order to provide clearing services for the LIFFE Securities Products. Accordingly, ICE Clear Europe has submitted, and the Commission has granted, ICE Clear Europe’s application for exemptive relief from clearing agency registration under Section 17A(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 17Ab2–1 thereunder solely with respect to ICE Clear Europe’s provision of clearance and settlement services for LIFFE Securities Products.30

Given the Exemptive Order,31 the Commission finds that the Proposal is consistent with the requirements of Section 17A(b)(1) of the Act32 regarding clearing agency registration.

In addition, the Commission finds that the Proposal is consistent with the requirements of the Exchange Act with respect to promoting the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions and, to the extent applicable, derivative agreements, contracts, and transactions. The Proposal contains provisions designed to permit and facilitate LIFFE Contracts to be transitioned to and cleared on an ongoing basis by ICE Clear Europe, including changes to ICE Clear Europe’s Rules, as well as its Finance Procedures, Clearing Procedures, Delivery Procedures, and Membership Procedures.

In addition, the Commission finds that the Proposal is consistent with the requirements of Section 17A(b)(3)(F) of the Act33 regarding the safeguarding of securities and funds which are in the custody or control of the clearing agency or for which it is responsible. Among other things, the Proposal revises margin requirements, establishes the F&O Guaranty Fund to accommodate the clearing of both LIFFE contracts and ICE Clear Europe’s existing Energy Contracts, and revises ICE Clear Europe’s risk management framework with respect to LIFFE contracts. The Proposal includes new policies covering margin requirements, mark-to-market margin, capital to margin, membership, internal rating, backtesting, wrong-way risk, concentration charges, intraday margin and stress testing in respect of the LIFFE A&M clearing relationship. Relevant models applicable to the clearing of LIFFE Contracts were subjected to independent validation as required by ICE Clear Europe’s model governance framework.

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 Act34 and the rules and regulations thereunder.

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,35 that the proposed rule change (File No. SR–ICEEU–2013–09) be, and hereby is, approved.36

For the Commission by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.37

Kevin M. O’Neill,
Deputy Secretary.

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SEcurities And EXchange COMMISSION

SELF–REGULATORY ORGANIZATIONS; NATIONAL Stock EXchange, Inc.; NOTICE OF Filing and IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVENESS OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGE AMENDING EXCHANGE RULE 11.11 TO AUTOMATICALLY PREVENT ENTRY OF ZERO DISPLAY RESERVE ORDERS MARKED “SELL SHORT”

June 27, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”)38 and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,39 notice is hereby given that on June 26, 2013, National Stock Exchange, Inc. (“NSX” or the “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 the Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend Exchange Rule 11.11 (Orders and Modifiers) to add new subparagraph (c)(2)(E), which addresses the manner in which the Exchange’s Trading System (the “System”) will handle a sell short Zero Display Reserve Order 3 entered by an Exchange User 4 in a security that subsequently becomes subject to a short sale price test restriction under Rule 201 of Regulation SHO 5 of the Act. The rule amendment and accompanying technology change address a System limitation that causes a sell short Zero Display Reserve Order to be executed at or below the national best bid during a period that the security is subject to the short sale price test restriction.

Accordingly, the Exchange has determined to amend Rule 11.11 by adding new subparagraph (c)(2)(E) which will provide that the Exchange’s System will automatically reject the entry of a Zero Display Reserve Order marked as “sell short.” The Exchange has stated that the present rule amendment is a temporary measure intended to address Rule 201 Regulation SHO compliance with regard to Zero Display Reserve Orders. The Exchange has further stated that it intends to make subsequent permanent modifications to the System that will eliminate the need to automatically reject all Zero Display Reserve Orders marked “sell short.” Accordingly, the Exchange will seek Commission approval of a proposal to replace subparagraph (c)(2)(E) of Rule 201(a)(9) of Regulation SHO compliance.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s Web site at www.nsx.com, at the Exchange’s principal office, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

30 ICE Clear Europe’s Form CA–1 incorporates a letter from Paul Swann, President, ICE Clear Europe, to Elizabeth Murphy, Secretary, SEC, dated June 11, 2013, requesting exemptive relief from clearing agency registration in connection with the clearing of LIFFE Securities Products.

31 Supra n. 26.

36 In approving this proposed rule change the Commission has considered the proposed rule’s impact of efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).
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 those 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 parts of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

The Exchange is proposing to amend Rule 11.11 to add new subparagraph (c)(2)(E), which will provide that the Exchange will automatically block the entry by Users of Zero Display Reserve Orders marked “sell short.” All such orders will be rejected back to the entering User. The rule amendment and accompanying changes to the System will automatically reject the entry of such orders and thereby prevent a subsequent execution of such orders at or below the national best bid during a time period that the security is the subject of a short sale price test restriction.

Rule 201(b)(1)(i) of Regulation SHO requires trading centers, including the Exchange, to establish, maintain and enforce written policies and procedures reasonably designed to prevent the execution or display of a short sale order of a covered security at a price that is less than or equal to the current national best bid if the price of that covered security decreases by 10% or more from such security’s closing price on the listing market at the close of regular trading hours on the prior day. Rule 201(b)(1)(iii) of Regulation SHO provides that trading centers must establish, maintain and enforce written policies and procedures reasonably designed to enforce the short sale price test restriction for the remainder of the trading day and the following day, when a national best bid for the covered security is calculated and disseminated on a current and continuing basis by a plan processor pursuant to an effective national market system plan.

