

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 205(a) of the Act (Pub. L. 109–53; 119 Stat. 462, 483; 19 U.S.C. 4034) provides that certain entries of textile or apparel goods of designated eligible countries that are parties to the Dominican Republic—Central America—United States Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA–DR) made on or after January 1, 2004 may be liquidated or reliquidated at the applicable rate of duty for those goods established in the Schedule of the United States to Annex 3.3 of the CAFTA–DR. Section 205(b) of the Act requires the USTR to determine, in accordance with Article 3.20 of the CAFTA–DR, which CAFTA–DR countries are eligible countries for purposes of Section 205(a). Article 3.20 provides that importers may claim retroactive duty treatment for imports of certain textile or apparel goods entered on or after January 1, 2004 and before the entry into force of CAFTA–DR from those CAFTA–DR countries that will provide reciprocal retroactive duty treatment or a benefit for textile or apparel goods that is equivalent to retroactive duty treatment.

Pursuant to Section 205(b) of the Act, I have determined that Honduras and Nicaragua will each provide an equivalent benefit for textile or apparel goods of the United States within the meaning of Article 3.20 of the CAFTA–DR. I therefore determine that Honduras and Nicaragua are eligible countries for purposes of Section 205 of the Act.

Rob Portman,

U.S. Trade Representative.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:

Rule 17Ac2–1, SEC File No. 270–95, OMB Control No. 3235–0084.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget requests for approval of extension on the following rule: Rule 17Ac2–1.

Rule 17Ac2–1 (17 CFR 240.17Ac2–1) under the Securities Exchange Act of

1934 requires transfer agents to register with the Commission, the Comptroller of the Currency, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, or the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and to amend their registration.

It is estimated that on an annual basis, the Commission will receive approximately 100 applications for registration on Form TA–1 from transfer agents required to register as such with the Commission. Included in this figure are amendments made to Form TA–1 as required by Rule 17Ac2–1(c). Based upon past submissions, the staff estimates that the average number of hours necessary to comply with the requirements of Rule 17Ac2–1 is one and one-half hours, with a total burden of 150 hours.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Written comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or by sending an e-mail to: David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, C/O Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, Virginia 22312 or send an e-mail to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov. Comments must be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: March 30, 2006

Nancy M. Morris,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: [71 FR 16350, March 31, 2006].

STATUS: Closed Meeting.

PLACE: 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADDITIONAL MEETING: Additional Meeting (Week of April 3, 2006).

A Closed Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 5, 2006 at 5:15 p.m.

Commissioners and certain staff members who have an interest in the matter will attend the Closed Meeting.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(5), (7), (9)(B) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(5), (7), 9(ii) and (10) permit consideration of the scheduled matter at the Closed Meeting.

Commissioner Nazareth, as duty officer, voted to consider the item listed for the closed meeting in closed session, and determined that no earlier notice thereof was possible.

The subject matter of the Closed Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 5, 2006 will be: Institution and settlement of injunctive action.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items. For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact: The Office of the Secretary at (202) 551–5400.

Dated: April 4, 2006.

Nancy M. Morris,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–53586; File No. SR–CBOE–2006–29]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Increase the Class Quoting Limit in the Option Class Apple Computer

April 3, 2006.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”) ¹ and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, ² notice is hereby given that on March 16, 2006, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated (“CBOE” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the CBOE. The Exchange has designated this proposal as one constituting a stated policy, practice, or interpretation with respect to the meaning, administration, or enforcement of an existing rule under

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

Section 19(b)(3)(A)(i) of the Act,³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(1) thereunder,⁴ which renders the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

CBOE proposes to increase the class quoting limit in the option class Apple Computer ("AAPL"). The text of the proposed rule change is available on CBOE's Web site (<http://www.cboe.com>), at the CBOE's Office of the Secretary, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the CBOE included statements concerning the purpose of, and basis for, the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The CBOE has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

CBOE Rule 8.3A establishes class quoting limits ("CQLs") for each class traded on the Hybrid Trading System.⁵ A CQL is the maximum number of quoters that may quote electronically in a given product and the current levels are established from 25-40, depending on the trading activity of the particular product.

