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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; BATS Y-Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the Content of the BATS One Feed Under Rule 11.22(i) To Include Consolidated Volume for All Listed Equity Securities

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Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”), and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, notice is hereby given that on April 1, 2015, BATS Y-Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “BYX”) filed with the Commission a proposed rule change, 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)(1)(A) of the Act and Rule 19b–4(f)(6)(iii) thereunder, which renders it effective 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.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of the Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange amends the content of the BATS One Feed under Rule 11.22(i) to include consolidated volume for all listed equity securities. 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 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 proposes to amend the content of the BATS One Feed under Rule 11.22(i) to include consolidated volume for all listed equity securities. The Exchange also proposes to make a ministerial change to Rule 11.22(i). The Commission recently approved a proposed rule change by the Exchange to establish a new market data product called the BATS One Feed. The BATS One Feed is a data feed that disseminates, on a real-time basis, the aggregate best bid and offer (“BBO”) of all displayed orders for securities traded on BYX and its affiliated exchanges for that trading day. The Exchange now includes the last sale information disseminated as part of the BATS One Feed. Consolidated Volume

The last sale information disseminated as part of the BATS One Feed includes the price, size, time of execution, and individual BATS

Exchange on which the trade was executed. The last sale information also includes the cumulative number of shares executed on all BATS Exchanges for that trading day. The Exchange now proposes to expand the last sale information to include consolidated volume for all listed equity securities regardless of where the transaction was executed. The Exchange will provide the consolidated volume directly from the securities information processors and then distribute in a manner consistent with the requirements for redistributing such data as set forth in the CTA Plan and Nasdaq UTP Plan.

Ministerial Change

The Exchange also proposes to delete from Rule 11.22(i) language indicating that the Retail Liquidity Identifier is disseminated on behalf of the Exchange, “an affiliated exchange of the Exchange”. The Retail Liquidity Identifier indicator message is disseminated via the BATS One Feed on behalf of the Exchange pursuant to the Exchange’s Retail Price Improvement (“RPI”) Program. For purposes of BYX Rule 11.22(i), the Exchange believes it is unnecessary to include the phrase “an affiliated exchange of the Exchange” and could lead to potential investor confusion.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b)
of the Act in general, and further 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 foster cooperation and coordination among persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, 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 Exchange also believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 11(A) of the Act in that it supports (i) fair competition among brokers and dealers, among exchange markets and between exchange markets and markets other than exchange markets and (ii) the availability to brokers, dealers, and investors of information with respect to quotations for and transactions in securities. Furthermore, the proposed rule change is consistent with Rule 603 of Regulation NMS, which provides that any national securities exchange that distributes information with respect to quotations for or transactions in an NMS stock does so on terms that are not unreasonably discriminatory. In adopting Regulation NMS, the Commission granted self-regulatory organizations and broker-dealers increased authority and flexibility to offer new and unique market data products to the public. It was believed that this authority would expand the amount of data available to consumers, and also spur innovation and competition for the provision of market data.

The proposed rule change is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade and remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system by providing for the broader dissemination of consolidated volume to investors. The Exchange also believes this proposal is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act because it protects investors and the public interest and promotes just and equitable principles of trade by providing investors with new data feeds for providing consolidated volume. The Exchange also believes that the proposed rule change is reasonable because consolidated volume is currently included in a competing market data products offered by the NYSE and Nasdaq. Therefore, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change removes impediments to and perfects the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, protects investors and the public interest. The proposal would not permit unfair discrimination because the consolidated volume will be available to all of the Exchange’s customers and market data vendors on an equivalent basis. In addition, any customer that wishes to receive consolidated volume via a different source will be able to do so.

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change to Rule 11.22(i) is reasonable because it is intended to make the description of the BATS One Feed clearer and less confusing for investors and eliminate potential investor confusion, thereby removing impediments to and perfecting the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, protecting investors and the public interest.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposal will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change will enhance competition because it would enable the Exchange to include consolidated volume as part of the BATS One Feed, thereby enabling it to better compete with similar market data products currently offered by the NYSE and Nasdaq that include such volume.

Although the BATS Exchanges are the exclusive distributors of the individual data feeds from which certain data elements would be taken to create the BATS One Feed, the Exchange is not the exclusive distributor of the consolidated volume that would be included in the BATS One Feed.

Finally, the Exchange believes that the ministerial change to Rule 11.22(i) will not affect competition because it does not amend the content of the BATS One Feed (other than as described above). Rather, it is simply intended to make the description of the BATS One Feed clearer and less confusing.

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 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 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 19 and Rule 19b–4(f)(6)(iii) thereunder. 20
A proposed rule change filed pursuant to Rule 19b–4(f)(6) under the Act 21 normally does not become operative for 30 days after the date of its filing. However, Rule 19b–4(f)(6)(iii) 22 permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange has asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposal may become operative immediately upon filing. The Exchange believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because it would allow the Exchange to timely offer investors a new option for receiving consolidated volume information. The Exchange further notes that other exchanges currently offer similar data products that include consolidated volume. 23 The Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. Therefore, the Commission hereby waives the proposed rule change operative upon filing. 24
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 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 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–BYX–2015–22 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–BYX–2015–22. 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 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 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of such 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–BYX–2015–22, and should be submitted on or before May 11, 2015.

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21 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(6)(iii). As required under Rule 19b–4(f)(6)(iii), the Exchange provided the Commission with written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and the text of 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.
23 See supra note 15 (noting that NYSE BQT and NLS Plus carry consolidated volume for all listed equities).
24 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).