

after the date of publication of the notice in the **Federal Register** in order to facilitate the clearing of the Standard European Senior Non-Preferred Financial Corporate transaction type, which the Commission understands market participants will commence trading beginning on March 20, 2018³⁰ and which are tied to European capital and resolution regulations.

IV. Conclusion

On the basis of the foregoing, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and in particular with the requirements of Section 17A of the Act,³¹ and Rules 17Ad-22(b)(2), (b)(3), (e)(4)(ii), and (e)(6)(i) thereunder.³²

It Is Therefore Ordered pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act³³ that the proposed rule change (SR-ICEEU-2018-002) be, and hereby is, approved on an accelerated basis.³⁴

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.³⁵

Eduardo A. Aleman,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 82896]

Order Granting Motion for Extension of Time

March 16, 2018.

In the Matter of the Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. for an Order Granting the Approval of Proposed Rule Change to Introduce Cboe Market Close, a Closing Match Process for Non-BZX Listed Securities under New Exchange Rule 11.28 (File No. SR-BatsBZX-2017-34); Securities Exchange Act Of 1934.

On March 9, 2018, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC and NYSE Group, Inc. filed a Motion for an Extension of Time to File Statements in Opposition to the Action Made Pursuant to Delegated Authority (“Motion for an Extension of

³⁰ See IHS Markit iTraxx Europe Rule Announcement, February 6, 2018 (stating that for iTraxx Europe Series 29, for French bank OpCos that qualify for inclusion in the index, the senior non-preferred reference obligations will be selected if available).

³¹ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1.

³² 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22(b)(2), (b)(3), (e)(4)(ii) and (e)(6)(i).

³³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

³⁴ 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).

³⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Time”) pursuant to Rule 161 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice¹ to extend to April 12, 2018, the time previously provided for the in the Commission’s March 1, 2018, Order Granting Petitions for Review and Scheduling Filing of Statements.² On March 15, 2018, Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. filed a response stating that it does not object to the Motion for an Extension of Time.

Extensions of time are disfavored absent a showing of good cause. It appears appropriate to grant the requested extension. Therefore,

It is Ordered, that the Motion for an Extension of Time is hereby Granted. The time for any party or other person to file a statement in support of or in opposition to the action made pursuant to delegated authority is extended from March 22, 2018 to April 12, 2018.

For the Commission, by its Secretary, pursuant to delegated authority.³

Eduardo A. Aleman,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-82892; File No. 4-698]

Joint Industry Plan; Notice of Withdrawal of Amendment No. 4 to the National Market System Plan Governing the Consolidated Audit Trail

March 16, 2018.

I. Introduction

On December 11, 2017, the Operating Committee for CAT NMS, LLC (the “Company”), on behalf of the parties to the National Market System Plan Governing the Consolidated Audit Trail (the “CAT NMS Plan”): BOX Options Exchange LLC, Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc., Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc., Cboe EDGA Exchange, Inc., Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc., Cboe C2 Exchange, Inc., Cboe Exchange, Inc., Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc., Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., Investors’ Exchange LLC, Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC, MIA X PEARL, LLC, Nasdaq BX, Inc., Nasdaq GEMX, LLC, Nasdaq ISE, LLC, Nasdaq MRX, LLC, Nasdaq PHLX LLC, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC, New York Stock Exchange LLC, NYSE American, LLC and NYSE Arca, Inc., (the “Participants”) filed with the Securities

¹ 17 CFR 201.161.

² Exchange Act Release No. 82794 (March 1, 2018).

³ 17 CFR 200.30-7(a)(4).

and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) pursuant to Section 11A of the of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934¹ (the “Exchange Act”) and Rule 608 thereunder,² Amendment No. 4 to the CAT NMS Plan to add a fee schedule to the CAT NMS Plan that would set forth fees to be paid by the Participants to fund the Consolidated Audit Trail.³ A Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Amendment No. 4 was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on January 11, 2018.⁴

The Commission is publishing this notice to reflect that on January 11, 2018, prior to the end of the 60-day period provided for in Exchange Act Rule 608(b)(iii), the Participants withdrew the Amendment.⁵

By the Commission.

Eduardo A. Aleman,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-82895; File No. SR-CboeBZX-2018-020]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend Its Listing Rules Under Rule 14.11(d)(2)(K)(i) Related to Equity Index-Linked Securities

March 16, 2018.

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 March 8, 2018, Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (“Exchange” or “BZX”) 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(f)(6)(iii)

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78k-1.

² 17 CFR 242.608.

³ See Letter from Michael Simon, Chair, CAT NMS Plan Operating Committee, to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Commission, dated December 11, 2017.

⁴ See Exchange Act Release No. 82451 (January 5, 2018), 83 FR 1399 (January 11, 2018).

⁵ See Letter from Michael Simon, Chair, CAT NMS Plan Operating Committee, to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Commission, dated January 10, 2018.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

thereunder,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 amend its listing rules under Rule 14.11(d)(2)(K)(i) related to Equity Index-Linked Securities.

