G. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

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

The foregoing rule change is effective upon filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder, because it establishes a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange.

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) 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 (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or,
• Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR–NYSEArca–2016–105 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–NYSEArca–2016–105. 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 10:00 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–NYSEArca–2016–105, and should be submitted on or before August 31, 2016.

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

Robert W. Errett, Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; C2 Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change Relating to AIM Retained Orders

August 4, 2016.

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 July 27, 2016, C2 Options Exchange, Incorporate (the “Exchange”) 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 Exchange filed the proposal as a “non-controversial” proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act3 and Rule 19b–4(f)(6) thereunder.4 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 text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s Web site (http://www.c2exchange.com/Legal/), 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 6.51 (Automated Improvement Mechanism (“AIM”)) to: (1) Clarify how orders submitted for electronic crossing into the AIM auction are treated if an auction cannot occur; (2) adopt Interpretation and Policy .10 to Rule 6.51 (AIM Retained Order Functionality) to describe the Exchange’s AIM Retained Order (“A:AIR”) functionality in the Rules; and (3) make minor edits to Interpretation and Policy .04 to Rule 6.13 (Price Check Parameters) relating to the treatment of complex AIM orders marked A:AIR and correct certain typographical errors. The Exchange notes that this filing is based upon and, in all material respects, substantially similar to a recent filing of Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated (“CBOE”) regarding A:AIR functionality.5 Both AIM and A:AIR functionality are active on CBOE.

Under Rule 6.51 (Automated Improvement Mechanism (“AIM”)), a Permit Holder (“Participant”) that represents agency orders may electronically execute an order it represents as agent (“Agency Order”) against principal interest or against a solicited order provided it submits the Agency Order for electronic execution into the AIM auction (“Auction”) for processing. Matched Agency Orders may be processed via AIM subject to certain eligibility requirements contained in Rule 6.51(a). Specifically, to be eligible for processing via AIM, the Agency Order must be: (1) In a class designated as eligible for AIM Auctions as determined by the Exchange and within the designated Auction order eligibility size parameters as such size parameters are determined by the Exchange; and (2) stopped as principal or with a solicited order at the better of the national best bid or offer (“NBBO”) or the Agency Order’s limit price (if the order is a limit order). Orders submitted for crossing into AIM, which are ineligible for Auction processing, will result in both the Agency Order and the matching contra order(s) being cancelled. Rule 6.51(a)(1), an Auction may be conducted in a class designated as eligible for Auctions as determined by the Exchange. Any determinations made by the Exchange, such as eligible classes, will be communicated in a Regulatory Circular pursuant to Interpretation and Policy .05 to Rule 6.51. Notably, AIM functionality is currently not activated in any class on the Exchange.

A:AIR functionality is an enhancement to AIM, which if activated, would allow Participants the flexibility to choose, on an order-by-order basis, whether an Agency Order should continue into the System for processing rather than cancel in the event that an Auction cannot occur.

A:AIR functionality essentially allows for the entry of Agency Orders into AIM with contingency processing instructions for handling in the event that the order cannot be processed via Auction. For example, using A:AIR functionality, a Permit Holder enters an Agency Order to buy 10 standard contracts at the market along with a matched solicited contra order to sell 10 standard contracts at $1.21. At the time the A:AIR order is entered, the NBBO is $1.00 to $1.20, with a Customer order to sell 30 contracts at $1.20 resting at the top of the book alone. Here, the order would not be eligible for submission into AIM because the Agency Order was not stopped with a solicited order priced better than the NBBO. As a result, pursuant to Rule 6.51(a)(2), the Auction would not begin. Whereas both the Agency Order and solicited order would have cancelled if the order were not marked A:AIR, in this case, because the order was marked A:AIR, the Agency Order would route to the automated trading system for processing and trade against the resting Customer— the solicited order would still be cancelled. Again, however, had the Permit Holder not marked this order A:AIR, both the Agency Order and solicited order would cancel.

Currently, A:AIR functionality is not explicitly defined in the Exchange’s AIM rules. Accordingly, this filing is intended to further codify, clarify, and describe A:AIR functionality in the Rules. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to adopt Interpretation and Policy .10 to Rule 6.51 (AIM Retained Order Functionality) which the Exchange would define an A:AIR order as the transmission of two or more orders for crossing pursuant to Rule 6.51, with the Agency Order priced at the market or a limit price in the standard increment for the option series and marked with a contingency instruction to route the Agency Order for processing and cancel any contra orders if an Auction cannot occur (including if the conditions described in Rule 6.51(a) are not met).

