

Commentary .03 which sets forth the participation percentages allocated to the specialist and registered options traders based upon the number of registered options traders participating on the trade.

In addition, the Exchange proposes to codify in Rule 933(d) its procedures regarding the allocation of Auto-Ex executed options trades¹¹, which are automatically allocated on a rotating basis to the specialist and to each trader that has signed on to Auto-Ex¹². Auto-Ex trades of ten contracts or fewer would be allocated to each Auto-Ex participant as set forth below.

If an Auto-Ex trade is greater than ten contracts, the Auto-Ex system divides the execution into lots or ten or fewer contracts and allocates a lot to each Auto-Ex participant¹³. Each lot is considered a separate trade for purposes of allocating trades within Auto-Ex. The rotation is designed to provide that the allocation of Auto-Ex trades between the specialist and traders signed on to Auto-Ex in a given option class is as follows:

Number of trades signed on to auto-ex	Approximate number of trades allocated to the specialist throughout the day (percent)	Approximate number of traders allocated to the traders signed on to auto-ex throughout the day (as a group)
1	60	40
2-4	40	60
5-7	30	70
8-15	25	75
16 or more	20	80

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change, as amended, is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act¹⁴ in general and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act¹⁵ in particular in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged

¹¹ Auto-Ex automatically executes public customer market and marketable limit orders of a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 500 option contracts or less. Both the specialist and registered options traders are contra-parties to the trades executed on the Auto-Ex system.

¹² At the start of each trading day, the order in which trades are allocated to the specialist and traders signed on to Auto-Ex is randomly determined.

¹³ For example, an option class that allows up to 50 contracts to be executed through Auto-Ex would have a trade of 25 contracts divided into lots of 10, 10 and 5.

¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

in facilitating transactions in securities, and to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change, as amended, 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 or the amendments.

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

Within 35 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the Exchange consents, the Commission will:

- (A) By order approve such proposed rule change, or
- (B) Institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be 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, as amended, is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. 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 the filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal offices of the Amex. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-Amex-00-30 and should be submitted by February 21, 2003.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁶

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by International Securities Exchange, Inc., Relating to Fee Changes

January 24, 2003.

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 January 9, 2003, the International Securities Exchange, Inc. ("Exchange" or "ISE") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "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 Exchange is proposing to establish a \$.10 surcharge for non-public customer transactions³ in options on Select Sector SPDR Funds.

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.

¹⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ Telephone conversation between Joseph W. Ferraro, Assistant General Counsel, ISE, and Jennifer Colihan, Special Counsel, Division of Market Regulation ("Division"), Commission, January 16, 2003.

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

1. Purpose

The Exchange has entered into a license agreement to use various indexes and trademarks of Standard & Poor's, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. ("S&P"), in connection with the listing and trading of options on certain Select Sector SPDR Funds. The purpose of this proposed rule change is to adopt a fee for trading in three of these options that the Exchange has listed.⁴ The ISE believes that charging the participants that trade in options on these instruments is the most equitable means of recovering the costs of the license. However, because competitive pressures in the industry have resulted in the waiver of all transaction fees for customers, we propose to exclude Public Customer Orders (as defined in Exchange Rule 100) from this additional fee. This additional fee will only be charged with respect to non-Public Customer Orders.

For example, if broker A has a Public Customer Order that broker A gives to broker B (an ISE electronic access member) to execute on the ISE, broker B will not be charged the proposed \$.10 fee. On the other hand, if broker A gives broker B (an ISE electronic access member) an order for the account of broker A (or another broker-dealer), broker B will be charged the \$.10 fee.⁵

2. Statutory Basis

The basis under the Act for this proposed rule change is the requirement under section 6(b)(4) of the Act that an exchange have an equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among its members and other persons using its facilities.⁶

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.

⁴ The proposed fee will apply to options on the Financial Select Sector SPDR Fund ("XLF"), Technology Select Sector SPDR Fund ("XLK") and Utilities Select Sector SPDR Fund ("XLU"). Telephone conversation between Joseph W. Ferraro, Assistant General Counsel, ISE, and Jennifer Colihan, Special Counsel, Division, Commission, January 16, 2003.

⁵ Telephone conversation between Joseph W. Ferraro, Assistant General Counsel, ISE, and Jennifer Colihan, Special Counsel, Division, Commission, January 16, 2003.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

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 establishes or changes a due, fee, or other charge and, therefore, has become effective immediately pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act⁷ and rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder.⁸ At any time within 60 days of the filing of such 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. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. 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 Section. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the above-mentioned self-regulatory organization. All submissions should refer to the file number in the caption above and should be submitted by February 21, 2003.

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁸ 17 CFR 19b-4(f)(2).

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁹

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; National Securities Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing of a Proposed Rule Change Relating to the Modification of Fixed Income Transaction System in Preparation for the Implementation of Real Time Trade Processing

January 16, 2003.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,¹ notice is hereby given that on November 5, 2002, the National Securities Clearing Corporation ("NSCC") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change (File No. SR-NSCC-2002-10) as described in items I, II, and III below, which items have been prepared primarily by NSCC. 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

NSCC proposes to modify its Trade Comparison Service rules to modify its Fixed Income Transaction System ("FITS") in order to begin the move to real time trade matching processing ("RTTM") for fixed income securities that are eligible for processing by NSCC.

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

In its filing with the Commission, NSCC 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. NSCC has prepared summaries set forth in sections A, B,

⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).