

Subsection IWL (as applicable for the type of containment) by September 9, 2001. Subsequent, NRC amendments to 10 CFR 50.55a have incorporated by reference later editions of Subsection IWL, with modifications and limitations which continue to address issues addressed by RG 1.35.

The guidance provided in RG 1.35 has been incorporated into later revisions of Subsection IWL, or preserved in 10 CFR 50.55a. As a result, RG 1.35 has become redundant and is no longer needed.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 21st day of August, 2015.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### Self-Regulatory Organizations; NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change To Adopt a Kill Switch

August 20, 2015.

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 August 7, 2015, NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc. (“BX” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “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 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 proposes to amend Chapter VI, Section 6, entitled “Acceptance of Quotes and Orders,” of the BX rules to adopt an optional Kill Switch protection.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s Web site at <http://nasdaqomxbx.cchwallstreet.com>, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

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

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

#### 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 purpose of the filing is to adopt a new risk protection, a Kill Switch, applicable to all BX Participants. The Kill Switch will allow BX Participants to remove quotes and cancel open orders and prevent new order submission. This feature provides firms with a powerful risk management tool for immediate control of their quote and order activity.

The Exchange proposes to amend Chapter VI, Section 6, entitled “Acceptance of Quotes and Orders,” to add new section (d) to adopt the Kill Switch. The BX Options Kill Switch will be an optional tool that enables Participants to initiate a message(s)<sup>3</sup> to the System to: (i) Promptly remove quotes; and/or (ii) promptly cancel orders. Participants may submit a request to the System to remove/cancel quotes and/or orders based on certain identifiers on either a user or group level. Participants may elect to remove quotes and cancel orders by Exchange account, port, and/or badge or mnemonic (“Identifier”) or by a group (one or more Identifier combinations),<sup>4</sup> which are provided by such Participant to the Exchange. Participants may not remove quotes/orders by symbol. The System will send an automated message to the Participant when a Kill Switch request has been processed by the Exchange’s System.

If the Participant selects quotes to be cancelled utilizing the Kill Switch, the BX Participant must send a message to

<sup>3</sup> BX Participants will be able to utilize an interface to send a message to the Exchange to initiate the Kill Switch or they may contact the Exchange directly.

<sup>4</sup> The type of group permissible would be within a broker-dealer. For example, this could be including but not limited to all market maker accounts or all order entry ports.

the Exchange to request the removal of all quotes requested for the certain specified Identifier(s).<sup>5</sup> The BX Participant will be unable to enter any additional quotes for the affected Identifier(s) until re-entry has been enabled pursuant to proposed section (d)(iii).<sup>6</sup>

If the Participant selects orders to be cancelled utilizing the Kill Switch, the BX Participant must send a message to the Exchange to request the cancellation of all orders requested for the certain specified Identifier(s).<sup>7</sup> The BX Participant will be unable to enter additional orders for the affected Identifier(s) until re-entry has been enabled pursuant to section (d)(iii).

Proposed section (d)(iii) stipulates that after quotes and/or orders are removed/cancelled by the BX Participant utilizing the Kill Switch, the BX Participant will be unable to enter additional quotes and/or orders for the affected Identifier(s) until the BX Participant has made a request to the Exchange and Exchange staff has set a re-entry indicator to enable re-entry.<sup>8</sup> Once enabled for re-entry, the System will send a Re-entry Notification Message to the BX Participant. The applicable Clearing Participant for that BX Participant also will be notified of the re-entry into the System after quotes and/or orders are removed/cancelled as a result of the Kill Switch, provided the Clearing Participant has requested to receive such notification.

The Exchange offers many risk mitigation and management tools today including, but not limited to, certain rapid fire risk controls,<sup>9</sup> 15c3-5 risk controls, Order Price Protections,<sup>10</sup> and cancel on disconnect and purge functionality for Specialized Quote Feed (SQF) and FIX. The Kill Switch offers Participants a means to control their exposure, through an interface which is not dependent on the integrity of the Participant’s own systems, should the Participant experience a failure.

The Exchange proposes to implement this rule within ninety (90) days of the implementation date. The Exchange will issue an Options Trader Alert in advance to inform market participants of such date.

<sup>5</sup> See note 3.

