the Act), transactions that are exempt securities under 17 CFR 230.505 are exempt from section 409.3-301, RSMo. As a condition of this exemption, the issuer shall comply with the requirements in section (3) below.

(B) Disqualification. The exemption under subsection (1)(A) is not available to an issuer if the issuer, any of the issuer’s predecessors, any affiliated issuer, any of the issuer’s directors, officers, general partners, beneficial owners of ten percent (10%) or more of any class of its equity securities, any of the issuer’s promoters presently connected with the issuer in any capacity, any underwriter of the securities to be offered, or any partner, director or officer of such underwriter:

1. Within the last five (5) years, has filed a registration statement which is the subject of a currently effective registration stop order entered by any state securities administrator or the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission;

2. Within the last five (5) years, has been convicted of any criminal offense in connection with the offer, purchase or sale of any security, or involving fraud or deceit;

3. Is currently subject to any state or federal administrative enforcement order or judgment, entered within the last five (5) years, finding fraud or deceit in connection with the purchase or sale of any security; or

4. Is currently subject to any order, judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, entered within the last five (5) years, temporarily, preliminary or permanently restraining or enjoining such party from engaging in or continuing to engage in any conduct or practice involving fraud or deceit in connection with the purchase or sale of any security;

(C) Subsection (1)(B) shall not apply if:

1. The party subject to the disqualification is licensed or registered to conduct securities related business in the state in which the order, judgment or decree creating the disqualification was entered against such party;

2. Before the first offer under this exemption, the state securities administrator, or the court or regulatory authority that entered the order, judgment, or decree, waives the disqualification; or

3. The issuer establishes that it did not know and in the exercise of reasonable care, based on a factual inquiry, could not have known that a disqualification existed under this subsection.

(D) Each notice shall be filed with the division no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the first sale of the securities in Missouri. A cover letter should be included in the notice filing which states the date in which the first sale of securities had occurred in Missouri.

(4) Amendments. During the period of the offering, the issuer shall take steps necessary to insure that all material information contained in the notice filing remains current and accurate.


*Original authority: 409.2-203, RSMo 2003; 409.3-302, RSMo 2003; 409.6-605, RSMo 2003.

15 CSR 30-54.215 Accredited Investor Exemption

PURPOSE: This rule exempts offers and sales to accredited investors from the requirements of sections 409.3-301 of the Missouri Securities Act of 2003.

(1) The commissioner, pursuant to the provisions of section 409.2-203 of the Missouri Securities Act of 2003 (the Act), exempts the following transactions from the requirements...
of sections 409.3-301 of the Act: Any offer or sale of securities to a person meeting the requirements of rule 230.501(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, when the broker-dealer or issuer relying upon that exemption obtains a statement signed by the investor that the security is not registered and may be disposed of only through a licensed broker-dealer. The statement also shall advise the investor that it is a felony to sell securities in violation of the Missouri Securities Act of 2003.

(2) No transaction in a certificate of interest or participation, including a limited partnership interest, in an oil, gas or mining title or lease, or in payments out of production or under that title or lease shall be exempted by this rule.

(3) No exemption under this rule shall be available for a transaction if either the issuer or any broker-dealer offering or selling the securities is or would be disqualified under 15 CSR 30-54.210(1)(B).


15 CSR 30-54.220 Transaction Exemption for Securities Listed on Certain Quotation Systems

PURPOSE: This rule prescribes the circumstances under which transactions in securities listed on the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., Automated Quotation System (NASDAQ) and any other security of the same issuer that is of senior or substantially equal rank, any security called for by subscription rights or warrants or any warrant or right to purchase or subscribe to any of the foregoing securities;

(B) The administrator shall have the authority, after notice and hearing and upon written Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law subject to judicial review:

1. To terminate this exemption if the administrator finds that the designation standards have been so changed or insufficiently applied that the protection of investors contemplated by the original designation standards is no longer afforded;
2. To deny the exemption from registration of, or revoke, a specific issue of securities; and
3. To deny the exemption by rulemaking to a category of securities when necessitated by the public interest and for the protection of investors; and

(C) For purposes of the exemption granted in this section of the Act, the commissioner shall apply the following standards for designation of additional quotation systems:

