

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940
Release No. 36075 / April 2, 2026

In the Matter of

JAPAN SMALLER CAPITALIZATION FUND, INC.
NOMURA ASSET MANAGEMENT U.S.A. INC.
309 West 49th Street
New York, NY 10019

(812-15948)

ORDER UNDER SECTION 6(c) OF THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940
GRANTING AN EXEMPTION FROM SECTION 19(b) OF THE ACT AND RULE
19b-1 UNDER THE ACT

Japan Smaller Capitalization Fund, Inc. and Nomura Asset Management U.S.A. Inc. filed an application on December 4, 2025, and amendments on December 17, 2025, and February 23, 2026, requesting an order under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (“Act”) for an exemption from section 19(b) of the Act and rule 19b-1 under the Act. The order permits certain registered closed-end management investment companies to pay as frequently as twelve times in any one taxable year in respect of its common stock and as often as specified by, or determined in accordance with the terms of, any preferred stock issued by the investment company.

On March 6, 2026, a notice of the filing of the application was issued (Investment Company Act Release No. 36002). The notice gave interested persons an opportunity to request a hearing and stated that an order granting the application would be issued unless a hearing was ordered. No request for a hearing has been filed, and the Commission has not ordered a hearing.

The matter has been considered and it is found, on the basis of the information set forth in the application, that granting the requested exemption is appropriate in the public interest and consistent with the protection of investors and the purposes fairly intended by the policy and provisions of the Act.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED, under section 6(c) of the Act, that the exemption from section 19(b) of the Act

and rule 19b-1 under the Act requested by Japan Smaller Capitalization Fund, Inc. and Nomura Asset Management U.S.A. Inc. (File No. 812-15948), as amended, is granted, effective immediately, subject to the conditions contained in the application.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.