<sup>6</sup> Sweeps will also be cancelled. A sweep is a one-sided electronic quote submitted over the Specialized Quote Feed, which is the market making quoting interface.

<sup>7</sup> See note 3.

<sup>8</sup> The BX Participant must directly and verbally contact the Exchange to request the re-set.

<sup>9</sup> See BX Rules at Chapter VII, Section 6(f).

<sup>10</sup> See BX Rules at Chapter VI, Section 18.

## 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>11</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>12</sup> in particular, in that it is designed 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, by enhancing the risk protections available to Exchange members. The proposal promotes policy goals of the Commission which has encouraged execution venues, exchange and non-exchange alike, to enhance risk protection tools and other mechanisms to decrease risk and increase stability.

The individual firm benefits of enhanced risk protections flow downstream to counter-parties both at the Exchange and at other options exchanges, thereby increasing systemic protections as well. Additionally, because the Exchange offers this risk tool to all BX Participants, the Exchange believes it will encourage liquidity generally and remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system and protect investors and the public interest.

This optional risk tool as noted above will be offered to all BX Participants. The Exchange further represents that its proposal will operate consistently with the firm quote obligations of a broker-dealer pursuant to Rule 602 of Regulation NMS and that the functionality is not mandatory. Specifically, any interest that is executable against a BX Participant's quotes and orders that are received<sup>13</sup> by the Exchange prior to the time the Kill Switch is processed by the System will automatically execute at the price up to the BX Participant's size. The Kill Switch message will be accepted by the System in the order of receipt in the queue and will be processed in that order so that interest that is already accepted into the System will be processed prior to the Kill Switch message.

A BX Market Makers' obligation to provide continuous two-sided quotes on a daily basis is not diminished by the removal of such quotes and/or orders by utilizing the Kill Switch. BX Market Makers will be required to provide continuous two-sided quotes on a daily

basis. BX Market Makers that utilize the Kill Switch will not be relieved of the obligation to provide continuous two-sided quotes on a daily basis, nor will it prohibit the Exchange from taking disciplinary action against a BX Market Maker for failing to meet the continuous quoting obligation each trading day.

With respect to providing information regarding the removal of quotes and/or cancellation of orders as a result of the Kill Switch to the Clearing Participant, each Member that transacts through a Clearing Member on the Exchange executes a Letter of Guarantee wherein the Clearing Member accepts financial responsibility for all Exchange transactions made by the BX Participant on whose behalf the Clearing Member submits the letter of guarantee. The Exchange believes that because Clearing Members guarantee all transactions on behalf of a Participant, and therefore bear the risk associated with those transactions, it is appropriate for Clearing Members to have knowledge of the utilization of the Kill Switch, should the Clearing Member request such notification.

### *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 not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposal does not impose an undue burden on inter-market competition because all BX Participants may avail themselves of the Kill Switch, which functionality will be optional. The proposed rule change is meant to protect BX Participants in the event the BX Participant is suffering from a systems issue or from the occurrence of unusual or unexpected market activity that would require them to withdraw from the market in order to protect investors. The ability to control risk at either the user or group level will permit the BX Participant to protect itself from inadvertent exposure to excessive risk at the each level. Reducing such risk will enable BX Participants to enter quotes and orders without any fear of inadvertent exposure to excessive risk, which in turn will benefit investors through increased liquidity for the execution of their orders. Such increased liquidity benefits investors because they receive better prices and because it lowers volatility in the options market. For these reasons, the Exchange does not believe this proposal imposes an undue burden on inter-market competition, rather, the proposed rule change will have no impact on competition.

### *C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others*

No written comments were either solicited or received.

### **III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action**

Within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the Exchange consents, the Commission shall: (a) By order approve or disapprove such proposed rule change, or (b) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be 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](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-BX-2015-050 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-BX-2015-050. 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

<sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>12</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>13</sup> The time of receipt for an order or quote is the time such message is processed by the Exchange book.

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; 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-BX-2015-050 and should be submitted on or before September 17, 2015.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>14</sup>

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### Self-Regulatory Organizations; CBOE Futures Exchange, LLC; Notice of Proposed Rule Change Regarding Reportable Position and Ownership and Control Reporting Clarifications

August 21, 2015.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(7) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> notice is hereby given that on August 14, 2015 CBOE Futures Exchange, LLC ("CFE" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by CFE. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons. CFE also has filed this proposed rule change with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC"). CFE filed a written certification with the CFTC under Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA")<sup>2</sup> on August 14, 2015.

