

should be submitted on or before December 30, 2011.

#### IV. Commission's Findings and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing, FINRA requested that the Commission approve the proposal on accelerated basis so that the proposed rule change is approved in time to coincide with the implementation date for the amendments to the FINRA books and records rules. After careful consideration, 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 association.<sup>10</sup>

The Commission believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 15A(b)(6) of the Act,<sup>11</sup> which requires, among other things, that FINRA rules must be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. The Commission believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 15A(b)(6) of the Act because it will clarify to members that FINRA Rule 4512(a)(1)(C) does not apply to institutional accounts, which, in turn, will assist them in their compliance efforts. The proposal also includes new .05 of the Supplementary Material to FINRA Rule 4512, which emphasizes a member's obligation to supervise all accounts that it services, including determining the associated persons responsible for the account and ensuring that such persons are appropriately qualified and registered, and that members servicing institutional accounts continue to have the obligation to comply with the requirements of Rule 2090 when that rule becomes effective on July 9, 2012. The new provision within the Supplementary Material also states that, with respect to a member's obligation to supervise an account, it is incumbent upon the member to design appropriate mechanisms to determine the associated persons responsible for the account, ensure that such persons are appropriately qualified and registered, and have the ability to provide such information to FINRA or SEC staff upon request. The Commission believes that the provisions included in .05 of the Supplementary Material will serve to prevent fraudulent

and manipulative acts and practices relating to institutional accounts and protect institutional investors and the public interest by effectively reminding members of their supervisory and Know Your Customer obligations for institutional accounts.

The Commission also finds good cause pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act<sup>12</sup> for approving the proposed rule change prior to the 30th day after its publication in the **Federal Register**. FINRA Rule 4512, which provides for member recordkeeping obligations relating to customer account information, becomes effective on December 5, 2011. The instant proposed rule change clarifies the inapplicability of FINRA Rule 4512(a)(1)(C) to institutional accounts while advising firms of other relevant obligations related to the supervision of institutional accounts and the obligations related to complying with FINRA Rule 2090. Accelerating approval of the instant proposed rule change will enable FINRA to have the proposed rule change's effectiveness coincide with the effectiveness of FINRA's revised books and records rules, including FINRA Rule 4512, on December 5, 2011.

#### V. Conclusion

*It is therefore ordered*, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>13</sup> that the proposed rule change (SR-FINRA-2011-070) be, and hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>14</sup>

**Kevin M. O'Neill,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

**[Release No. 34-65886; File No. SR-CME-2011-16]**

#### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Mercantile Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of Proposed Rule Change To Revise Rules Relating to Its Cleared Only OTC FX Swap Offering

December 5, 2011.

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> notice is hereby given that on November 25, 2011, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change described in Items I and II below, which items have been prepared primarily by CME. The Commission is publishing this Notice and Order to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons and to approve the proposed rule change on an accelerated basis.

#### I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

CME proposes to amend rules related to existing cleared-only foreign exchange ("FX") currency derivatives products. The proposed rule changes make revisions to rules that were the subject of a recent filing, SR-CME-2011-12.<sup>3</sup> The changes correct inadvertent rule language that was included in SR-CME-2011-12.

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the CME's Web site at <http://www.cmegroup.com>, at the principal office of CME, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

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

In its filing with the Commission, CME included statements concerning the purpose 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 III below. CME 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 Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In late September, 2011, CME submitted proposed rule changes in filing SR-CME-2011-12 to establish rules to expand its cleared-only, foreign currency ("FX") swaps offering to support the introduction of (1) twenty-six new foreign FX currency derivatives for over-the-counter ("OTC") cash settlement; and (2) eleven new FX non-deliverable forward transaction

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

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

<sup>3</sup> Commission staff notes that SR-CME-2011-12 was previously approved pursuant to delegated authority on October 26, 2011. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 65637, 76 FR 67512 (Nov. 1, 2011).

<sup>10</sup> In approving this 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).

<sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(b)(6).

<sup>12</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

<sup>13</sup> *Id.*

<sup>14</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

currency pairs for traditional, OTC cash settlement.