1. The association providing the automated quotation system (association) shall require at least the following standards to be met for designation of securities of an issuer on the quotation system:

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The rules of each association shall require at least two (2) authorized market makers for each issuer;

2. The association shall require at least the following minimum corporate governance standards for its domestic issuers:

A. Distribution of annual and interim reports.

(I) Each issuer shall distribute to shareholders copies of an annual report containing audited financial statements of the company and its subsidiaries. The report shall be distributed to shareholders a reasonable period of time prior to the company’s annual meeting of shareholders and shall be filed with the association at the time it is distributed to shareholders.

(II) Each issuer which is subject to U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Rule 13A-13 shall make available to shareholders copies of quarterly reports, including statements of operating results, either prior to or as soon as practicable following the company’s filing its Form 10-Q with the SEC. If the form of the quarterly report differs from the Form 10-Q, both the quarterly report and the Form 10-Q shall be filed with the association. The statement of operations contained in quarterly reports shall disclose, at a minimum, any substantial items of an unusual or nonrecurring nature and net income and the amount of estimated federal taxes.

(III) Each issuer which is subject to SEC Rule 13A-13 and which is required to file with the SEC or another federal or state regulatory authority interim reports relating primarily to operations and financial position, shall make available to shareholders reports which reflect the information contained in those interim reports. These reports shall be made available to shareholders either before or as soon as practicable following filing with the appropriate regulatory authority. If the form of the interim report made available to shareholders differs from that filed with the regulatory authority, both the report to shareholders and the report to the regulatory authority shall be filed with the association;

B. Independent directors. Each issuer shall maintain a minimum of two (2) independent directors on its board of directors. For purposes of subsection (1)(C), independent director shall mean a person other than an officer or employee of the company or its subsidiaries or any other individual having a relationship which, in the opinion of the board of directors, would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director;

C. Audit committee. Each issuer shall establish and maintain an audit committee, a majority of the members of which shall be independent directors;

D. Shareholder meetings. Each issuer shall hold an annual meeting of shareholders and shall provide notice of the meeting to the association;

E. Quorum. Each issuer shall provide for a quorum as specified in its bylaws for any meeting of the holders of common stock; provided, however, that in no case shall the quorum be less than thirty-three and one-third percent (33 1/3%) of the outstanding shares of the company’s common voting stock;

F. Solicitation of proxies. Each issuer shall solicit proxies and provide proxy statements for all meetings of shareholders and shall provide copies of the proxy solicitation to the association;

G. Conflicts of interest. Each issuer shall conduct an appropriate review of all
related party transactions on an ongoing basis and shall use the company’s audit committee or a comparable body for the review of potential conflict of interest situations where appropriate; and

H. Shareholder approval policy. Each issuer shall require shareholder approval of the issuance of securities in connection with the following:

(I) Options, plans or other special remuneration plans for directors, officers or key employees;

(II) Actions resulting in a change in control of the issuer; and

(III) The acquisition, direct or indirect, of a business, a company, tangible or intangible assets or property or securities representing any such interests—
   (a) From a director, officer or substantial security holder of the company (including its subsidiaries and affiliates) or from any company or party in which one of these persons has a direct or indirect interest; and
   (b) Where the present or potential issuance of common stock or securities convertible into common stock could result in an increase in outstanding common shares of twenty-five percent (25%) or more;

3. Voting rights.

A. The rules of each association shall provide as follows: No rule, stated policy, practice or interpretation of this association shall permit the designation on the NASDAQ System’s National Market (authorization), or the continuance of authorization, of any common stock or other equity security of a domestic issuer if, on or after July 7, 1988, the issuer of the security issues any class of security or takes other corporate action with the effect of nullifying, restricting or disparately reducing the per share voting rights of holders of an outstanding class(es) of common stock of the issuer registered pursuant to the following criteria to continue to be designated or authorized for quotation on the NASDAQ System:

1. The issuer of the security has net tangible assets of at least—
   (I) Two (2) million dollars if the issuer has sustained losses from continuing operations or net losses, or both, in two (2) of its three (3) most recent fiscal years; or
   (II) Four (4) million dollars if the issuer has sustained losses from continuing operations or net losses, or both, in three (3) of its four (4) most recent fiscal years;

2. There are at least two hundred thousand (200,000) publicly held shares;

3. The aggregate market value of publicly held shares is at least one (1) million dollars;

4. The associations promptly shall notify the commissioner of the revocation of designation of an issuer of securities by their marketplace; and

5. The marketplace receiving an exemption will use its best efforts to make available on a timely basis information from existing data bases regarding offerings of securities subject to the exemption.


