

to “Research on PPPs directly associated with testing and/or producing vaccines, such as generation of high growth strains”?

6. NSABB recommends that continued assessment of the risks and benefits associated with advances and applications of bioinformatics, modeling, and other *in silico* experimental approaches and research involving genes from or encoding pathogens, toxins, or other agents must inform future evaluations of the scope of research oversight policies to help ensure that associated risks are appropriately identified and managed. (Recommendation 10.2). This type of research is not currently included in the DURC and ePPP oversight policies.

(a) Is there a subset of such *in silico* research that should require risk assessment and review in a Revised Policy, and if so, how should this research be defined so that the Policy captures the appropriate research without hampering activities with limited biosecurity risks?

(b) One possible way to define this category of *in silico* research within a Revised Policy would be to include experiments that are reasonably anticipated to:

“(i) Develop *in silico* models that directly enable the predictive design of an enhanced potential pandemic pathogen or novel pathogen or toxin covered under a Revised Policy that could be constructed via genomic editing or *de novo* synthesis; and/or

(ii) Develop a dataset(s) connecting nucleic acid or amino acid sequences with experimentally-determined pathogenic functions in a manner sufficient to enable the development of *in silico* models described in (i).”

If a new category of research, similar to the examples provided above, were to require risk assessment and review in a Revised Policy, what would be the benefits and challenges with implementation?

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-98233; File No. SR-ISE-2023-08]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq ISE, LLC; Notice of Designation of a Longer Period for Commission Action on Proceedings To Determine Whether To Approve or Disapprove a Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1, To Make Permanent Certain P.M.-Settled Pilots

August 28, 2023.

On February 23, 2023, Nasdaq ISE LLC (“ISE” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”) ¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, ² a proposed rule change to make permanent the pilot program to permit the listing and trading of options based on 1/5 the value of the Nasdaq-100 Index and the Exchange’s nonstandard expirations pilot program. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on March 2, 2023. ³

On April 7, 2023, pursuant to section 19(b)(2) of the Act, ⁴ the Commission designated a longer period within which to approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove the proposed rule change. ⁵ On May 11, 2023, the Exchange filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change (“Amendment No. 1”). ⁶ On May 31, 2023, the Commission instituted proceedings to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposed rule change and published Amendment No. 1 for notice and comment. ⁷

Section 19(b)(2) of the Exchange Act ⁸ provides that, after initiating proceedings, the Commission shall issue an order approving or disapproving the proposed rule change not later than 180 days after the date of publication of notice of filing of the proposed rule change. The Commission may extend the period for issuing an order approving or disapproving the proposed

rule change, however, by not more than 60 days if the Commission determines that a longer period is appropriate and publishes reasons for such determination. The proposed rule change was published for notice and comment in the **Federal Register** on March 2, 2023. ⁹ The 180th day after publication of the proposed rule change is August 29, 2023. The Commission is extending the time period for approving or disapproving the proposed rule change for an additional 60 days.

The Commission finds it appropriate to designate a longer period within which to issue an order approving or disapproving the proposed rule change so that it has sufficient time to consider the proposed rule change and the issues raised therein. Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to section 19(b)(2) of the Exchange Act, ¹⁰ designates October 28, 2023, as the date by which the Commission shall either approve or disapprove the proposed rule change (File No. SR-ISE-2023-08).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority. ¹¹

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-98231; File No. SR-CboeBZX-2023-062]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the Initial Period After Commencement of Trading of a Series of ETF Shares on the Exchange as It Relates to the Holders of Record and/or Beneficial Holders, as Provided in Exchange Rule 14.11(l)

August 28, 2023.

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 August 14, 2023, Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “BZX”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “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

⁹ See *supra* note 3 and accompanying text.

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(57).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 96979 (February 24, 2023), 88 FR 13182.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 97261, 88 FR 22509 (April 13, 2023).

⁶ Amendment No. 1 is available at: <https://www.sec.gov/comments/sr-ise-2023-08/srise202308.htm>.

⁷ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 97626, 88 FR 37110 (June 6, 2023).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).