

**POSTAL SERVICE****Product Change—Priority Mail Negotiated Service Agreement**

**AGENCY:** Postal Service™.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Postal Service gives notice of filing a request with the Postal Regulatory Commission to add a domestic shipping services contract to the list of Negotiated Service Agreements in the Mail Classification Schedule's Competitive Products List.

**DATES:** *Date of required notice:* December 5, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elizabeth Reed, 202–268–3179.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The United States Postal Service® hereby gives notice that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3632(b)(3), on November 30, 2018, it filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission a *USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Contract 485 to Competitive Product List*. Documents are available at [www.prc.gov](http://www.prc.gov), Docket Nos. MC2019–36, CP2019–38.

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend Rule 19.8, Long-Term Options Contracts**

November 30, 2018.

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 23, 2018, Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (“Exchange” or “BZX Options”) 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**

Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “BZX Options”) proposes to amend Rule 19.8, Long-Term Options Contracts. The text of the proposed rule change is provided below.

(additions are *italicized*; deletions are [bracketed])

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Rules of Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.  
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**Rule 19.8. Long-Term Options Contracts**

[(a)] Notwithstanding conflicting language in Rule 19.6 (Series of Options Contracts Open for Trading), the Exchange may list long-term options contracts that expire from twelve (12) to thirty-nine (39) months from the time they are listed. There may be up to *ten (10) additional expiration months for options on SPY and up to six (6) additional expiration months for all other option classes*. Strike price interval, bid/ask differential and continuity rules shall not apply to such options series until the time to expiration is less than nine (9) months.

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The text of the proposed rule change is also available on the Exchange's website (<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.

**A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change****1. Purpose**

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 19.8, Long-Term Option Contracts, to permit the listing and trading of up to ten (10) long-term expiration months

for long-term options on the SPDR® S&P 500® exchange-traded fund (“SPY”) in response to customer demand.<sup>3</sup> Rule 19.8 currently provides that the Exchange may list long-term option contracts that expire from twelve (12) to thirty-nine (39) months from the time they are listed (“long-term expiration months”). There may be up to six (6) long-term expiration months per option class.<sup>4</sup> The proposal will add liquidity to the SPY options market by allowing market participants to hedge risks relating to SPY positions over a longer period with a known and limited cost.

The SPY options market today is characterized by its tremendous daily and annual liquidity. As a consequence, the Exchange believes that the listing of additional SPY long-term expiration months would be well received by investors. This proposal to expand the number of permitted SPY long-term expiration months would not apply to long-term expiration months on any other class of options.<sup>5</sup>

The Exchange proposes to implement the proposed rule change on the date of this rule filing.

**2. Statutory Basis**

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”) and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.<sup>6</sup> Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)<sup>7</sup> requirements that the rules of an exchange be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in

<sup>3</sup> The proposed rule change also deletes the paragraph letter (a) in Rule 19.8, as there is only one paragraph in the Rule, making a paragraph letter unnecessary. In contrast to Rule 19.8, Rule 29.11(b)(1)(A) (which applies to index options) permits the Exchange to list long-term index options series based on either the full or reduced value of the underlying index, adding up to ten (10) expiration months. The Exchange seeks to list ten (10) long-term expiration months on SPY, just as it now may list ten (10) expiration months on long-term index option series, in order to provide investors with a wider choice of investments.

<sup>4</sup> Pursuant to rule 19.8, strike price interval, bid/ask differential, and continuity rules do not apply to such options series until the time to expiration is less than nine (9) months.

<sup>5</sup> Historically, SPY is the largest and most actively traded ETF in the United States as measured by its assets under management and the value of shares traded.

<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b–4.