

The Exchange has neither solicited nor received 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)(iii) of the Act⁶⁶ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.⁶⁷ Because the 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 prior to 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, 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.

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)⁶⁸ under the Act does not normally become operative prior to 30 days after the date of the filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii),⁶⁹ 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 that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposal may become operative immediately upon filing. The Commission previously approved the removal of the 25,000 contract position and exercise limits for IBIT, such that those funds will be subject to the position and exercise limits as determined for equity options for which no set limit has been otherwise established on that exchange.⁷⁰ The Exchange is proposing similarly to remove of the 25,000 contract position and exercise limit for IBIT, such that those funds will be subject to the position and exercise limits as determined by the position limit rules at Rule 3120. The Exchange has provided information regarding IBIT, including, among other things, information regarding trading volume, and the market capitalization of IBIT and surveillance procedures that will apply. The Commission notes that the proposal

raises no new or novel legal issues and would simply provide an additional venue for trading IBIT with position and exercise limits that may be higher than 25,000 contracts. Therefore, the Commission believes that waiver of the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. Accordingly, the Commission hereby waives the 30-day operative delay and designates the proposed rule change as operative upon filing.⁷¹

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 purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings under Section 19(b)(2)(B)⁷² of the Act 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 (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR-BOX-2025-22 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-BOX-2025-22. 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 (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the filing will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable

information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-BOX-2025-22 and should be submitted on or before September 15, 2025.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁷³

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; MX2 LLC; Notice of Designation of a Longer Period for Commission Action on a Proposed Rule Change To Adopt Rules To Govern the Trading of Options on the Exchange for a New Facility Called MX2 Options

August 20, 2025.

On June 18, 2025, MX2 LLC ("MX2" 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 adopt rules governing the trading of options on the Exchange for a new facility called MX2 Options. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on July 7, 2025.³

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act⁴ provides that within 45 days of the publication of notice of the filing of a proposed rule change, or within such longer period up to 90 days as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission shall either approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved. The 45th day after publication of the notice for this

⁶⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

⁶⁷ 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 the pre-filing requirement.

⁶⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

⁶⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

⁷⁰ See ISE Approval Order.

⁷¹ For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has also considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

⁷² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

⁷³ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 103363 (July 1, 2025), 90 FR 29898 ("Notice").

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

proposed rule change is August 21, 2025. The Commission is extending this 45-day time period.

Their Commission finds it appropriate to designate a longer period within which to take action on the proposed rule change so that it has sufficient time to consider the proposed rule change. Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁵ designates October 5, 2025 as the date by which the Commission shall either approve or disapprove, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove, the proposed rule change (SR-MX2-2025-01).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁶

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Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-103753; File No. SR-FINRA-2024-022]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; Order Approving a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the Codes of Arbitration Procedure To Make Clarifying, Technical, and Procedural Changes to the Arbitrator List Selection Process

August 20, 2025.

I. Introduction

On December 18, 2024, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”) ¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² a proposed rule change to amend the Code of Arbitration Procedure for Customer Disputes (“Customer Code”) and the Code of Arbitration Procedure for Industry Disputes (“Industry Code”) (together, “Codes”) to make changes to certain provisions relating to the arbitrator selection process. Specifically, the proposed rule change would amend the Codes to increase the odds that public arbitrators who are not eligible to serve as chairpersons would appear on the list of public arbitrator candidates in certain disputes that have a three-arbitrator

panel. In addition, the proposed rule changes would, among other things: codify certain current practices to increase transparency; establish new timeframes for objecting to requests for additional information from arbitrators, withdrawing such requests for additional information, and filing motions to remove arbitrators after disclosures of causal challenges; and align provisions of the Codes related to the expungement of customer dispute information.³

The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on December 30, 2024.⁴ The public comment period closed on January 21, 2025. The Commission received comment letters related to this filing.⁵ On January 27, 2025, FINRA consented to extend until March 28, 2025, the time period in which the Commission must approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposed rule change.⁶ On March 10, 2025, the Commission published an order instituting proceedings (“OIP”) to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposed rule change.⁷ On March 11, 2025, FINRA responded to the comment letters received in response to the Notice.⁸ The OIP public comment period closed on April 4, 2025, and the Commission received an additional comment letter. On June 11, 2025, FINRA consented to extend until August 27, 2025, the time period in which the Commission must approve or disapprove the proposed rule change.⁹ This order approves the proposed rule change.

