

consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, the proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹² and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) thereunder.¹³

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)¹⁴ normally does not become operative for 30 days after the date of filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii)¹⁵ the Commission may designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange has asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposal may become operative immediately upon filing.

The Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, as it will allow the pilot program to continue uninterrupted, thereby avoiding the investor confusion that could result from a temporary interruption in the pilot program. For this reason, the Commission designates the proposed rule change to be operative upon filing.¹⁶

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend 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. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or

- Send an Email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File No. SR-NSX-2012-11 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments 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-NSX-2012-11. 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. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. 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-NSX-2012-11 and should be submitted by August 29, 2012.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁷

Kevin M. O'Neill,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-67580; File No. SR-CBOE-2012-073]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the CBOE Stock Exchange Fees Schedule

August 2, 2012.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on July 26, 2012, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated ("Exchange" or "CBOE") 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 Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comment 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 proposes to amend the Fees Schedule for its CBOE Stock Exchange ("CBSX"). The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site (<http://www.cboe.com/AboutCBOE/CBOELegalRegulatoryHome.aspx>), at the Exchange's Office of the Secretary, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

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.

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) requires the Exchange to give the Commission written notice of the Exchange's intent to file the proposed rule change along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

¹⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹⁵ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

¹⁶ For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has also considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

1. Purpose

CBSX proposes to amend its Fees Schedule regarding transactions in securities priced \$1 or greater. Currently, the highest Maker fee tier is for Makers who add 15 million or more shares of liquidity in one day, with the fee for such Makers being \$0.0015 per share. The Exchange proposes to add a higher Maker tier, for those Makers who add 25 million or more shares of liquidity in one day. Such Makers will be assessed a lower fee of \$0.0014 per share. Makers who add 15,000,000—24,999,999 shares of liquidity in one day will still be assessed the \$0.0015 per share fee.

As before, the different rates for different Maker tiers apply to all transactions in securities priced \$1 or greater made by the same market participant in any day in which such participant adds the established amount of shares or more of liquidity that is determined for each tier. Market participants who share a trading acronym or MPID may aggregate their trading activity for purposes of these rates. Qualification for these rates will require that a market participant appropriately indicate his trading acronym and/or MPID in the appropriate field on the order.

The Exchange proposes this higher tier with accompanying lower fee in order to incentivize market participants to add more liquidity to CBSX. The proposed change is to take effect on August 1, 2012.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.³ Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,⁴ which provides that Exchange rules may provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its Trading Permit Holders and other persons using its facilities. The proposed new Maker fee of \$0.0014 per share for Makers who add 25 million or more shares of liquidity in one day is reasonable because the amount is lower

than Makers who add that amount of shares in one day currently pay.

The reduced fee tier is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because it will encourage market participants to trade on CBSX and bring greater liquidity to CBSX, which will benefit all market participants. By encouraging market participants to hit a threshold of executing greater amounts of shares a day (at which point such market participants would receive the corresponding lower Maker fees for all shares executed by the market participant that day), the Exchange incentivizes market participants who may be able to meet that threshold to add more volume and liquidity to the CBSX marketplace. This increased volume and liquidity would benefit all CBSX market participants, including those who do not trade at the higher levels, by providing them with more opportunities for execution. Orders that provide liquidity increase the likelihood that CBSX market participants seeking to access liquidity will have their orders filled. If the lower rates did not exist for market participants who execute increased amounts of shares a day, even those market participants who do not hit those thresholds would not receive the benefit of this added volume and liquidity. As such, the Exchange believes that it is reasonable and equitable to use pricing incentives, such as lower fees for creating large amounts of liquidity, to encourage market participants to increase their participation in the market.

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

CBOE does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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

The Exchange neither solicited nor received comments on the proposed rule change.

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)⁵ of the Act and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b-4⁶ thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission

summarily may temporarily suspend 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. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-CBOE-2012-073 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments 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-CBOE-2012-073. 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 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. 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-CBOE-

³ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78(b)(4).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁶ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f).

2012-073 and should be submitted on or before August 29, 2012.