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange's website at www.markets.cboe.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 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 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 submitting this proposal in order to bring its listing rules related to Equity Index-Linked Securities in line with those of NYSE Arca, Inc ("Arca").⁵ Rule 14.11(d) sets forth certain rules related to the listing and trading of Linked Securities (as defined therein) on the Exchange and Rule 14.11(d)(2)(K)(i) relates specifically to the generic listing standards applicable to Equity Index-Linked Securities.⁶ Specifically, Rule 14.11(d)(2)(K)(i)(a) provides that the index underlying a series of Equity Index-Linked Securities must include at least 10 component securities and meet the requirements of either Rule 14.11(d)(2)(K)(i)(a)(1) or (2). Rule 14.11(d)(2)(K)(i)(a)(1) provides that an index must have been reviewed and

approved for the trading of options or other derivatives by the Commission under Section 19(b)(2) of the Act and rules thereunder and the conditions set forth in the Commission's approval order, including comprehensive surveillance sharing agreements for non-U.S. stocks, continue to be satisfied. Rule 14.11(d)(2)(K)(i)(a)(2) provides certain quantitative standards related to the market cap, trading volume, rebalancing, concentration, and surveillance sharing. As noted above, where an index has at least 10 component securities and meets the criteria either Rule 14.11(d)(2)(K)(i)(a)(1) or (2), it meets the initial listing criteria for Equity Index-Linked Securities. Rule 14.11(d)(2)(K)(i)(b) includes the continued listing criteria for Equity Index-Linked Securities and provides that the Exchange will consider suspension and will initiate delisting proceedings where the standards set forth in Rule 14.11(d)(2)(K)(i)(a) are not continuously met, with some additional concentration and trading volume criteria.

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 14.11(d)(2)(K)(i) related to Equity Index-Linked Securities in order to make it substantively identical to the comparable rule on Arca. In particular, the Exchange is proposing to make certain changes to its rules consistent with Arca's rule such that: (i) Derivative Securities Products and Linked Securities will be excluded from several initial and continued listing criteria; (ii) the rule text makes clear that Rule 14.11(d)(2)(K)(i)(a)(1) includes a series of Index Fund Shares approved by the Commission under Section 19(b)(2) of the Act; (iii) the existing trading volume requirement under Rule 14.11(d)(2)(K)(i)(a)(2)(B) is replaced with a more flexible trading volume standard; (iv) rules with standards applicable only to certain index weightings, including equal-dollar, modified equal-dollar, capitalization-weighted, and modified capitalization-weighted, are eliminated; and (v) Rule 14.11(d)(2)(K)(i)(a)(2)(G) provides that securities of a foreign issuer (including when they underlie ADRs) whose primary trading market outside the United States is not a member of the Intermarket Surveillance Group ("ISG") or a party to a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement with the Exchange will not in the aggregate represent more than 50% of the dollar weight of the index, and (a) the securities of any one such market may not represent more than 20% of the dollar weight of the index, and (b) the securities of any two such markets may

not represent more than 33% of the dollar weight of the index.

As noted above, the Exchange believes that these proposed changes are non-controversial because the changes would make the Exchange's listing rules related to Equity Index-Linked Securities substantively identical to the rules of another listing exchange and do not present any new or novel issues that have not been previously considered by the Commission.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act⁷ in general and Section 6(b)(5) of the Act⁸ in particular in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to, and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. Specifically, the Exchange believes that the proposal is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to, and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

The proposed changes to Rule 14.11(d)(2)(K)(i) related to the listing of Equity Index-Linked Securities on the Exchange remain consistent with the Act because the proposed changes generally constitute minor modifications to the existing listing requirements that do not significantly change the scope or applicability of the listing standards. Further and as noted throughout this filing, the changes will make the Exchange's listing rules for Equity Index-Linked Securities substantively identical to those of Arca.

As such, the Exchange believes that the proposal is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, 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 because there are no substantive issues raised by this proposal that were not otherwise addressed by the Commission in the approvals of Arca's listing rules related to Equity Index-Linked Securities.

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

⁵ See Arca Rule 5.2-E(j)(6)(B)(I).

⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 65225 (August 30, 2011), 76 FR 55148 (September 6, 2011) (SR-BATS-2011-018) (Order Approving Proposed Rule Change to Adopt Rules for the Qualification, Listing and Delisting of Companies on the Exchange).

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 in furtherance of the purpose of the Act. The Exchange believes that the proposal will allow the Exchange to better compete with Arca by putting the two exchanges on equal footing as it relates to listing standards applicable to Equity Index-Linked Securities.

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

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (i) Significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁹ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.¹⁰

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)¹¹ normally does not become operative for 30 days after the date of its 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 requests that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposal may become operative immediately upon filing. The Exchange represents that waiver of the 30-day operative delay will allow the Exchange to immediately compete with respect to listing new series of Equity Index-Linked Securities on the Exchange. Because the proposed rules previously have been approved by the Commission for, and are substantively identical to those of, another listing exchange, the Commission believes that the proposal

promotes competition with respect to the listing and trading of Equity Index-Linked Securities, and does not believe that the proposal raises any novel or unique regulatory issues.¹³ Therefore, the Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Commission hereby waives the 30-day operative delay and designates the proposed rule change operative upon filing.¹⁴

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: (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 change 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-CboeBZX-2018-020 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-CboeBZX-2018-020. 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 website (<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 website 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. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CboeBZX-2018-020, and should be submitted on or before April 12, 2018.

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

Eduardo A. Aleman,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-2736.

Extension:

Form F-6, SEC File No. 270-270, OMB Control No. 3235-0292

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 ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget this request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Form F-6 (17 CFR 239.36) is a form used by foreign companies to register the offer and sale of American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a *et seq.*). Form F-6 requires disclosure of information regarding the terms of the depository bank, fees charged, and a description of the ADRs. No special

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file 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.

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹² 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

¹³ See *supra* note 5.

¹⁴ For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).