Furthermore, to ensure that A:AIR orders are properly priced to allow the Exchange to book the Agency Order in the event an Auction cannot occur, proposed Interpretation and Policy .10 to Rule 6.51 would provide that orders marked “A:AIR” with Agency Orders that are not priced at the market or that are priced with a limit price not in the standard increment for the option series in which they are entered would be rejected. For example, if a Participant were to submit a matched Agency Order into AIM for processing in a class with a minimum increment of a nickel, which was stopped with a contra order at $0.07, both the Agency Order and the contra order would be rejected because the order, which is not priced in the minimum increment for the class, would not eligible for AIM processing and therefore the System would not be able to book an order at $0.07 in a class with a minimum increment of a nickel. Notably, this provision of proposed Interpretation and Policy .10 to Rule 6.51 is consistent with Exchange rules that only permit orders at the standard increment to enter the book. Finally, proposed Interpretation and Policy .10 to Rule 6.51 would provide that A:AIR order functionality could be made available on those order management platforms as determined by the Exchange and announced via Regulatory Circular. This provision is intended to make clear that A:AIR functionality may not be available on all trading platforms in use on the Exchange.

The Exchange also notes that although orders submitted into AIM, which are not marked A:AIR and are ineligible for Auction processing will result in both the Agency Order and the matching contra order(s) being cancelled, the Rules do not explicitly provide as much. Accordingly, the Exchange proposes to add language to Rule 6.51(a) to provide that in the event that a Participant submits a matched Agency Order for electronic execution into the Auction that is ineligible for processing because it does not meet the conditions described in paragraph (a), both the Agency Order and any solicited contra orders will be cancelled unless marked as an AIM Retained order pursuant to proposed Interpretation and Policy .10 to Rule 6.51.

See Rule 6.4. 11

A:AIR functionality is not currently supported on the PULSe trader workstation. PULSe is an order handling tool used for the manual handling of orders. Thus, when ineligible AIM orders would be rejected back to PULSe users, a person is present to decide how best to handle such orders. PULSe users can either re-route such orders to be booked or for alternative electronic processing on the Exchange.

12 Notably, the A:AIR functionality may be primarily used by smart router technology to ensure that ineligible AIM orders are submitted into the System for processing and not cancelled. Whereas traditional brokers and dealers are equipped to manually handle cancelled orders that are returned to them and may revise the cancelled orders’ terms or contact their customers for further instructions, Continued
minimizes the risk of orders being mishandled on the Exchange. The A:AIR functionality provides opportunities for execution of Customer orders that a Participant submits for crossing via AIM that cannot be auctioned. The Exchange believes that this functionality mitigates the risk that inadvertent mishandling of Agency Orders (i.e. Customer orders) will cause marketable Customer orders to go unfilled. The Exchange believes that such outcomes serve to protect investors’ interests by helping to ensure that ineligible AIM Agency Orders are processed in accordance with customer instructions rather than cancelled. Accordingly, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the purposes of the Act.

In addition, the Exchange believes that A:AIR functionality promotes competition amongst market participants by allowing more orders to be processed. Finally, the proposed rule change seeks to provide additional clarity and completeness in the Rules regarding functionalities that may be made available on the Exchange. The Exchange is continuously updating the Rules to provide additional detail, clarity, and transparency regarding its operations and trading systems. The Exchange believes that the adoption of detailed, clear, and transparent rules reduces burdens on competition and promotes just and equitable principles of trade.

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 that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange notes that price improvement mechanism enhancements such as A:AIR functionality are widely used across the national options exchanges. The Exchange believes that offering additional functionalities and enhancements to its price improvement mechanisms [sic] promotes intermarket competition. The exchanges have developed these mechanisms in order to provide market participants diverse opportunities to seek valuable price improvement and as a means to compete with one another for order flow. The U.S. options exchanges are continuously making enhancements and adding functionalities to their price improvement mechanisms in order to provide more competitive marketplaces for market participants and better compete with one another. The Exchange believes that enhancements to such mechanisms promote intermarket competition for order flow between the exchanges. A:AIR functionality is simply one of many enhancements that the Exchange has made to AIM for this purpose.