*Original authority: 409.2-203, RSMo 2003; 409.6-605, RSMo 2003.

15 CSR 30-54.230 Exemption for Certain Unit Investment Trust Units

PURPOSE: This rule prescribes the circumstances under which certain transactions in unit investment trust units are exempted from the registration requirements of the Missouri Uniform Securities Act.

(1) The commissioner, pursuant to the provisions of section 409.402(c) of the Missouri Uniform Securities Act (the Act), RSMo exempts from the requirements of sections 409.301 and 409.303 of the Act any offer or sale of a unit investment trust after an initial bona fide sale of the unit and repurchase of it by a sponsor of the unit investment trust.


15 CSR 30-54.240 Missouri Issuer Exemption

PURPOSE: This rule exempts from registration certain transactions in securities offered to raise money to be used in Missouri.

PUBLISHER’S NOTE: The secretary of state has determined that the publication of the entire text of the material which is incorporated by reference as a portion of this rule would be unduly cumbersome or expensive. Therefore, the material which is so incorporated is on file with the agency who filed this rule, and with the Office of the Secretary of State. Any interested person may view this material at either agency’s headquarters or the same will be made available at the Office of the Secretary of State at a cost not to exceed actual cost of copy reproduction. The entire text of the rule is printed here. This note refers only to the incorporated by reference material.

(1) The commissioner, pursuant to the provisions of section 409.402(c), RSMo of the Missouri Uniform Securities Act (the Act) exempts from the requirements of sections 409.301 and 409.303 of the Act any offer or sale of common stock, limited partnership interests or debt securities of an issuer incorporated or organized as a corporation limited partnership under the laws of this state having, both before and upon completion of the offering, its principal office and a majority of its full-time employees located in this state, provided all the conditions set forth in this rule are met.

(A) Common stock limited partnership interests or debt securities, including small business participating debentures, with an aggregate offering price not in excess of five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000) may be sold to persons who satisfy the conditions set forth in paragraph (1)(A). 2., 3., 4. or 5. The aggregate offering price limitation includes all securities sold by the issuer within the twelve (12) months before the offering and all securities sold during the offering.

(b) No commission or other remuneration may be paid or given, directly or indirectly, for soliciting or selling to any person in this state in reliance on this exemption except to securities, broker-dealers and agents licensed in this state.

(C) The issuer or any broker-dealer offering or selling the securities is or would be disqualified under 15 CSR 30-54.210(1)(A). 1.

(D) An offering document meeting the disclosure requirements of Rule 502(b)(2) of Regulation D under the Securities Act of 1933 or 15 CSR 30-52.020 or the Small Corporate Offering Registration Form (Form U-7) as adopted April 29, 1989 by the North American Securities Administrator’s Association, Inc. or such other form as the commissioner may approve and either audited or reviewed or verified financial statements of the issuer (the verification shall state the financial statements are true and accurate to the best knowledge of the preparer, the accounting basis on which they were prepared, the capacity or relationship of the preparer to the issuer and shall be signed by the preparer) for the periods specified in section 409.304(b)(16) of the Act shall be delivered to each purchaser or prospective purchaser prior to the sale of the securities. When partnership securities are offered, the balance sheet of the general partner(s) shall be delivered as well as the financial statements of the partnership.

(E) The offering document shall provide that at least eighty percent (80%) of the net proceeds from the offering shall be used in connection with the operations of the issuer in this state.

(F) Any advertising relating to the offering may only be in the form set out at 15 CSR 30-53.010(3).

