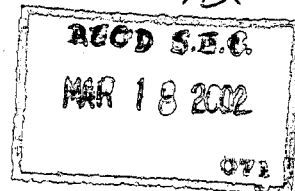


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Dear Ms. Hughes:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1933, Alcon, Inc., Common Shares, par value CHF 0.20 per share. The NYSE requests simultaneous acceleration of registration of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, together with the 1933 Act. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on March 18, 2002. Tentative listing date - March 21, 2002.

Sincerely,

Paras Madho