CBOE Rule 8.3A, Interpretation .01(c) provides a procedure by which the President of the Exchange may increase the CQL for a particular product. In this regard, the President of the Exchange may increase the CQL in exceptional circumstances, which would include substantial trading volume, whether actual or expected.⁶ The effect of an increase in the CQL is procompetitive in that it increases the number of market

participants that may quote electronically in a product. The purpose of this filing is to increase the CQL in the option class AAPL from its current limit of 44 to 47.⁷

AAPL is one of the most active equity option classes traded on the Exchange, and consistently ranks among the top classes in national average daily trading volume. Increasing the CQL in AAPL options would enable the Exchange to enhance the liquidity offered, thereby offering deeper and more liquid markets.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act and the rules and regulations under the Act applicable to a national securities exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.⁸ Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of Section 6(b)(5)⁹ that the rules of an exchange be designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

CBOE does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

The Exchange neither received nor solicited written comments on the proposal.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing proposed rule change will take effect upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(i) of the Act¹⁰ and Rule 19b-4(f)(1) thereunder,¹¹ because it constitutes a stated policy, practice, or interpretation with respect to the meaning, administration, or enforcement of an existing rule.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the

Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-CBOE-2006-29 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CBOE-2006-29. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the CBOE. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CBOE-2006-29 and should be submitted on or before April 28, 2006.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(i).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(1).

⁵ See CBOE Rule 8.3A.01.

⁶ Any actions taken by the President of the Exchange pursuant to this paragraph must be submitted to the Commission in a rule filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act. CBOE Rule 8.3A.01(c).

⁷ CBOE previously increased the CQL in AAPL from 40 to 44 on April 21, 2005. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 51720 (May 19, 2005), 70 FR 30164 (May 25, 2005).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(i).

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(1).

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹²

Nancy M. Morris,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-53585; File Nos. SR-NYSE-2004-43 and SR-NYSE-2005-32]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; New York Stock Exchange, Inc.; Order Approving Proposed Rule Change Relating to the Real-Time NYSE OpenBook® Service and OpenBook® Fees and Order Approving Proposed Rule Change Relating to the Contract Terms Governing Vendor Displays of NYSE OpenBook® Data, and Notice of Filing and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of Amendment No. 2 Thereto

March 31, 2006.

I. Introduction

On August 11, 2004, the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² a proposed rule change to update NYSE OpenBook® ("OpenBook") limit order information in real time and to increase the monthly per-terminal fee for the real-time OpenBook service ("Real-Time Fee Proposal").³ The Real-Time Fee Proposal was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on September 2, 2004.⁴ The Commission received nine letters regarding the Real-Time Fee Proposal.⁵ Several commenters on the

Real-Time Fee Proposal argued that the existing OpenBook contractual provisions, which prohibit vendors from consolidating OpenBook data with data from other market centers, are anticompetitive and discriminatory.⁶ Other commenters believed that the NYSE should file for public comment and Commission review and approval the contract terms that would govern the distribution of OpenBook data.⁷

On May 13, 2005, the NYSE filed a proposed rule change containing proposed contract terms, set forth in a revised version of Exhibit C to the "Agreement for the Receipt and Use of Market Data," that would govern the displays and dissemination of OpenBook data (the "Exhibit C Proposal").⁸ The NYSE filed Amendment No. 1 to the Exhibit C Proposal on June 16, 2005.⁹ The Exhibit C Proposal, as amended by Amendment No. 1 ("Original Exhibit C Proposal"), was published for comment in the

24, 2004 ("NSX Letter I"); Eliot Wagner, Chair, Technology and Regulation Committee, the Securities Industry Association ("SIA"), and Christopher Gilkerson, Chair, Market Data Subcommittee, SIA, dated October 22, 2004 ("SIA Letter I"); Meyer S. Furcher, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. dated October 11, 2004; and letter from R. Bruce Josten, Executive Vice President, Government Affairs, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, to the Honorable William Donaldson, Chairman, Commission, dated September 27, 2004 ("U.S. Chamber of Commerce Letter I").

⁶ See, e.g., Bloomberg Letter I (the OpenBook contract terms are unfairly discriminatory because some, but not all, OpenBook subscribers would be able to consolidate OpenBook information with limit order information from other markets); Schwab Letter (the current contractual provisions governing the distribution of OpenBook data discriminate against vendors and their clients, and are anticompetitive, because they restrict redistribution and consolidation with other markets' data); Ameritrade Letter I (the proposal discriminates among market participants because vendors, unlike institutions and professionals, are prohibited from enhancing OpenBook data or commingling it with data from other market centers); and SIA Letter I (some members have suggested that the existing OpenBook contractual provisions may be anticompetitive because they restrict redistribution and consolidation with other markets' data), *supra* note 5.

⁷ See, e.g., Schwab Letter, SIA Letter I, and U.S. Chamber of Commerce Letter I, *supra* note 5. See also NSX Letter I and Lava Letter, *supra* note 5 (the contract terms should be included so that the public can assess the impact of the proposal on transparency and competition among market centers).

