rejecting all SPX/SPXW orders during extended hours is currently not unduly burdensome; it is not unduly burdensome to allow a subset of SPX/SPXW orders to continue to be treated in such a manner. Additionally, allowing such orders to be executed electronically will not impose any burden on intermarket competition as options on the S&P 500 are exclusively listed on the Exchange. To the extent the proposed changes make CBOE a more attractive marketplace for market participants at other exchanges, such market participants are welcome to become CBOE market participants.

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

Within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register or within such longer period up to 90 days (i) as the Commission may designate 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 or disapprove 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 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–2016–080 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

• Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549–1090. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CBOE–2016–080 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 the 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–2016–080 and should be submitted on or before December 23, 2016.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.42

Robert W. Errett,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–79408; File No. SR–
NASDAQ–2016–159]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend
Commentary .14 to Rule 4770
(Compliance With Regulation NMS Plan To Implement a Tick Size Pilot)

November 28, 2016.

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 14, 2016, The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC (“Nasdaq” or “Exchange”) filed amendments to the proposed rule change.

The Exchange proposes to amend Commentary .14 to Rule 4770 (Compliance with Regulation NMS Plan to Implement a Tick Size Pilot) to provide the SEC with notice of its efforts to re-program its systems to eliminate a re-pricing functionality for certain orders in Test Group Three securities in connection with the Regulation NMS Plan to Implement a Tick Size Pilot Program (“Plan” or “Pilot”).3

The text of the proposed rule change is set forth below. Proposed new language is italicized; deleted text is in brackets.

The NASDAQ Stock Market Rules

4770. Compliance With Regulation NMS Plan To Implement a Tick Size Pilot

(a) through (d) No Change.

Commentary: .01–.13 No change.

.14 Until [November 14, 2016]December 12, 2016, the treatment of Price to Comply Orders, Price to Display Orders, Non-Displayed Orders, and Post-Only Orders that are entered through the OUCH or FLITE protocols in Test Group Three securities shall be as follows:

Following entry, and if market conditions allow, a Price to Comply Order in a Test Group Three Pilot Security will be adjusted repeatedly in accordance with changes to the NBBO until such time as the Price to Comply Order is able to be ranked and displayed at its original entered limit price.

Following entry, and if market conditions allow, a Price to Display Order in a Test Group Three Pilot Security will be adjusted repeatedly in accordance with changes to the NBBO until such time as the Price to Display Order is able to be ranked and displayed at its original entered limit price.

Following entry, and if market conditions allow, a Non-Displayed Order in a Test Group Three Pilot Security will be adjusted repeatedly in accordance with changes to the NBBO until such time as the Price to Display Order is able to be ranked and displayed at its original entered limit price.

Post-Only Orders entered through the functionality for Price to Comply had initially proposed a re-pricing (October 7, 2016) (SR–NASDAQ–2016–126). Nasdaq subsequently determined that it would not offer this re-pricing functionality for Price to Comply Orders, Non-Displayed Orders, and Post-Only Orders entered through the OUCH and FLITE protocols in Group Three securities. As part of Partial Amendment No. 2 to SR–NASDAQ–2016–126, Nasdaq proposed to delete the relevant language from Rule 4770 related to this re-pricing functionality.

In that amendment, Nasdaq noted that this change would only impact the treatment of Price to Comply Orders, Non-Displayed Orders, and Post-Only orders that are submitted through the OUCH and FLITE protocols in Test Group Three Pilot Securities, as these types of Orders that are currently submitted to Nasdaq through the RASH, QIX or FIX protocols are already subject to this re-pricing functionality and will remain subject to this functionality under the Pilot.

In the Amendment, Nasdaq further noted that its systems are currently programmed to eliminate the re-pricing functionality in Test Group Three securities for Price to Comply Orders, Non-Displayed Orders, and Post-Only Orders that are entered through the OUCH and FLITE protocols in Test Group Three Securities. In the Amendment, Nasdaq stated that it is re-programming its systems to remove this functionality for Price to Comply Orders, Non-Displayed Orders and Post-Only Orders entered through the OUCH and FLITE protocols in Test Group Three Securities. In the Amendment, Nasdaq stated that it anticipated that this re-programming shall be complete no later than November 30, 2016. If it appeared that this functionality would remain operational by October 17, 2016, Nasdaq indicated that it would file a proposed rule change with the SEC and will provide notice to market participants sufficiently in advance of that date to provide effective notice. The rule change and the notice to market participants would describe the current operation of the Nasdaq systems in this regard, and the timing related to the re-programming.

