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Express Mail International. Express Mail International service increases, on average, by 8.5 percent. Price increases vary by country group and weight increment. Qualified customers paying through information-based indicia postage meters will be eligible for the lower prices currently available to customers paying online or through an authorized PC postage vender. The country group structure is also expanded from 9 to 10 country groups.

Priority Mail International. Priority Mail International prices increase on average by 8.5 percent. Different increases apply depending on the weight and country group. Qualified customers paying through information-based indicia postage meters will be eligible for the lower prices currently available to customers paying online or through an authorized PC postage vender. A small flat-rate box is also added as a new Priority Mail International option. The country group structure is also expanded from 9 to 10 country groups.

M-bags. International Direct Sacks—M-bags (Airmail M-bags) increase by approximately 8 percent.

Details of these changes may be found in Attachment B to the Filing.

The establishment of rates of general applicability for competitive products and the associated mail classification changes effects a change in the Mail Classification Schedule. As such, pursuant to subpart E of part 3020 of its rules, 39 CFR 3020.90 *et seq.*, the Commission provides notice of the Postal Service's Filing. Interested persons may express views and offer comments on whether the planned changes are consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, or 3642 and 39 CFR part 3015 and 39 CFR 3020 subpart B. Comments are due no later than December 1, 2008.

Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Emmett Rand Costich is appointed to serve as officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in the above-captioned docket.

It is Ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2009–8 to provide interested persons an opportunity to express views and offer comments on whether the planned changes are consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, or 3642

and 39 CFR part 3015 and 39 CFR part 3020 subpart B.

2. Comments on the Filing are due no later than December 1, 2008.

3. The Commission appoints Emmett Rand Costich as Public Representative to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this Order in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

Steven W. Williams,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copy Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549–0213.

Extension:

Form N–54C, SEC File No. 270–184, OMB Control No. 3235–0236.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) (the “Act”), the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “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 N–54C (17 CFR 274.54) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a) is a notification to the Commission that a company withdraws its election to be regulated as a business development company. Such a company only has to file a Form N–54C once.

It is estimated that approximately 12 respondents per year file with the Commission a Form N–54C. Form N–54C requires approximately 1 burden hour per response resulting from creating and filing the information required by the Form. The total burden hours for Form N–54C would be 12 hours per year in the aggregate. The estimated annual burden of 12 hours represents a decrease of 6 hours over the prior estimate of 18 hours. The decrease in burden hours is attributable to a decrease in the number of respondents from 18 to 12.

The estimate of average burden hours for Form N–54C is made solely for the purposes of the Act and is not derived

from a comprehensive or even representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules and forms.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection 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 of 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.

Please direct your written comments to Lewis W. Walker, Acting Director/CIO, Securities and Exchange Commission, C/O Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, VA 22312; or send an e-mail to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

Dated: November 13, 2008.

Florence E. Harmon,
Acting Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copy Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549–0213

Extension:

Form N–6F, SEC File No. 270–185, OMB Control No. 3235–0238.

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 (the “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.

The title for the collection of information is “Form N–6F (17 CFR 274.15), Notice of Intent to be Subject to Sections 55 through 65 of the Investment Company Act of 1940.” The purpose of Form N–6F is to allow business development companies to

take advantage of the less burdensome regulatory provisions available to such companies under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-1 *et seq.*) (“1940 Act”).

Certain companies may have to make a filing with the Commission before they are ready to elect to be regulated as a business development company.¹ A company that is excluded from the definition of “investment company” by Section 3(c)(1) of the 1940 Act because it has fewer than one hundred shareholders and is not making a public offering of its securities may lose such an exclusion solely because it proposes to make a public offering of securities as a business development company. Such a company, under certain conditions, would not lose its exclusion if it notifies the Commission on Form N-6F of its intent to make an election to be regulated as a business development company. The company only has to file a Form N-6F once.

It is estimated that 6 respondents per year file with the Commission a Form N-6F. Form N-6F requires approximately 0.5 burden hours per response resulting from creating and filing the information required by the Form. The total burden hours for Form N-6F would be 3 hours per year in the aggregate. The estimated annual burden of 3 hours represents an increase from the prior estimate of 1 hour. This increase in burden hours is attributable to an increase in the total number of respondents from 2 to 6.

The estimate of average burden hours for Form N-6F is made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act and is not derived from a comprehensive or even representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules and forms.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collections of information are 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 of the collections of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collections 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.

Please direct your written comments to Lewis W. Walker, Acting Director/ CIO, Securities and Exchange Commission, C/O Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, VA 22312; or send an e-mail to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

Dated: November 13, 2008.

Florence E. Harmon,

Acting Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Boston Stock Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Enable the Listing and Trading of Options on Index-linked Securities

November 13, 2008.

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 November 7, 2008, the Boston Stock Exchange, Inc. (“BSE” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange filed the proposed rule change as a “non-controversial” proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder,⁴ which renders the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission. 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 Boston Stock Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “BSE”) proposes to amend Section 3 (Criteria for Underlying Securities) and Section 4 (Withdrawal of Approval of Underlying Securities) of Chapter IV of the Rules of the Boston Options Exchange Group, LLC (“BOX”) to enable the listing and trading on BOX of options on index-linked securities. The text of the proposed rule change is available from

the principal office of the Exchange, at the Commission’s Public Reference Room, and also on the Exchange’s Internet Web site at http://nasdaqtrader.com/Trader.aspx?id=Boston_Stock_Exchange.

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. BSE 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

This proposed rule change is based on proposals by NYSE Arca, Inc. (“NYSE Arca”) and the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated (“CBOE”).⁵

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to revise Sections 3 and 4 of Chapter IV of the BOX Rules to enable the listing and trading of options on: Equity index-linked securities (“Equity Index-Linked Securities”); commodity-linked securities (“Commodity-Linked Securities”); currency-linked securities (“Currency-Linked Securities”); fixed income index-linked securities (“Fixed Income Index-Linked Securities”); futures-linked securities (“Futures-Linked Securities”); and multifactor index-linked securities (“Multifactor Index-Linked Securities”); collectively known as “Index-Linked Securities” that are principally traded on a national securities exchange and are defined as an “NMS stock” (as defined in Rule 600 of Regulation NMS under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”)).

Index-Linked Securities are designed for investors who desire to participate in a specific market segment by providing exposure to one or more identifiable underlying securities, commodities, currencies, derivative instruments or market indexes of the foregoing (“Underlying Index” or “Underlying Indexes”). Index-Linked Securities are the non-convertible debt of an issuer

¹ A company might not be prepared to elect to be subject to Sections 55 through 65 of the 1940 Act because its capital structure or management compensation plan is not yet in compliance with the requirements of those sections.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

⁵ See Exchange Act Release Nos. 58203 (July 22, 2008), 73 FR 43812 (July 28, 2008) (SR-NYSEArca-2008-57) and 58204 (July 22, 2008), 73 FR 43807 (July 28, 2008) (SR-CBOE-2008-64).