consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, the proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and Rule 19b–4(f)(6)(iii) thereunder.

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b–4(f)(6) <sup>13</sup> normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of the filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b4(f)(6)(iii), <sup>14</sup> the Commission may designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange has asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposal may become operative upon filing.

The Commission believes it is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest to waive the 30-day operative delay. <sup>15</sup> Waiver of the 30-day operative delay will enable an associated person of an Exchange firm to qualify as a Market Maker, MMAT or Floor Broker on NYSE Amex Options by passing the Series 56 exam, which is shared by the other options exchanges. The Commission hereby waives the operative delay making the filing effective and operative upon filing.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of such proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend 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 email to *rule-comments@sec.gov*. Please include File Number SR–NYSEMKT–2012–09 on the subject line.

## Paper Comments

• Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary,

Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549–1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEMKT-2012-09. This file number should be included on the subject line if email 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 Web site viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of the filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the NYSE's principal office and on its Internet Web site at www.nyse.com. 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-NYSEMKT-2012-09 and should be submitted on or before July 16, 2012.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.  $^{16}$ 

#### Kevin M. O'Neill,

Deputy Secretary.

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-67212; File No. SR-ISE-2012-55]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; International Securities Exchange, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Extend a Fee Discount Pilot Program for Large-Sized Foreign Currency Options

June 19, 2012.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),¹ and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on June 12, 2012, the International Securities Exchange, LLC (the "Exchange" or the "ISE") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission the proposed rule change, as described in Items I, II, and III below, which items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. 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

The ISE is proposing to extend for an additional year the fee discount for large-sized foreign currency ("FX") option orders. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site (http://www.ise.com), at the principal office of the Exchange, 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 self-regulatory organization 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 self-regulatory organization 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

The purpose of this proposed rule change is to extend for an additional year the fee discount for large-sized FX option orders. The Exchange initially adopted the fee discount for large-sized FX option orders in 2008.<sup>3</sup> The fee discount pilot program was subsequently extended <sup>4</sup> and is now set

<sup>13 17</sup> CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>14 17</sup> CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition and capital formation. *See* 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

<sup>16 17</sup> CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2 17</sup> CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 58139 (July 10, 2008), 73 FR 41142 (July 17, 2008) (SR–ISE–2008–54).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 60192 (June 30, 2009), 74 FR 32211 (July 7, 2009) (SR–ISE–2009–42); and 62506 (July 15, 2010), 75 FR 42801 (July 22, 2010) (SR–ISE–2010–67).

to expire on June 30, 2012.5 The fee discount applies to orders of 250 contracts or more and waives fees on incremental volume above 250 contracts. Contracts at or under the threshold are charged the constituent's prescribed execution fee. The fee discount applies to all Customer 6 orders, Firm Proprietary orders, Market Maker orders and Non-ISE Market Maker orders in FX options traded on the Exchange. ISE adopted this fee discount to encourage members to execute large-sized FX option orders on the Exchange in a manner that is cost effective. The Exchange now proposes to extend this fee discount through June 30, 2013 in a continuing effort to attract more activity in large-sized FX options.

## 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the objectives of Section 6 of the Act,<sup>7</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4),<sup>8</sup> in particular, in that it is designed to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among its members and other persons using its facilities. The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is reasonable and equitable as it would extend a current fee discount, thus effectively maintaining low fees for all market participants that trade in large-sized FX options on the Exchange.

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

The proposed rule change does not 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 has not solicited, and does not intend to solicit, comments on this proposed rule change. The Exchange has not received any unsolicited written comments from members or other interested parties.

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act.9 At any time within 60 days of the filing of such proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend 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. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

#### 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 <a href="http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml">http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</a>); or
- Send an Email to *rule-comments@sec.gov*. Please include File No. SR–ISE–2012–55 on the subject line.

## Paper Comments

• Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549–1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-ISE-2012-55. This file number should be included on the subject line if email 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 Commissions 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 Web site viewing and

printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. 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-ISE-2012-55 and should be submitted by July 16, 2012.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.  $^{10}$ 

#### Kevin M. O'Neill,

Deputy Secretary.

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# OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Free Trade Agreements; Invitation for Applications for Inclusion on Dispute Settlement Lists for U.S. Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) With Australia, Colombia, Korea, Morocco, and Singapore

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative ("USTR"). **ACTION:** Invitation for Applications.

**SUMMARY:** A number of trade agreements to which the United States is a Party call for the Parties to establish indicative rosters or reserve or contingent lists of persons ("lists") available to serve on dispute settlement panels to hear disputes under those agreements. These agreements include the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement ("USAFTA"), the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement ("USCTPA"), the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement ("KORUS"), the United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement ("USMFTA"), and the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement ("USSFTA"). USTR is inviting interested persons to apply to be on one or more of these lists under the various agreements, as indicated below.

**DATES:** Applications should be received no later than August 9, 2012 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications should be submitted electronically to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 64743 (July 24, 2011), 76 FR 38434 (June 30, 2011) (SR–ISE–2011–35).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>The fee discount applies to both Professional and Priority Customer orders. A Priority Customer is defined in ISE Rule 100(a)(37A) as a person or entity that is not a broker/dealer in securities, and does not place more than 390 orders in listed options per day on average during a calendar month for its own beneficial account(s). A Professional Customer is a person who is not a broker/dealer and is not a Priority Customer.

<sup>7 15</sup> U.S.C. 78f(b)

<sup>8 15</sup> U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

<sup>9 15</sup> U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>10 17</sup> CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).