

excessive layering of fees, and (iii) overly complex fund structures, which are the concerns underlying the limits in sections 12(d)(1)(A) and (B) of the Act.

8. Applicants request an exemption from sections 17(a)(1) and 17(a)(2) of the Act to permit persons that are Affiliated Persons, or Second Tier Affiliates, of the Funds, solely by virtue of certain ownership interests, to effectuate purchases and redemptions in-kind. The deposit procedures for in-kind purchases of Creation Units and the redemption procedures for in-kind redemptions of Creation Units will be the same for all purchases and redemptions and Deposit Instruments and Redemption Instruments will be valued in the same manner as those investment positions currently held by the Funds. Applicants also seek relief from the prohibitions on affiliated transactions in section 17(a) to permit a Fund to sell its shares to and redeem its shares from a Fund of Funds, and to engage in the accompanying in-kind transactions with the Fund of Funds.³ The purchase of Creation Units by a Fund of Funds directly from a Fund will be accomplished in accordance with the policies of the Fund of Funds and will be based on the NAVs of the Funds.

9. Section 6(c) of the Act permits the Commission to exempt any persons or transactions from any provision of the Act if such exemption is necessary or appropriate in the public interest and consistent with the protection of investors and the purposes fairly intended by the policy and provisions of the Act. Section 12(d)(1)(J) of the Act provides that the Commission may exempt any person, security, or transaction, or any class or classes of persons, securities, or transactions, from any provision of section 12(d)(1) if the exemption is consistent with the public interest and the protection of investors. Section 17(b) of the Act authorizes the Commission to grant an order permitting a transaction otherwise prohibited by section 17(a) if it finds that (a) the terms of the proposed transaction are fair and reasonable and do not involve overreaching on the part of any person concerned; (b) the proposed transaction is consistent with the policies of each registered

³ The requested relief would apply to direct sales of shares in Creation Units by a Fund to a Fund of Funds and redemptions of those shares. Applicants, moreover, are not seeking relief from section 17(a) for, and the requested relief will not apply to, transactions where a Fund could be deemed an Affiliated Person, or a Second-Tier Affiliate, of a Fund of Funds because an Adviser or an entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with an Adviser provides investment advisory services to that Fund of Funds.

investment company involved; and (c) the proposed transaction is consistent with the general purposes of the Act.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Eduardo A. Aleman,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-83116; File No. SR-MRX-2018-08]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq MRX, LLC; Notice of Designation of Longer Period for Commission Action on Proposed Rule Change To Introduce the ATR Protection for Orders That Are Routed to Away Markets

April 26, 2018.

On February 23, 2018, Nasdaq MRX, LLC (“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 Exchange Rule 714 regarding the Acceptable Trade Range protection for orders and quotes. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on March 14, 2018.³ On April 23, 2018, the Exchange submitted Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.⁴ The Commission received no comments on the proposed rule change.

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act ⁵ provides that within 45 days of the publication of notice of the filing of a proposed rule change, or within such longer period up

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 82848 (March 9, 2018), 83 FR 11276 (“Notice”).

⁴ See Letter to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Commission, from Adrian Griffiths, Senior Associate General Counsel, Nasdaq, Inc., dated April 23, 2018. Amendment No. 1 revises the proposed rule change to: (i) Provide further discussion of the current application of the ATR to orders routed away; (ii) modify the proposed rule text regarding the recalculation of the ATR for orders routed away pursuant to Supplementary Material to Exchange Rule 1901, if the applicable National Best Bid or the National Best Offer price is improved at the time of routing; (iii) expand the discussion and justification for recalculating the ATR for such orders; and (iv) make other amendments to the proposed rule text to improve the understandability of the current ATR calculation. Amendment No. 1 is available at: <https://www.sec.gov/comments/sr-mrx-2018-08/mrx201808-3492392-162259.pdf>.

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

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 these proposed rule changes should be disapproved. The 45th day for this filing is April 28, 2018.

The Commission is extending the 45-day time period for Commission action on the proposed rule change. 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 and take action on the Exchange’s proposed rule change.

Accordingly, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)(A)(ii)(I) of the Act ⁶ and for the reasons stated above, the Commission designates June 12, 2018 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 No. SR-MRX-2018-08).

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

Eduardo A. Aleman,
Assistant Secretary.

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[Release No. 34-83118; File No. SR-GEMX-2018-09]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq GEMX, LLC; Notice of Designation of Longer Period for Commission Action on Proposed Rule Change To Introduce the ATR Protection for Orders That Are Routed to Away Markets

April 26, 2018.