⁸ File No. SR-NYSE-2005-32. The Commission received a comment letter on June 3, 2005 from Bloomberg. See letter from Kim Borg, Bloomberg, to Annette L. Nazareth, Director, Division of Market Regulation, Commission, dated June 2, 2005. Bloomberg resubmitted this comment letter on July 22, 2005. See *supra* note 11.

⁹ In Amendment No. 1 provided a copy of its current Exhibit C marked to indicate the changes that the NYSE proposed. NYSE did not propose any substantive changes to the proposal in Amendment No. 1.

Federal Register on July 1, 2005.¹⁰ The Commission received six comment letters regarding the Original Exhibit C Proposal.¹¹ The NYSE responded to the comments regarding the Real-Time Fee Proposal and the Original Exhibit C Proposal on September 30, 2005.¹² The NYSE filed Amendment No. 2 to the Exhibit C Proposal on February 26, 2006.¹³ This order approves the Real-Time Fee Proposal and the Exhibit C Proposal, as amended by Amendment No. 2. In addition, the Commission is publishing notice to solicit comment on, and is simultaneously approving, on an accelerated basis, Amendment No. 2 to the Exhibit C Proposal.

II. Background

The OpenBook service is a compilation of limit order data that the NYSE provides to market data vendors, broker-dealers, private network providers, and other entities through a data feed. The Commission approved the current fees for the OpenBook service in 2001.¹⁴ In its 2001 OpenBook proposal, the NYSE described, but did not file with the Commission, the contractual provisions governing market data vendors' receipt and display of OpenBook data. These provisions, which are in effect today, prohibit market data vendors from providing displays that integrate OpenBook data

¹⁰ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 51925 (June 24, 2005), 70 FR 38226.

¹¹ See letters to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, Commission, from David Colker, Chief Executive Officer and President, NSX, dated July 20, 2005 ("NSX Letter II"); Phylis M. Esposito, Executive Vice President, Chief Strategy Officer, Ameritrade, dated July 22, 2005 ("Ameritrade Letter II"); Christopher Gilkerson, Chair, SIA Technology and Regulation Committee and Andrew Wels, Chair, SIA Market Data Subcommittee, dated July 22, 2005 ("SIA Letter II"); Kim Bang, Bloomberg, dated July 22, 2005 ("Bloomberg Letter II"); Kim Bang, Bloomberg, dated October 19, 2005 ("Bloomberg Letter III"); and letter to the Honorable Cynthia Glassman, Acting Chairman, Commission, from R. Bruce Josten, Executive Vice President, Government Affairs, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, dated July 22, 2005 ("U.S. Chamber of Commerce Letter II").

¹² See letters from Mary Yeager, Assistant Secretary, NYSE, to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, Commission, dated September 30, 2005 ("NYSE Response Letters"). One of the NYSE Response Letters addresses the comments raised by Bloomberg, while the other NYSE Response Letter addresses the comments of the remaining commenters.

¹³ As described more fully below, Amendment No. 2 revises Exhibit C to permit a vendor to provide a display that integrates OpenBook information with information from other markets without attributing the OpenBook information to the NYSE, provided the vendor satisfies certain requirements. Amendment No. 2 replaces and supersedes the originally proposed Exhibit C in its entirety.

¹⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 45138 (December 7, 2001), 66 FR 64895 (December 14, 2001) (order approving File No. SR-NYSE-2001-42) ("OpenBook Fee Order").

¹² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ File No. SR-NYSE-2004-43.

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 50275 (August 26, 2004), 69 FR 53760.

⁵ See letters to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, Commission, from Lisa M. Utasi, President, and Kimberly Unger, Executive Director, The Security Traders Association of New York, Inc. ("STANY"), dated September 22, 2004 ("STANY Letter"); Richard A. Korhammer, Chief Executive Officer, Lava Trading Inc. ("Lava"), dated September 23, 2004 ("Lava Letter"); Thomas F. Secunda, Bloomberg L.P. ("Bloomberg"), dated September 23, 2004 ("Bloomberg Letter I"); Ellen L.S. Koplow, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Ameritrade Holding Corporation, dated September 23, 2004 ("Ameritrade Letter I"); Christopher P. Gilkerson, Vice President and Associate General Counsel, Charles Schwab ("Schwab"), dated September 23, 2004 ("Schwab Letter"); David Colker, Chief Executive Office and President, National Stock Exchange ("NSX"), dated September