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

Kevin M. O'Neill,
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Options on the MSCI EM and MSCI EAFE Indexes

August 2, 2012.

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 July 24, 2012, The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC (“NASDAQ” 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 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 NASDAQ Stock Market LLC (“NASDAQ” or “Exchange”) proposes to amend the rules of The NASDAQ Options Market LLC (“NOM”) at Sections 2, 3, 5, 10, 11 and 13 of Chapter XIV, entitled “Index Rules” to list and trade options on the MSCI EM Index based upon the Full Value MSCI Emerging Markets (“EM”) Index (“MSCI EM Index”) and the MSCI EAFE Index based upon the Full Value MSCI EAFE Index (“MSCI EAFE Index”).³

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s Web site at <http://www.nasdaq.cchwallstreet.com>, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

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. 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.

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

1. Purpose

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to amend Sections 2 (Definitions), 3 (Designation of A Broad-Based Index), 5 (Position Limits for Broad-Based Index Options), 10 (Trading Sessions) and 11 (Terms of Index Options Contracts) of Chapter XIV, entitled “Index Rules” to list and trade P.M.-cash-settled, European-style options, on the MSCI EM and MSCI EAFE Indexes. The Exchange also proposes to amend Section 13 (Disclaimers) of Chapter XIV to add detailed information pertaining to the indexes as required by the licensor including, but not limited to, liability and other representations on the part of MSCI Inc.

The MSCI EM Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index⁴ that is designed to measure equity market performance of emerging markets. The MSCI EM Index consists of component securities from the following twenty-one (21) emerging market countries: Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Russia, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, and Turkey.

The MSCI EAFE Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets, excluding the U.S. and Canada. The MSCI EAFE Index consists of component securities from the following twenty-two (22) developed market countries: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy,

Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.

Index Design and Composition

The MSCI EM Index is designed to measure equity market performance in the global emerging markets. The index is maintained by MSCI Inc. (“MSCI”).⁵ The index was launched on December 31, 1987. The MSCI EAFE Index is designed to measure international equity performance. It consists of component securities from countries that represent developed markets outside of North America: Europe, Australasia and the Far East. The Index, similar to the MSCI EM Index, is maintained by MSCI. The Index was launched on December 31, 1969.

The MSCI EM Index and the MSCI EAFE Index are reviewed on a semi-annual basis. The index review is based on MSCI’s Global Investable Markets Indices Methodology. A description of the methodology is available at http://www.msci.com/eqb/methodology/meth_docs/MSCI_May12_IndexCalcMethodology.pdf. The MSCI EM Index consists of large and midcap components from countries classified by MSCI as “emerging markets.” The MSCI EAFE Index consists of large and midcap components from countries classified by MSCI as developed and excludes North America.

Index Calculation and Index Maintenance

The base index value of the MSCI EM Index was 100 as of December 31, 1987. The base index value of the MSCI EAFE Index was 100 as of December 31, 1969. On June 1, 2012, the index value of the MSCI EM Index was 893.86. On June 1, 2012, the index value of the MSCI EAFE Index was 1312.34. The MSCI EM Index and the MSCI EAFE Index are calculated in U.S. Dollars on a real time basis from the open of the first market on which the components are traded to the closing of the last market on which the components are traded. The methodology used to calculate the value of the MSCI EM Index and the MSCI EAFE Index is similar to the methodology used to calculate the value of other well-known market-capitalization weighted indexes.⁶ The level of the MSCI EM and EAFE Indexes reflect the free float-adjusted market

⁵ MSCI is a provider of investment decision support tools.

⁶ Additional information about the methodology for calculating the MSCI EM and the MSCI EAFE Indexes can be found at: http://www.msci.com/eqb/methodology/meth_docs/MSCI_May12_IndexCalcMethodology.pdf.

⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ NASDAQ has entered into a license agreement with MSCI Inc. to list these products.

⁴ The free float adjusted market capitalization is used to calculate the weights of the securities in the indices. MSCI defines the free float of a security as the proportion of shares outstanding that is deemed to be available for purchase in the public equity markets by international investors.