CME wishes to amend two aspects of the rules package that was adopted in connection with SR-CME-2011-12. The changes address Chapter 271H and in Chapter 273H and are intended to correct inadvertent rule language that was initially included in the changes brought in by SR-CME-2011-12. The first change involves Rule 271H.01.C. which deals with minimum price increments for the Cleared OTC U.S. Dollar/Korean Won contract; the change is intended to correct an erroneous reference to 0.0001 in the rule by specifying the correct increment of 0.01. The second rule change involves in Rule 273H.02.A, a rule that addresses cash settlement of the Cleared OTC U.S. Dollar/Colombian Peso contract; the change is intended to remove a paragraph that references a method of determining settlement prices that is not currently available.

CME believes the proposed changes are consistent with the requirements of the Exchange Act including Section 17A of the Exchange Act because they involve clearing of swaps and thus relate solely to CME's swaps clearing activities pursuant to its registration as a derivatives clearing organization under the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA") and do not significantly affect any securities clearing operations of the clearing agency or any related rights or obligations of the clearing agency or persons using such service. CME further notes that the policies of the CEA with respect to clearing are comparable to a number of the policies underlying the Exchange Act, such as promoting market transparency for over-the-counter derivatives markets, promoting the prompt and accurate clearance of transactions and protecting investors and the public interest. The proposed rule changes accomplish those objectives by offering investors clearing for a range of FX OTC swap products.

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

CME does not believe that the proposed rule change will have any impact, or impose any burden, on competition.

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

CME has not solicited, and does not intend to solicit, comments regarding this proposed rule change. CME has not received any unsolicited written comments from interested parties.

### **III. 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. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- Electronic comments may be submitted by using the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>), or send an email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File No. SR-CME-2011-16 on the subject line.
- Paper comments should be sent in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CME-2011-16. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). 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 Web site viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549 on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of CME. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CME-2011-16 and should be submitted on or before December 30, 2011.

### **IV. Commission's Findings and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of Proposed Rule Change**

In its filing, CME requested that the Commission approve this request on an accelerated basis for good cause shown. CME has articulated three reasons for granting this request on an accelerated

basis. One, the products covered by this filing, and CME's operations as a derivatives clearing organization for such products, are regulated by the CFTC under the CEA. Two, the proposed rule changes relate solely to FX swap clearing and therefore relate solely to its swaps clearing activities and do not significantly relate to CME's functions as a clearing agency for security-based swaps. Three, not approving this request on an accelerated basis will have a significant impact on the swap clearing business of CME as a designated clearing organization.

Section 19(b) of the Act<sup>4</sup> directs the Commission to approve a proposed rule change of a self-regulatory organization if it finds that such proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to such organization. The Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act, in particular the requirements of Section 17A of the Act,<sup>5</sup> and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to CME. Specifically, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 17A(b)(3)(F) of the Act which requires, among other things, that the rules of a clearing agency be designed to promote the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of derivative agreements, contracts, and transactions because it should allow CME to enhance its services in clearing FX swaps, thereby promoting the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of derivative agreements, contracts, and transactions.<sup>6</sup>

The Commission finds good cause, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>7</sup> for approving the proposed rule change prior to the 30th day after the date of publication of notice in the **Federal Register** because: (i) The proposed rule change does not significantly affect any securities clearing operations of the clearing agency (whether in existence or contemplated by its rules) or any related rights or obligations of the clearing agency or persons using such service; (ii) CME has indicated that not providing accelerated approval would have a significant impact on the swap clearing business of CME as a designated clearing organization; and (iii) the activity relating to the non-security clearing operations of the

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b).

<sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1. In approving this proposed rule change, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(F).

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

clearing agency for which the clearing agency is seeking approval is subject to regulation by another regulator.

## V. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, that the proposed rule change (SR-CME-2011-16) is approved on an accelerated basis.

For the Commission by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>8</sup>

**Kevin M. O'Neill,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-65884; File No. SR-SCCP-2011-03]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Stock Clearing Corporation of Philadelphia; Order Approving Proposed Rule Change With Respect to an Amendment to the By-Laws of The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc.