(G) Except as provided, that which follows in this subsection, securities purchased pursuant to this rule must be held by the purchaser until the earlier of two (2) years from the date of the purchase from the issuer or the date the issuer becomes subject to the reporting requirements of section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Notwithstanding the previous sentence of (1)(G), a purchaser at any time may transfer such security—i) To a person, trust or plan meeting the requirements of paragraph (1)(A).1., 2., 3., 4. or 5.; iii) To a corporation or other organization in which the purchaser and any of the persons specified previously in ii) own one hundred percent (100%) of the equity securities; iv) To any trust or estate in which the purchaser and any of the persons specified previously in ii) own one hundred percent (100%) of the beneficial interest; or v) To a trust in which the purchaser has a one hundred percent (100%) beneficial interest during his/her lifetime. These transferees shall be subject to the restrictions on transfer contained in this subsection (1)(G); provided, that the two (2)-year holding period shall begin on the date the securities were first purchased from the issuer. A legend shall be placed upon certificates for the security purchased pursuant to this rule referring to the restrictions on transfer contained in this subsection.

(H) The issuer or applicant shall file with the commissioner—1. The offering document to be used in connection with the offer and sale of the securities.
securities not later than the date of the first use in this state, together with the fee prescribed by 15 CSR 30-50.030(2)(F); and

2. A copy of any advertising, other than the offering document, to be used in connection with the offer and sale of securities not later than the date of its first use in this state and a copy of any material amendment to the offering document, not later than the date of its first use in this state.


15 CSR 30-54.250 Missouri Qualified Fund Exemption

PURPOSE: This rule provides an exemption for securities offered pursuant to section 100.390, RSMo when certain conditions are met.

(1) The commissioner, pursuant to the provisions of 409.2-203, RSMo, exempts the following securities from the requirements of sections 409.3-301 and 409.5-504 of the Missouri Securities Act of 2003 (the Act):

(A) Any securities issued by a qualified fund as defined in section 100.390, RSMo which shall be approved by one (1) or more qualified economic development organizations after a review by the Department of Economic Development and provided that the securities are sold pursuant to a disclosure document which has been filed with the Missouri commissioner of securities thirty (30) days prior to the offer or sale of the securities. The prospectus shall state on its cover in bold type that this is a high risk, speculative investment and that these securities are not approved by, guaranteed by or associated with Missouri;

(B) No commission or other remuneration may be paid or given directly or indirectly for soliciting or selling to any person in this state for reliance on this exemption except to securities brokers, dealers and agents licensed in this state;

(C) The applicants shall file with the commissioner a copy of the offering document, together with a fee of one hundred dollars ($100), as well as a copy of the contract with the economic development center which has approved the qualified fund; and

(D) The qualified fund shall make the following provisions:

1. No officer, director or employee of the fund shall have any interest in a company receiving money from the fund;

2. The fund agrees to seek input from the innovation center in its review of investment;

3. The fund would require any company receiving funding from it to agree to be a client of the innovation center at the discretion of the innovation center;

4. The fund would submit quarterly reports to the innovation center on the progress of the companies the fund invested in; and

5. Investors in the fund shall have an annual gross income of at least sixty thousand dollars ($60,000) and net worth of sixty thousand dollars ($60,000) or one hundred twenty thousand dollars ($120,000) net worth, exclusive of home, home furnishings and automobiles.


*Original authority: 49.2-203, RSMo 2003; 409.6-605, RSMo 2003.

15 CSR 30-54.260 Foreign Issuer Exemption

PURPOSE: This rule exempts the securities of foreign issuers that satisfy certain standards.

(1) The commissioner, pursuant to the provisions of section 409.2-203, RSMo of the Missouri Securities Act of 2003 (the Act), exempts the following transactions from the requirements of sections 409.3-301 and 409.5-504 of the Act:

(A) Any nonissuer transaction by a registered broker-dealer in a security traded on a foreign stock exchange, foreign automated quotation system or an American Depository Receipt; provided:

1. The security is sold at a price reasonably related to the current market price of that security at the time of the transaction;

2. The security does not constitute the whole or part of an unsold allotment to, or subscription or participation by, the broker-dealer as an underwriter of that security; and either

3. The securities qualify for inclusion on the list of foreign margin stocks compiled by the United States Federal Reserve Board and meet the requirements of section 220.11(c)–1 of Regulation T under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; or

