

1993 by an industry committee of SROs and broker-dealers representatives<sup>1</sup> in order to update the examination in view of changes in the securities industry, including changes in relevant rules and regulations, the development of new securities products, and changes in the job of registered representatives as firms offer an increasingly wide range of financial services. The examination specifications for the Series 7 examination have not been revised since 1986.

The industry committee updated the existing statements of the critical functions of registered representatives to ensure current relevance and appropriateness and drafted statements of tasks expected to be performed by entry-level registered representatives. Under the proposed rule change, the total number of questions in the Series 7 examination will remain at 250, and the revised examination will cover all financial product areas covered on the present Series 7 examination as well as several new products, including collateralized mortgage obligations ("CMOs"), long term equity anticipation securities ("LEAPS"), and CAPS, with reduced emphasis on direct participation programs.

## 2. Statutory Basis

The statutory basis for the Series 7 examination lies in Section 6(c)(3)(B) of the Act. Under that Section, it is the Exchange's responsibility to prescribe standards of training, experience, and competence for persons associated with Exchange members and member organizations. Pursuant to this statutory obligation, the Exchange has developed examinations that are administered to establish that persons associated with Exchange members and member organizations have attained specified levels of competence and knowledge.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition.

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

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

<sup>1</sup> SROs on the committee include the New York Stock Exchange, American Stock Exchange, Chicago Board Options Exchange, Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, National Association of Securities Dealers, and Philadelphia Stock Exchange. Broker-dealer representatives include branch office managers, compliance officers, training personnel, and registered representatives.

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

Because the foregoing proposed rule change: (1) does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (2) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (3) does not become operative for 30 days from May 12, 1995, the date on which it was filed, and the Exchange provided the Commission with written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five days prior to the filing date, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and Rule 129b-(e)(6) thereunder.<sup>2</sup>

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 of 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. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street NW., Washington, D.C. 20549. 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 at the Commission's Public Reference Section, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-CBOE-95-25 and should be submitted by June 16, 1995.

<sup>2</sup> The proposed rule change is identical to the rule change previously approved by the Commission for the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. and the National Association of Securities Dealers. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 34853 (Oct. 18, 1994), 59 FR 53694 (Oct. 25, 1994) (File Nos. SR-NYSE-94-26; SR-NYSE-94-27); Securities Exchange Act Release No. 35401 (Feb. 22, 1995), 60 FR 10886 (Feb. 28, 1995) (File No. SR-NASD-95-04).

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

**Jonathan G. Kartz,**

*Secretary.*

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### **Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated, Relating to the Examination Specifications for the General Securities Sales Supervisor (Series 8) Examination**

May 19, 1995.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"), 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1), notice is hereby given that on May 12, 1995, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated ("CBOE" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("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 CBOE proposes to use a revised version of the General Securities Sales Supervisor (Series 8) Examination ("Series 8") and corresponding specifications.

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the CBOE and the Commission.

#### **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 Series 8 examination is an industry-wide qualification examination for securities sales supervisors. The Series 8 examination is generally required under rules of the self-regulatory organizations ("SROs") for persons who are engaged in the supervision of general securities branch offices (*i.e.*, branch office managers) and of general securities registered representatives. The Series 8 examination tests a candidate's knowledge of securities industry rules and regulations and certain statutory provisions applicable to general securities sales supervision. The Series 8 examination specifications detail the areas covered by the examination and break down the number of examination questions culled from each area.

Revision of the Series 8 examination and specifications was recently undertaken by an industry committee composed of representatives from SROs (the New York Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, the National Association of Securities Dealers, and the Philadelphia Stock Exchange) and representatives from broker-dealers, including branch office managers, compliance personnel, and corporate executives, in order to update the examination in view of changes in relevant laws, rules, and regulations, the development of new products, and to reflect various changes in industry practices. The committee reviewed the examination specifications, content areas, and item bank and developed some new questions in new areas.

The revised examination continues to cover the areas of knowledge required to supervise sales activities in securities. However, the focus of the content of the examination has been shifted to concentrate more closely on supervisory duties. Accordingly, certain questions have been deleted from the examination that deal with routine calculations and basic product knowledge, and questions on new federal and SRO rules and regulations have been incorporated into the examination, as well as questions on new products, supervision, and changes in industry practices. The revised examination and specifications include coverage of these new areas. The examination will remain a six-hour, two-part, 200 question examination.

2. Statutory Basis

The statutory basis for the Series 8 examination lies in Section 6(c)(3)(B) of the Act. Under that Section, it is the Exchange's responsibility to prescribe standards of training, experience, and competence for persons associated with Exchange members and member organizations. Pursuant to this statutory obligation, the Exchange has developed examinations that are administered to establish that persons associated with Exchange members and member organizations have attained specific levels of competence and knowledge.

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

**Jonathan G. Katz,**  
*Secretary.*

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**Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Stock Exchange, Incorporated; Order Granting Approval to Proposed Rule Change and Notice of Filing and Order Granting Accelerated Approval to Amendment No. 1 Relating to Order Execution Guarantees**

May 22, 1995.

**I. Introduction**

On March 2, 1995, the Chicago Stock Exchange, Incorporated ("CHX" or "Exchange") submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> a proposed rule change to adopt new Rule 37(d), Article XX to allow specialists on the Exchange to provide order execution guarantees that are more favorable than those currently required under CHX Rule 37(a), Article XX ("BEST Rule")<sup>3</sup> through the Exchange's automated execution system ("MAX").

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. § 78s(b)(1) (1988).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4 (1994).

<sup>3</sup> See CHX 37(a), Article XX.