

rather than a FLEX Specialist due to market structure changes. The new rules will set forth with specificity the particular functions and requirements of a FLEX Official to, among other things, ensure adherence to FLEX rules and call in a Specialist to make FLEX Quotes. The Exchange has represented that the FLEX Official would be an Exchange employee that reports to the regulatory officer of the Exchange. The Commission would expect the Exchange to ensure that such FLEX Official, or any other designated qualified employees called in to assist the FLEX Official as permitted under the new rule, are properly qualified and meet any necessary requirements. The regulatory oversight of FLEX transactions by a properly qualified FLEX Official could help to ensure that FLEX transactions comply with the FLEX rules. Therefore we find this change is consistent with the Act. The proposed conforming changes to other provisions in the Exchange rules would enhance clarity and consistency. Moreover, the Commission believes that the proposed changes to refer to FLEX Requests for Quotes and FLEX Quotes as being disseminated and remove the concept of a post specific to the trading of FLEX options will align the rules with current trading practices on the Exchange's floor.⁷⁰

Finally, the Commission believes that the proposal's minor, conforming, and technical revisions to Section 15, Rules 900G through 909G are consistent with the Act.

IV. Solicitation of Comments on Amendment Nos. 2 and 3

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning whether Amendment Nos. 2 and 3 are 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-NYSEMKT-2016-48 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-NYSEMKT-2016-48. 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 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-NYSEMKT-2016-48, and should be submitted on or before November 15, 2016.

V. Accelerated Approval of Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment Nos. 2 and 3

The Commission finds good cause to approve the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment Nos. 2 and 3, prior to the thirtieth day after the date of publication of the notice of Amendment Nos. 2 and 3 in the **Federal Register**. As discussed above, the proposed changes regarding the operation of FLEX ByRDs, including the delineation of applicable position limits and statement that FLEX ByRDs will be settled similar to Non-FLEX ByRDs, using all-day VWAP settlement and European exercise style, will provide additional clarity to the Exchange's rules concerning FLEX ByRDs. Similarly, the proposed changes to specify that Asian and Cliquet style settlement will be available only for FLEX Index Options on broad stock index groups remove potential for ambiguity about the operation of these settlement styles for FLEX Options. Furthermore, the Commission believes it is appropriate to have these changes incorporated into the rules of the Exchange concurrently with the changes noticed for comment in the original

filing. Additionally, deleting the proposal to permit cash settlement for all FLEX Equity Options other than FLEX ByRDs, and the corresponding provision that would permit the use of a VWAP settlement for FLEX Equity Options other than FLEX ByRDs, helps to ensure that the proposal does not raise investor protection and manipulation concerns and allows the Commission to no longer consider these provisions for consistency with the Act.

Accordingly, for the reasons noted above, the Commission finds good cause for approving the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment Nos. 2 and 3, on an accelerated basis, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act.⁷¹

VI. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19b(2) of the Act,⁷² that the proposed rule change (SR-NYSEMKT-2016-48), as modified by Amendment Nos. 2 and 3 thereto, be, and hereby is, approved on an accelerated basis.

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

Brent J. Fields,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-2736.

Extension:

Form F-1, SEC File No. 270-249, OMB Control No. 3235-0258

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget this request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Form F-1 (17 CFR 239.31) is used by certain foreign private issuers to register securities pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a *et seq.*). The information collected is intended to ensure that the information required to be filed by the Commission permits

⁷¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁷² *Id.*

⁷³ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

⁷⁰ See *supra* note 51 and accompanying text.

verification of compliance with securities law requirements and assures the public availability of such information. Form F-1 takes approximately 1,709 hours per response and is filed by approximately 63 respondents. We estimate that 25% of the 1,709 hours per response (427.25 hours) is prepared by the registrant for a total annual reporting burden of 26,917 hours (427.25 hours per response × 63 responses).

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

The public may view the background documentation for this information collection at the following Web site, www.reginfo.gov. Comments should be directed to: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, or by sending an email to: Shagufta.Ahmed@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) Pamela Dyson, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549 or send an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: October 18, 2016.

Brent J. Fields,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold a closed meeting on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 2 p.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the closed meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters also may be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or her designee, has certified that, in her opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3), (5), (7), 9(B) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(3), (a)(5), (a)(7), (a)(9)(ii) and (a)(10), permit consideration of the scheduled matter at the closed meeting.

Commissioner Piwowar, as duty officer, voted to consider the items listed for the closed meeting in closed session.

The subject matter of the closed meeting will be:

Institution and settlement of injunctive actions;

Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings;

Resolution of litigation claims;

Adjudicatory matters; and

Other matters relating to enforcement proceedings.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items.

For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed; please contact Brent J. Fields from the Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: October 20, 2016.

Brent J. Fields,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold an Open Meeting on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., in the Auditorium, Room L-002.

The subject matter of the Open Meeting will be:

- The Commission will consider whether to propose amendments to the proxy rules relating to the use of universal proxy cards and disclosure about voting options and voting standards in director elections.

- The Commission will consider whether to adopt rule amendments related to Securities Act Rules 147 and 504 to facilitate intrastate and regional securities offerings and whether to repeal Securities Act Rule 505.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items.

For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted, or postponed, please contact Brent J. Fields in:

The Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: October 19, 2016.

Brent J. Fields,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-2736.

Extension:

Rule 17a-3; SEC File No. 270-026, OMB Control No. 3235-0033.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 ("PRA") (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below. The Code of Federal Regulation citation to this collection of information is the following rule: 17 CFR 240.17a-3.

Rule 17a-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 establishes minimum standards with respect to business records that broker-dealers registered with the Commission must make and keep current. These records are maintained by the broker-dealer (in accordance with a separate rule), so they can be used by the broker-dealer and reviewed by Commission examiners, as well as other regulatory authority examiners, during inspections of the broker-dealer.

The collections of information included in Rule 17a-3 are necessary to provide Commission, self-regulatory organization and state examiners to conduct effective and efficient examinations to determine whether broker-dealers are complying with relevant laws, rules, and regulations. If broker-dealers were not required to create these baseline, standardized records, Commission, self-regulatory organization and state examiners could be unable to determine whether broker-dealers are in compliance with the Commission's antifraud and anti-manipulation rules, financial responsibility program, and other Commission, SRO, and State laws, rules, and regulations.

As of April 1, 2016 there were 4,104 broker-dealers registered with the Commission. The Commission estimates that these broker-dealer respondents