On February 26, 2018, Nasdaq GEMX, LLC (“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 Exchange Rule 714 regarding the Acceptable Trade Range protection for orders and quotes. The proposed rule

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(A)(ii)(I).

⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(31).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on March 14, 2018.³ On April 23, 2018, the Exchange submitted Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.⁴ The Commission 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 these proposed rule changes should be disapproved. The 45th day for this filing is April 28, 2018.

The Commission is extending the 45-day time period for Commission action on the proposed rule change. 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 and take action on the Exchange's proposed rule change.

Accordingly, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)(A)(ii)(I) of the Act⁶ and for the reasons stated above, the Commission designates June 12, 2018 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 No. SR-GEMX-2018-09).

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

Eduardo A. Aleman,

Assistant Secretary.

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³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 82847 (March 9, 2018), 83 FR 11259 ("Notice").

⁴ See Letter to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Commission, from Adrian Griffiths, Senior Associate General Counsel, Nasdaq, Inc., dated April 23, 2018. Amendment No. 1 revises the proposed rule change to: (i) Provide further discussion of the current application of the ATR to orders routed away; (ii) modify the proposed rule text regarding the recalculation of the ATR for orders routed away pursuant to Supplementary Material to Exchange Rule 1901, if the applicable National Best Bid or the National Best Offer price is improved at the time of routing; (iii) expand the discussion and justification for recalculating the ATR for such orders; and (iv) make other amendments to the proposed rule text to improve the understandability of the current ATR calculation. Amendment No. 1 is available at: <https://www.sec.gov/comments/sr-gemx-2018-09/gemx201809-3490578-162256.pdf>.

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(A)(ii)(I).

⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(31).

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request Copies Available

From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-2736.

Extension:

Form 4; SEC File No. 270-126, OMB Control No. 3235-0287

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 this request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Under the Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*) every person who is directly or indirectly the beneficial owner of more than 10 percent of any class of any equity security (other than an exempted security) which registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. 78l), or who is a director or any officer of the issuer of such security (collectively "insider"), must file a statement with the Commission reporting their ownership. Form 4 is a statement to disclose changes in an insider's ownership of securities. The information is used for the purpose of disclosing the equity holdings of insiders of reporting companies. Approximately 338,207 insiders file Form 4 annually and it takes approximately 0.5 hours to prepare for a total of 169,104 annual burden 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.

The public may view the background documentation for this information collection at the following website, www.reginfo.gov. Comments should be directed to: (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 email to: Shagufta.Ahmed@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) 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. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: April 26, 2018.

Eduardo A. Aleman,

Assistant Secretary.

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549-0213.

Extension:

Rule 17g-7; SEC File No. 270-600, OMB Control No. 3235-0656

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 ("PRA") (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") a request for approval of extension of the previously approved collection of information provided for in Rule 17g-7, (17 CFR 240.17g-7), under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*).

Rule 17g-7 requires nationally recognized statistical rating organizations ("NRSROs") to include in any report accompanying a credit rating with respect to an asset-backed security ("ABS") (as that term is defined in Section 3(a)(77) of the Exchange Act) a description of the representations, warranties and enforcement mechanisms available to investors and a description of how they differ from the representations, warranties and enforcement mechanisms in issuances of similar securities. Rule 17g-7 potentially applies to each of the 10 NRSROs currently registered with the Commission.¹

¹ When the Commission first adopted rules under the Credit Rating Agency Reform Act of 2006, it estimated that approximately 30 credit rating agencies ultimately would be registered as NRSROs. See *Oversight of Credit Rating Agencies Registered as Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations*, Release No. 34-55857 (Jun. 5, 2007), 72 FR 33564, 33607 (Jun. 18, 2007). Accordingly, the Commission used 30 respondents for purposes of calculating its PRA burden estimates when it adopted Rule 17g-7. See *Disclosure for Asset-Backed Securities Required by Section 943 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act*, Release No. 33-9175; 34-63741 (Jan. 20, 2011), 76 FR 4489, 4506 (Jan. 26, 2011) ("Rule 17g-7 Adopting Release"). Since that time, 10 credit rating agencies have registered with the Commission as NRSROs. This number has remained constant for several years. Consequently, when the Commission last proposed rules regarding the oversight of NRSROs, it stated that it believed it to be more appropriate to use the actual number