³ See Exchange Act Release No. 101993 (Dec. 19, 2024), 89 FR 106635, 106637 (Dec. 30, 2024) (File No. SR-FINRA-2024-022) (“Notice”).

⁴ See Notice.

⁵ The comment letters are available at <https://www.sec.gov/comments/sr-finra-2024-022/srfinra2024022.htm>.

⁶ See letter from Bria Adams, Assistant General Counsel, FINRA (dated Jan. 27, 2025), <https://www.finra.org/sites/default/files/2025-01/FINRA-2024-022-Extension-3-28-25.pdf>.

⁷ Exchange Act Release No. 102559 (Mar. 10, 2025), 90 FR 12196 (Mar. 14, 2025) (File No. SR-FINRA-2024-022).

⁸ See letter from Bria Adams, Assistant General Counsel, FINRA (dated Mar. 11, 2025), <https://www.sec.gov/comments/sr-finra-2024-022/srfinra2024022-582475-1676182.pdf> (“FINRA Response”).

⁹ See letter from Bria Adams, Assistant General Counsel, FINRA (dated Jun. 11, 2025), <https://www.finra.org/sites/default/files/2025-06/2024-022x2.pdf>.

II. Description of the Proposed Rule Change

A. Background

1. FINRA’s Arbitration Forum

FINRA’s Dispute Resolution Services (“DRS”) provides an arbitration forum to resolve disputes between customers, member firms, and associated persons of member firms arising in connection with the business activities of a member firm or its associated persons, except disputes involving the insurance business activities of a member firm that is also an insurance company.¹⁰ FINRA maintains a roster for each of the three types of arbitrators that may be appointed to an arbitration panel to hear a claim: public, non-public, and chairperson arbitrators.¹¹ In general, a “public” arbitrator is a person who is otherwise qualified to serve as an arbitrator and is not disqualified from service as a public arbitrator due to their current or past ties to the financial industry.¹² A “non-public” arbitrator is a person who is otherwise qualified to serve as an arbitrator and is disqualified from service as a public arbitrator due to their current or past ties to the financial industry.¹³ A public arbitrator is eligible to serve as a “chairperson” if he or she has completed FINRA’s chairperson training and: (1) has a law degree, is a member of a bar of at least one jurisdiction, and has served as an arbitrator through award on at least one arbitration administered by a self-regulatory organization (“SRO”) in which hearings were held; or (2) has served as an arbitrator through award on at least three arbitrations administered by a SRO in which hearings were held.¹⁴ For purposes of this Order, a “chair-qualified public arbitrator” is a public arbitrator who is eligible to serve as a chairperson, and a “non-chair-qualified public arbitrator” is a public arbitrator who is not eligible to serve as a chairperson.

2. The Arbitrator-Selection Process

The proposed rule change addresses rules in the Codes that govern the arbitrator-selection process in certain cases with three arbitrators. As relevant here, a three-arbitrator panel decides claims that are greater than \$100,000 (exclusive of interest and expenses), are unspecified, or do not request money

¹⁰ See FINRA Rules 12101, 12200, 12201, 13101, 13200, 13201, 13202.

¹¹ See FINRA Rules 12400(b), 13400(b).

¹² See FINRA Rules 12100(aa), 13100(x).

¹³ See FINRA Rules 12100(t), 13100(r).

¹⁴ See FINRA Rules 12400(c), 13400(c). In customer disputes, the chairperson must be a public arbitrator. See FINRA Rule 12400(c).

⁵ See *id.*

⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(31).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.