#### I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Description of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend CFE rules to clarify the application of CFE requirements relating to reportable

positions and ownership and control reports. The scope of this filing is limited solely to the application of the rule amendments to security futures traded on CFE. The only security futures that have been traded on CFE were traded under Chapter 16 of CFE's Rulebook which is applicable to Individual Stock Based and Exchange-Traded Fund Based Volatility Index security futures. CFE does not currently list any security futures for trading. The text of the proposed rule change is attached as Exhibit 4 to the filing but is not attached to the publication of this notice.

#### II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, CFE 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. CFE 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

CFE submitted CFE Rule Certification Submission Number CFE-2015-003 ("CFE-2015-003") to the CFTC and CFE Rule Filing Number SR-CFE-2015-001 ("SR-CFE-2015-001")<sup>3</sup> to the Commission on January 28, 2015 (collectively, the "Prior Filings") to amend CFE Rule 412B (Ownership and Control Reports) to require CFE Trading Privilege Holders ("TPHs") and non-TPHs to concurrently file with the Exchange submissions relating to CFE contracts that are required to be filed with the CFTC pursuant to the Final Rule adopted by the CFTC under the caption Ownership and Control Reports ("OCR Rule").<sup>4</sup> In particular, the Prior Filings amended Rule 412B to require each TPH and non-TPH to file concurrently with the Exchange the new CFTC Forms 102A, 102B, and 71 (including any attachments, related submissions, or related information) relating to CFE contracts that each TPH or non-TPH is required to report to the

CFTC under the OCR Rule. In addition, CFE-2015-003 amended Rule 412B to require each TPH that is not a Clearing Member to report to the Exchange the same information regarding the identification and reporting of special accounts relating to CFE contracts that the OCR Rule requires each TPH that is a Clearing Member to report to the CFTC. CFE-2015-003 provided that these changes would become effective on or after February 11, 2015, on a date to be announced by the Exchange through the issuance of a circular. The Exchange has not yet made these changes effective and intends to do so consistent with the compliance dates under the OCR Rule as provided for by the CFTC.<sup>5</sup>

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to make some clarifying changes with respect to the rule amendments included in the Prior Filings.

First, CFE proposes to further amend Rule 412B to make clear that TPHs and non-TPHs will continue to be required to concurrently report to the Exchange reportable positions relating to Exchange contracts that they are required to report to the CFTC pursuant to CFTC regulations. This is required under current Rule 412B, and the Exchange believes that it continues to be required by Rule 412B as amended by the Prior Filings. However, in order to eliminate any potential ambiguity in this regard, CFE is further amending Rule 412B as amended by the Prior Filings to make this explicit and is changing the title of Rule 412B to specifically reference reportable positions.

Second, CFE proposes to amend CFE Rule 714 (Imposition of Fines for Minor Rule Violations) to make new paragraph (c) of Rule 412B added by the Prior Filings subject to the same summary fine schedule under Rule 714(f)(vii) that already applies with respect to violations of paragraphs (a) and (b) of Rule 412B. Rule 412B(c) is the provision of Rule 412B that requires each TPH that is not a Clearing Member to report to the Exchange the same information regarding the identification and reporting of special accounts relating to CFE contracts that the OCR Rule requires each TPH that is a Clearing Member to report to the CFTC. The summary fine schedule under Rule 714(f)(vii) is a Letter of Caution for a first offense, a \$7,500 fine for a second offense, a \$15,000 fine for a third

<sup>3</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 74204 (February 4, 2015), 80 FR 7518 (February 10, 2015).

<sup>4</sup> See CFTC RIN 3038-AD31, Ownership and Control Reports, Forms 102/102S, 40/40S, and 71, Final Rule, 78 FR 69178 (November 18, 2013).

<sup>5</sup> See CFTC No-Action Letter No. 15-03 (February 10, 2015) (which provided conditional time-limited no-action relief to extend certain compliance dates under the OCR Rule).

<sup>14</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(7).

<sup>2</sup> 7 U.S.C. 7a-2(c).