

options exchanges.²⁹ In turn, the Exchange would verify with such other options exchanges that such quotations were indeed submitted by such party.³⁰

D. Trading Halts

Rule 20.3 describes the Exchange's authority to declare trading halts in one or more options traded on the Exchange. Currently, Rule 20.3 states that the Exchange shall nullify any transaction that occurs during a trading halt in the affected option on the Exchange or, with respect to equity options, during a trading halt on the primary listing market for the underlying security. The Exchange proposes to nullify any equity options transaction that occurs during a regulatory halt as declared by the primary listing market for the underlying security.³¹ The Exchange believes this change is necessary to distinguish a declared regulatory halt, where the underlying security should not be actively trading on any venue, from an operational issue on the primary listing exchange where the security continues to safely trade on other trading venues.³²

E. Implementation Date

In order to ensure that other options exchanges are able to adopt rules consistent with this proposal and to coordinate the effectiveness of such harmonized rules, the Exchange proposes to delay the effectiveness of this proposal to a date within ninety days following this approval.³³

III. Discussion and Commission Findings

The Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange.³⁴ In particular, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act³⁵ and with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,³⁶ which requires, among other things, that the Exchange's rules be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to

promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

The Commission believes that the proposal to amend Rule 20.6 will help assure greater objectivity, transparency, and clarity with respect to the adjustment and nullification of erroneous options transactions. The Commission notes that the proposal is designed to achieve more consistent results for participants across U.S. options exchanges than under the initial harmonized rules, while maintaining a fair and orderly market, protecting investors, and protecting the public interest. In particular, the proposal is designed to increase the consistency and transparency in the handling of erroneous options transactions in situations where the NBBO is unavailable or deemed unreliable pursuant to Rule 20.6(b).

The Commission also believes that the Exchange's proposed change to its no valid quotes provision, as described in greater detail above, is consistent with the Act and would further the goal of providing increased transparency and uniformity in the handling of erroneous options transactions in a timely and organized fashion. Finally, the Commission believes that the Exchange's proposed change to Rule 20.3 would provide increased transparency to its trading halt rule.

Based on the foregoing, the Commission believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act³⁷ in that proposed Rules 20.3 and 20.6 will foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating and facilitating transactions.

The Commission notes that the proposed rule change will become operative within ninety days following its approval, on a date to be announced in a Regulatory Circular made available by the Exchange to its Members. This delayed implementation is to ensure that other options exchanges will have sufficient time to adopt rules consistent with this proposal and to coordinate the date of implementation of such harmonized rules.³⁸

IV. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,³⁹ that the

proposed rule change (SR-BatsBZX-2017-35) be, and hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁴⁰

Eduardo A. Aleman,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-81081; File No. SR-NYSEArca-2017-54]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Designation of a Longer Period for Commission Action on a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the Generic Listing Criteria Applicable to Index-Linked Securities

July 6, 2017.

On May 4, 2017, NYSE Arca, Inc. ("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 amend the generic listing criteria applicable to Equity Index-Linked Securities.³ The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on May 23, 2017.⁴ The Commission has received no comments on the proposed rule change.

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act⁵ provides that, within 45 days of the publication of notice of the filing of a proposed rule change, or within such longer period up to 90 days as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission shall either approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved. The 45th day after publication of the notice for this proposed rule change is July 7, 2017.

⁴⁰ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ Equity Index-Linked Securities are securities that provide for the payment at maturity (or earlier redemption) based on the performance of an underlying index or indexes of equity securities, securities of closed-end management investment companies registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and/or Investment Company Units. See NYSE Arca Equities Rule 5.2(j)(6)(B)(I)(1).

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 80707 (May 17, 2017), 82 FR 23636.

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

²⁹ See *id.* at 23688.

³⁰ See *id.*

³¹ See proposed paragraph (b) of Interpretation and Policy .01 to Rule 20.3.

³² See Notice, *supra* note 3, at 23688.

³³ See *id.* The Exchange will announce the operative date in a Regulatory Circular made available to its Members. See *id.*

³⁴ In approving this proposed rule change, the Commission notes that it has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

³⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

³⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

³⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

³⁸ See Notice, *supra* note 3, at 23688.

³⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

The Commission is extending this 45-day time period.

The Commission finds that it is appropriate to designate a longer period within which to take action on the proposed rule change so that it has sufficient time to consider the proposed rule change. Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁶ designates August 21, 2017, as the date by which the Commission should either approve or disapprove or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove the proposed rule change (File Number SR-NYSEArca-2017-54).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁷

Eduardo A. Aleman,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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Extension: Form F-10
SEC File No. 270-334, OMB Control No. 3235-0380

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”) is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Form F-10 (17 CFR 239.40) is a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a *et seq.*) that may be used by a foreign private issuer that: Is incorporated or organized in Canada; has been subject to, and in compliance with, Canadian reporting requirements for at least 12 months; and has an aggregate market value of common stock held by non-affiliates of at least \$75 million. The purpose of this information collection is to permit verification of compliance with securities law requirements and assure the public availability of such information. We estimate that Form F-

10 takes 25 hours per response and is filed by 77 respondents. We further estimate that 25% of the 25 hours per response (6.25 hours) is prepared by the issuer for an annual reporting burden of 481 hours (6.25 hours per response × 77 responses).

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether this proposed collections of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden imposed by the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

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Please direct your written comment to Pamela Dyson, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549 or send an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

Dated: July 7, 2017.

Eduardo A. Aleman,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Extend the Credit Option Margin Pilot Program Through July 18, 2018

July 6, 2017.

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 22, 2017, Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated (the “Exchange” or

“CBOE”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange filed the proposal as a “non-controversial” proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.⁴ 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 amend Rule 12.3 by extending the Credit Option Margin Pilot Program through July 18, 2018.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s Web site (<http://www.cboe.com/AboutCBOE/CBOELegalRegulatoryHome.aspx>), at the Exchange’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 Exchange 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 Exchange 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

On February 2, 2011, the Commission approved the Exchange’s proposal to establish a Credit Option Margin Pilot Program (“Program”).⁵ The proposal became effective on a pilot basis to run on a parallel track with Financial

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 63819 (February 2, 2011), 76 FR 6838 (February 8, 2011) order approving (SR-CBOE-2010-106). To implement the Program, the Exchange amended Rule 12.3(l), *Margin Requirements*, to make CBOE’s margin requirements for Credit Options consistent with Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (“FINRA”) Rule 4240, *Margin Requirements for Credit Default Swaps*. CBOE’s Credit Options (i.e., Credit Default Options and Credit Default Basket Options) are analogous to credit default swaps.

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(31).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.