On October 17, 2016, Nasdaq filed a proposal to extend the date by which it would complete the re-programming of its systems to eliminate the re-pricing functionality in Test Group Three securities for Price to Comply Orders, Price to Display Orders, Non-Displayed Orders, and Post-Only Orders that are entered through the OUCH or FLITE protocols. In that proposal, Nasdaq stated that it anticipated that this re-programming shall be complete on or before October 31, 2016.

On October 31, 2016, Nasdaq submitted a proposed rule change to extend the date by which it would eliminate the re-pricing functionality to November 14, 2016. In that proposal, Nasdaq stated that it was still determining how to modify its systems to eliminate the current re-pricing functionality in Test Group Three securities for Price to Comply Orders, Price to Display Orders, Non-Displayed Orders, and Post-Only Orders that are entered through the OUCH or FLITE protocols.

At this time, Nasdaq is in the process of re-programming its systems to eliminate the re-pricing functionality in Test Group Three securities for Price to Comply Orders, Price to Display Orders, Non-Displayed Orders, and Post-Only Orders that are entered through the OUCH or FLITE protocols in Test Group Three Securities. Nasdaq anticipates that this re-programming shall be complete on or before December 12, 2016.

Therefore, the current treatment of Price to Comply Orders, Price to Display Orders, Non-Displayed Orders, and Post-Only Orders that are entered through the OUCH or FLITE protocols in Test Group Three Securities shall be as follows:

Following entry, and if market conditions allow, a Price to Comply Order in a Test Group Three Pilot Security will be adjusted repeatedly in accordance with changes to the NBBO until such time as the Price to Comply Order is able to be ranked and displayed at its original entered limit price.

4 As originally proposed, Rule 4770(d)(2) stated that Price to Comply Orders in a Test Group Three Pilot Security will be adjusted repeatedly in accordance with changes to the NBBO until such time as the Price to Comply Order is able to be ranked and displayed at its original entered limit price. Rule 4770(d)(3) stated that, if market conditions allow, a Non-Displayed Order in a Test Group Three Pilot Security will be adjusted repeatedly in accordance with changes to the NBBO up (down) to the Order’s limit price. Rule 4770(d)(4) stated that, if market conditions allow, the Post-Only Order in a Test Group Three Pilot Security will be adjusted repeatedly in accordance with changes to the NBBO or the best price on the Nasdaq Book, as applicable until such time as the Post-Only Order is able to be ranked and displayed at its original entered limit price.


6 As originally proposed, Rule 4770(d)(2) stated that Price to Comply Orders in a Test Group Three Pilot Security will be adjusted repeatedly in accordance with changes to the NBBO until such time as the Price to Comply Order is able to be ranked and displayed at its original entered limit price. Rule 4770(d)(3) stated that, if market conditions allow, a Non-Displayed Order in a Test Group Three Pilot Security will be adjusted repeatedly in accordance with changes to the NBBO up (down) to the Order’s limit price. Rule 4770(d)(4) stated that, if market conditions allow, the Post-Only Order in a Test Group Three Pilot Security will be adjusted repeatedly in accordance with changes to the NBBO or the best price on the Nasdaq Book, as applicable until such time as the Post-Only Order is able to be ranked and displayed at its original entered limit price.


Subsequent to the approval of SR–NASDAQ–2016–126, Nasdaq become aware that this re-pricing functionality also applies to Price to Display Orders that are entered through the OUCH and FLITE protocols in Test Group Three Securities, and included those Orders as part of SR–NASDAQ–2016–143 accordingly. Price to Display Orders will be treated in the same manner as Price to Comply Orders under the re-pricing functionality.
Following entry, and if market conditions allow, a Price to Display Order in a Test Group Three Pilot Security will be adjusted repeatedly in accordance with changes to the NBBO until such time as the Price to Display Order is able to be ranked and displayed at its original entered limit price.