December 5, 2011.

#### I. Introduction

On October 11, 2011, Stock Clearing Corporation of Philadelphia ("SCCP") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change SR-SCCP-2011-03 pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4.<sup>2</sup> Thereunder. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on October 28, 2011.<sup>3</sup> The Commission received no comment letters regarding the proposal. For the reasons discussed below, the Commission is granting approval of the proposed rule change.

#### II. Description

The rule change will permit an amendment to the by-laws of SCCP's parent corporation, The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc. ("NASDAQ OMX"). NASDAQ OMX is seeking to amend provisions of its by-laws pertaining to the composition of committees of the NASDAQ OMX Board of Directors.

<sup>1</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

<sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>3</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>3</sup> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 34-65614 (October 24, 2011), 76 FR 67009 (October 28, 2011). In its filing with the Commission, SCCP included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change. The text of these statements is incorporated into the discussion of the proposed rule change in Section II below.

First, NASDAQ OMX is amending the compositional requirements of its Audit Committee in Section 4.13(g) to provide that the committee shall include three or more directors. Currently, the provision provides that the Audit Committee shall be composed of either four or five directors. Second, NASDAQ OMX is proposing to amend the compositional requirements of the Nominating & Governance Committee in Section 4.13(h) to replace a requirement that the committee comprise four or five members with a requirement to include two or more members. Third, NASDAQ OMX proposes to delete a paragraph of the by-laws (Section 4.13(k)) that pertains to the qualifications of committee members who are not directors. Finally, NASDAQ OMX is correcting a typographical error in the numbering of the provisions of Section 4.13(h) of the by-laws.

#### III. Discussion

Section 19(b)(2)(B) of the Act directs the Commission to approve a proposed rule change of a self-regulatory organization if it finds that such proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to such organization.<sup>4</sup> In particular, Section 17A(b)(3)(A)<sup>5</sup> of the Act requires, among other things, that the clearing agency be so organized and have the capacity to facilitate the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions, to safeguard the securities and funds which are in the custody or control of such clearing agency or for which it is responsible, and to comply with the provisions of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder.

The proposed change would allow the NASDAQ OMX Board of Directors ("Board") to determine the size of its Audit Committee, so long as the Audit Committee includes at least three directors, as well as the size of its Nominating & Governance Committee, so long as the Nominating & Governance Committee includes at least two directors. The proposal is intended to provide greater flexibility to the NASDAQ OMX Board to determine the appropriate size for these committees. The proposal does not change any other compositional requirements of either the Audit Committee or the Nominating & Governance Committee, including independence requirements. Moreover, the Commission notes that the proposal does not alter the application of Section

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

<sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(A).

10A of the Exchange Act<sup>6</sup> and Rule 10A-3 thereunder<sup>7</sup> to the NASDAQ OMX Audit Committee.

The proposal also deletes an obsolete section from, and corrects a typographical error in, the NASDAQ OMX by-laws, which are clarifying revisions. For the foregoing reasons, the Commission believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. The proposal also deletes an obsolete section from, and corrects a typographical error in, the NASDAQ OMX by-laws, which are clarifying revisions.

#### IV. Conclusion

On the basis of the foregoing, the Commission finds that the proposal is consistent with the requirements of the Act and in particular with the requirements of Section 17A of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder.

*It is therefore ordered*, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)<sup>8</sup> of the Act, that the proposed rule change (File No. SR-SCCP-2011-03) be, and hereby is, approved.<sup>9</sup>

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>10</sup>

**Kevin M. O'Neill,**

Deputy Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-65887; File No. SR-NYSEAmex-2011-91]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Amex LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Amending NYSE Amex Equities Rule 72 Priority of Bids and Offers and Allocation of Executions

December 5, 2011.

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> notice is hereby given that, on November 21, 2011, NYSE Amex LLC (the "Exchange" or "NYSE Amex") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the

<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78j-1.

<sup>7</sup> 17 CFR 240.10A-3.

<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

<sup>9</sup> In approving the proposed rule change, the Commission considered the proposal's impact on efficiency, competition and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

<sup>10</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

<sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>12</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.