Rule 201(b)(1)(iii)(A) of Regulation SHO provides that a trading center’s written policies and procedures must be reasonably designed to permit the execution of a displayed short sale order of a covered security by a trading center if, at the time of initial display of the short sale order, the order was at a price above the current national best bid.7

Exchange Rule 11.11(c)(2)(A) provides that a User may enter a Reserve Order with a display quantity of zero, in which case the Reserve Order will be known as a Zero Display Reserve Order. Because no order designated by a User as a Zero Display Reserve Order ever becomes displayed, any such order marked “sell short” does not qualify for the exception under Rule 201(b)(1)(iii)(A) of Regulation SHO.

Recently, the Exchange became aware of a System limitation that permits the execution of a sell short Zero Display Reserve Order at or below the national best bid while the covered security was in a short sale price test restriction. The operation of the System in these circumstances is not consistent with Rule 201(b) of Regulation SHO.

Accordingly, the Exchange has determined to amend Rule 11.11 by adding new subparagraph (c)(2)(E) which will provide that the Exchange’s System will automatically reject the entry of a Zero Display Reserve Order marked as “sell short.” The Exchange has stated that the present rule amendment is a temporary measure intended to address Rule 201 Regulation SHO compliance with regard to Zero Display Reserve Orders. The Exchange has further stated that it intends to make subsequent permanent modifications to the System that will eliminate the need to automatically reject all Zero Display Reserve Orders marked “sell short.” Accordingly, the Exchange will seek Commission approval of a proposal to replace subparagraph (c)(2)(E) by August 30, 2013, the date by which the Exchange anticipates the permanent modifications to the System will be ready to implement, and to propose any other rule amendments necessary to further address the Exchange’s Rule 201 Regulation SHO compliance.

2. Statutory Basis

The proposed rule change to provide that the System will automatically reject the entry of Zero Display Reserve orders marked “sell short” is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act and specifically with Rule 201 of Regulation SHO. Because such orders are not displayed, they are not within the exception under Rule 201(b)(1)(iii)(A) discussed above. The rule amendment will address Rule 201 of Regulation SHO compliance by preventing the execution or display of a short sale order of a covered security at an impermissible price when the short sale price restriction is in effect. In this regard, the amendment will further the purposes of the Act and specifically Rule 201 of Regulation SHO.

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 that is not necessary or appropriate for the furtherance of the Act. The Exchange plans to issue written notification of the rule amendment to all Users, advising them that all Zero Display Reserve Orders marked “sell short” will be rejected by the System. Users can assess the impact of the rule amendment on their order entry strategies and practices, and determine whether to send orders to another execution venue.

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

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

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

The Exchange has filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act9 and Rule 19b–4(f)(6) thereunder.10 The proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and Rule 19b–4(f)(6)(iii) thereunder because the proposed rule change (i) Does not significantly affect the

6 For purposes of Regulation SHO, the term “trading center” has the same meaning as in Rule 600(b)(78) of Regulation NMS, which defines a “trading center” as “... a national securities exchange or national securities association that operates an SRO trading facility, an alternative trading system, an exchange market maker, an OTC market maker, or any other broker or dealer that executes orders internally by trading as principal or crossing orders as agent.”

7 The second exception, not relevant for purposes of this filing, requires the trading center to have policies and procedures permitting the execution of an order in a covered security marked “short exempt” without regard to whether the order is at a price that is less than or equal to the current national best bid.


10 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b–4(f)(6) 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 requested a waiver of this requirement.
effective upon filing.13

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b–4(f)(6) 11 normally does not become operative prior to 30 days from the date of the filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b–4(f)(6)(iii),12 the Commission may designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.

The Exchange has requested the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay, as well as the 5-day pre-filing requirement, so that the proposed rule change may become effective and operative upon filing. The Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay and the 5-day pre-filing requirement is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange, as a trading center, is required under Regulation SHO to establish, maintain and enforce written policies and procedures reasonably designed to prevent the execution of sell short orders of covered securities subject to the short sale price test restriction at or below the current national best bid. Because the rule amendment is designed to address this requirement under Rule 201, the Commission agrees to waive the operative delay and pre-filing requirement. Accordingly, the Commission grants the Exchange’s request and designates the proposal effective upon filing.13

At any time within 60 days of the filing of such 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 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:

- Use the Commission’s Internet comment form (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml);
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR–NSX–2013–13 on the subject line.

All submissions should refer to File No. SR–NSX–2013–13. This file number should be included in the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review 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. eastern time. Copies of such filings will also 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–2013–13 and should be submitted on or before July 24, 2013.

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

Kevin M. O’Neill,
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations: The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”); Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Implement a Fee Associated With the Expansion of DTC’s Ability To Collect and Pass Through Fees Owed by Participants to American Depositary Receipt Agents

June 26, 2013.

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 June 13, 2013, DTC filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change described in Items I, II and III below, which Items have been prepared primarily by DTC. DTC filed the rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)3 of the Act and Rule 19b–4(f)(2) 4 thereunder, so that the proposed change was effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the rule change from interested parties.

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

The proposed purpose of the proposed rule change is to implement a fee associated with the expansion of DTC’s ability to collect and pass through fees owed by DTC participants (“Participants”) to American Depositary Receipt Agents.

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

In its filing with the Commission, DTC 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. DTC has prepared summaries, set forth in sections (A), (B), and (C) below, of the most significant aspects of these statements.5

5 The Commission has modified the text of the summaries prepared by DTC.