4. At the time of the transaction, either Moody’s Investor Service, Moody’s International Manual or Standard & Poor’s Corporation Records contains a description of the issuer’s business or operations, the names of the issuer’s officers and directors or their corporate equivalents in the issuer’s country of domicile, an audited balance sheet of the issuer as of a date within eighteen (18) months and audited profit and loss statements for each of the issuer’s two (2) fiscal years immediately preceding that date; or

5. The security is senior in rank to the common stock of the issuer, both as to interest or dividends and upon liquidation, and the security has been outstanding in the hands of the public for at least five (5) years and the issuer has not defaulted during the current fiscal year or within the five (5) preceding years of the payment of principal, interest or dividend on the security;

(B) The exemption in subsection (1)(A) of this rule shall not be available for any security unless at the time of the transaction—

1. The security is a class which has been outstanding in the hands of the public for at least ninety (90) days;

2. The issuer of the security is a going concern actually engaged in business and not in the organizational stage or in bankruptcy or receivership;

3. The issuer of the security, including any predecessors, has been in continuous business or operations for at least five (5) years;

4. The issuer has net tangible assets, as reflected in the manual, of at least twenty (20) million dollars;

5. The issuer had an average net income after taxes, as reflected in the manual, of at least one (1) million dollars over the last three (3) years of operation; and

6. There are either two (2) or more authorized market makers for the issuer’s securities in the United States, or at least one (1) market maker who is registered as a broker-dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and has net capital of at least twenty-five (25) million dollars.

(2) In designating a foreign jurisdiction under section 409.2-202(23), RSMo the commissioner shall determine whether a foreign jurisdiction’s laws provide substantially similar protection to investors as is provided by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 with
respect to securities listed on a national securities exchange in the United States. The exchange in which designation is sought under this exemption shall file with the commissioner an undertaking to supply to him/her copies of public information in its files relating to any particular issuer whose securities are listed on the exchange if the commissioner requests such an undertaking. The commissioner will determine upon application by any interested party whether the laws of any particular country meet the standards of this provision.

(3) For purposes of section 409.2-202(23), RSMo, the Montreal Stock Exchange is a designated securities exchange.

_AUTHORITY:_ sections 409.2-202(23), 409.2-203 and 409.6-605, RSMo Supp. 2003.

15 CSR 30-54.280 Tax Credit Exemption

_PURPOSE:_ This rule facilitates the issuance of tax credits pursuant to section 135.400, RSMo.

(1) The commissioner, pursuant to the provisions of section 409.402(c), RSMo of the Missouri Uniform Securities Act (the Act), exempts from the requirements of sections 409.301 and 409.303 of the Act any offer or sale of securities by an issuer for which the following filing is made with the commissioner:

(A) Any offering document, sales or promotional material to be used in connection with the offer or sale of the securities;

(B) A document indicating that eighty percent (80%) of the net proceeds from the offering will be used in connection with the operations of the issuer in the state, and that an investment in the offering will be a qualified investment as defined in section 135.400, RSMo;

(C) A document indicating the provision for registration or exemption under the Act upon which the issuer is relying for the sale of securities; and

(D) The following information must be filed with the commissioner for the first two years after the offering document is declared effective under this rule:

1. The annual financial statements of the issuer;
2. All communications provided to investors by or on behalf of the issuer; and
3. An annual list of the names, addresses and the amounts of investment of all Missouri investors.

(2) An offering becomes exempt under this rule when the commissioner so orders.

_AUTHORITY:_ section 409.413(a), RSMo 1986.

15 CSR 30-54.290 Canadian-United States Cross-Border Trading Exemption

_PURPOSE:_ This rule prescribes transactions exempted pursuant to section 409.2-203, RSMo, for Canadians who are temporarily a resident in or visiting this state and persons in the state who are holders of or contributors to Canadian self-directed tax advantaged retirement accounts.

(1) Any offer or sale of a security effected by a Canadian broker-dealer exempted from broker-dealer registration pursuant to 15 CSR 30-51.180 is exempted from the securities registration requirements of section 409.3-301, RSMo.