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

The Exchange 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 foregoing proposed rule change does not:
A. Significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest;
B. Impose any significant burden on competition; and
C. Become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and Rule 19b–4(f)(6) 13 thereunder. 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 will institute proceedings 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 (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR–C2–2016–014 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.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 32208; 812–14661]

TrimTabs ETF Trust, et al.; Notice of Application

August 4, 2016.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”).

ACTION: Notice of an application for an order under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “Act”) for an exemption from sections 2(a)(32), 5(a)(1), 22(d), and 22(e) of the Act and rule 22c-1 under the Act, under sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Act for an exemption from sections 17(a)(1) and 17(a)(2) of the Act, and under section 12(d)(1)(J) for an exemption from sections 12(d)(1)(A) and 12(d)(1)(B) of the Act. The requested order would permit (a) actively-managed series of certain open-end management investment companies (“Funds”) to issue shares redeemable in large aggregations only (“Creation Units”); (b) secondary market transactions in Fund shares to occur at negotiated market prices rather than at net asset value (“NAV”); (c) certain Funds to pay redemption proceeds, under certain circumstances, more than seven days after the tender of shares for redemption; (d) certain affiliated persons of a Fund to deposit securities into, and receive securities from, the Fund in connection with the purchase and redemption of Creation Units; (e) certain registered management investment companies and unit investment trusts outside of the same group of investment companies as the Funds (“Funds of Funds”) to acquire shares of the Funds; and (f) certain Funds (“Feeder Funds”) to create and redeem Creation Units in-kind in a master-feeder structure.

APPLICANTS: TrimTabs ETF Trust (the “Trust”), a Delaware statutory trust that is registered under the Act as an open-end management investment company with multiple series, TrimTabs Asset Management, LLC (the “Initial Adviser”), a Delaware limited liability company registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, and Foreside Fund Services, LLC (the “Distributor”), a Delaware limited liability company and broker-dealer registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”).

FILING DATES: The application was filed on June 8, 2016, and amended on July 1, 2016.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the requested relief will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Commission’s Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on August 29, 2016, and should be accompanied by proof of service on applicants, in the form of an affidavit, or for lawyers, a certificate of service. Pursuant to rule 0-5 under the Act, hearing requests should state the nature of the writer’s interest, any facts bearing upon the desirability of a hearing on the matter, the reason for the request, and the issues contested.

Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Commission’s Secretary.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549–1090; Applicants: The Trust and the Initial Adviser, 1345 Avenue of the Americas, Fl. 2, New York, NY 10105; the Initial Distributor, 3 Canal Plaza, Suite 100, Portland, ME 04101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hae-Sung Lee, Attorney-Adviser, at (202) 551–7345, or Mary Kay Frech, Branch Chief, at (202) 551–6821 (Division of Investment Management, Chief Counsel’s Office).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained via the Commission’s Web site by searching for the file number, or for an applicant using the Company name box, at http://www.sec.gov/search/search.htm or by calling (202) 551–8090.

Summary of the Application

1. Applicants request an order that would allow Funds to operate as actively-managed exchange traded funds (“ETFs”). Fund shares will be purchased and redeemed at their NAV in Creation Units only. All orders to purchase Creation Units and all redemption requests will be placed by or through an “Authorized Participant”, which will have signed a participant agreement with the Distributor. Shares will be listed and traded individually on a national securities exchange, where share prices will be based on the current bid/offer market. Certain Funds may operate as Feeder Funds in a master-feeder structure. Any order granting the requested relief would be subject to the terms and conditions stated in the application.

2. Each Fund will consist of a portfolio of securities and other assets and investment positions (“Portfolio Holdings”). Each Fund will disclose on its Web site the identities and quantities of the Portfolio Holdings that will form the

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1Applicants request that the order apply to an initial series and any future series of the Trust offering exchange-traded Shares, as well as other existing or future open-end management companies or existing or future series thereof offering exchange-traded Shares (and their respective existing or future Master Funds, as defined below) that may utilize active management investment strategies (collectively, “Future Funds”). Any Future Fund will (a) be advised by the Initial Adviser or an entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Initial Adviser (each, an “Adviser”), and (b) comply with the terms and conditions of the application.