Following entry, and if market conditions allow, a Non-Displayed Order in a Test Group Three Pilot Security will be adjusted repeatedly in accordance with changes to the NBBO up (down) to the Order’s limit price. Following entry, and if market conditions allow, a Post-Only Order in a Test Group Three Pilot Security will be adjusted repeatedly in accordance with changes to the NBBO or the best price on the Nasdaq Book, as applicable with changes to the NBBO or the best price on the Nasdaq Book, as applicable until such time as the Post-Only Order is able to be ranked and displayed at its original entered limit price.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act, in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general to protect investors and the public interest. The purpose of this filing is to inform the SEC and market participants of the status of Nasdaq’s attempts to re-program its systems to remove the re-pricing functionality in Test Group Three securities for Price to Comply Orders, Price to Display Orders, Non-Displayed Orders, and Post-Only Orders that are entered through the OUCH or FLITE protocols, and the current treatment of such orders pending the removal of this functionality. This proposal is consistent with the Act because it provides the SEC and market participants with notice of Nasdaq’s efforts in this regard, and is being submitted in connection with the statements made by Nasdaq in SR–NASDAQ–2016–126, SR–NASDAQ–2016–143, and SR–NASDAQ–2016–151.

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 not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The purpose of this proposal is to provide the SEC and market participants with notice of Nasdaq’s efforts to remove its re-pricing functionality in Test Group Three securities for Price to Comply Orders, Price to Display Orders, Non-Displayed Orders, and Post-Only Orders that are entered through the OUCH or FLITE protocols, and that it anticipates this re-programming to be complete on or before December 12, 2016.

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

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

The foregoing change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act and Rule 19b–4(f)(6) thereunder, in that it effects a change that: (i) Does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) by its terms, does not become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is: (i) Necessary or appropriate in the public interest; (ii) for the protection of investors; or (iii) otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or 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 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–NASDAQ–2016–159 on the subject line.

Paper Comments
- Send paper comments in triplicate to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549–1090. All submissions should refer to File Number SR–NASDAQ–2016–159. 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 related 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 the 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–NASDAQ–2016–159 and should be submitted on or before December 23, 2016.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.15

Robert W. Errett,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. IC–32373]

Notice of Applications for Deregistration Under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

November 28, 2016.

The following is a notice of applications for deregistration under section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 for the month of November 2016. A copy of each application may be obtained via the Commission’s Web site by searching for the file number, or for an applicant using the Company name box, at http://www.sec.gov/search/search.htm or by calling (202) 551–8090. An order granting each application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on any application by writing to the SEC’s Secretary at the address below and serving the relevant applicant with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on December 23, 2016, and should be accompanied by proof of service on applicants, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Pursuant to Rule 0–5 under the Act, hearing requests should state the nature of the writer’s interest, any facts bearing upon the desirability of a hearing on the matter, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Commission’s Secretary.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jessica Shin, Attorney-Adviser, at (202) 551–5921 or Chief Counsel’s Office at (202) 551–6821; SEC, Division of Investment Management, Chief Counsel’s Office, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549–8010.

Dreyfus/Laurel Tax-Free Municipal Funds [File No. 811–03700]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On October 28, 2015, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders, based on net asset value. Expenses of $1,700.10 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by the applicant’s investment adviser. A notice of applicant’s application was included in the notice of applications for deregistration for September 2016 (Investment Company Act Release No. 32299). However, applicants subsequently amended their application on October 25, 2016 to correct an error in connection with the liquidation.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on August 8, 2016, and amended on August 31, 2016, October 13, 2016, and October 25, 2016.

Applicant’s Address: c/o The Dreyfus Corporation, 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166.

Templeton Russia and East European Fund, Inc. [File No. 811–08788]

Summary: Applicant, a closed-end investment company, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On December 16, 2015 and December 18, 2016, applicant made liquidating distributions to its shareholders, based on net asset value. As of October 26, 2016, there remained 17,126.077 shares that have not been surrendered for exchange. The applicant’s transfer agent will hold the shares’ distribution pending surrender of the shares for exchange. If the holders do not surrender their shares for the payment and there is no contact from the holder, then the property will be deemed to be abandoned. Expenses of approximately $122,038 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by the applicant.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on October 4, 2016, and amended on November 4, 2016.

Applicant’s Address: 300 SE 2nd Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, pursuant to delegated authority.

Robert W. Errett,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–79403; File No. SR–BatsEDGX–2016–65]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Bats EDGX Exchange, Inc.: Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Make a Ministerial Change to Exchange Rules 11.8, 11.14, and 11.22

November 28, 2016.

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 November 17, 2016, Bats EDGX Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “EDGX”) 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 has designated this proposal as a “non-controversial” proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act3 and Rule 19b–4 thereof,4 which renders it 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 Exchange filed a proposal to make a ministerial change to Exchange Rules 11.8(d)(5), 11.14(g)(4), and 11.22(a)(7)(A)(i)[2] in order to remove erroneous and irrelevant rule text as well as correct a typographical error. The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange’s Web site at www.batstrading.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