

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

## FORM 24F-2NT

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#### **HANCOCK JOHN SOVEREIGN BOND FUND**

CIK: **45288** | IRS No.: **042528977** | State of Incorporation: **MA** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**  
Type: **24F-2NT** | Act: **33** | File No.: **002-48925** | Film No.: **95514130**

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United States Securities and Exchange Commission  
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6432 General Green Way  
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Re: Rule 24f-2 Notice for  
John Hancock Sovereign Bond Fund  
Registration No. 2-48925  
Account No. 0000045288  
CIK: 045288

Dear Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to notify the Commission within two (2) months of the end of the Registrant's Fiscal Year of the number of Registrant's shares sold during the last fiscal year which are to be registered pursuant to Rule 24f-2 and to pay the appropriate registration fee.

The information required by the above referenced rule is as follows:

Fiscal Year: January 1, 1994 to December 31, 1994

Number of Shares previously Registered Other than Pursuant to Rule 24f-2 Remaining Unsold at Beginning of Fiscal Year:	0
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Number of Shares registered During Fiscal Year other than Pursuant to Rule 24f-2:	2,098,867
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Number of Shares Sold During Fiscal Year:	10,122,055
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Number of Shares Sold During Fiscal Year Pursuant to Rule 24f-2:	8,023,188
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John Hancock Advisers, Inc. - John Hancock Funds, Inc.\* - John Hancock Investor Services Corporation  
John Hancock Advisers International, Ltd. - NM Capital Management, Inc. - Sovereign Asset Management Corporation  
\*Member of National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.

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Attached to this Rule 24f-2 Notice, and made part hereof, is an opinion of counsel indicating that the Securities, the Registration of which the notice makes definite in number, were legally issued, fully paid and non-assessable by the Registrant.

In accordance with subsection (c) of Rule 24f-2, no registration fee for John Hancock Sovereign Bond Fund is due to the Securities and Exchange Commission. The fee computation is based upon the following:

- (1) Aggregate Sales Price of Shares  
Sold During the  
Fiscal Year in Reliance Upon

the 24f-2 Declaration (Based  
on aggregate sale price for  
all shares sold of \$150,447,234 less  
aggregate sale price of shares  
registered pursuant to Rule 24e-2  
of \$33,959,668) \$116,487,566

Reduced By

(1) Aggregate Redemption Price  
of Shares Redeemed During  
the Fiscal Year and, (222,665,778)

(2) Aggregate Redemption  
Price of Redeemed Shares  
Previously Applied by  
Fund Pursuant to Rule  
24e-2 (a) Filings Made Pursuant  
to Section 24(e) (1) of Investment  
Company Act of 1940 \$0  
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Net sales applicable for fee \$0  
Computation of fee X.00034483  
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Fee \$0  
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Any questions regarding this matter should be addressed to James J. Stokowski,  
Treasurer, John Hancock Advisers, Inc., 101 Huntington Avenue, 8th floor,  
Boston, MA 02199-7603, (617) 375-1652.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Joan E. Arnold  
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Joan E. Arnold  
Administrative Officer  
Mutual Funds