• Send an email to *rule-comments@sec.gov.* Please include File Number SR–NYSEArca–2017–99 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–2017–99. 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 (*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 website 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. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR–NYSEArca–2017–99, and should be submitted on or before April 26, 2018.

V. Accelerated Approval of Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 3

The Commission finds good cause to approve the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 3, prior to the thirtieth day after the date of publication of notice of the filing of Amendment No. 3 in the **Federal Register**. The Commission notes that Amendment No. 3 clarified the application of NYSE Arca Rule 8.600–E to the Fund's investments. Amendment No. 3 also provided other clarifications and additional information to the proposed rule change. The changes and additional information in Amendment No. 3 assisted the Commission in finding that the proposal is consistent with the Act. Accordingly, the Commission finds good cause, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,[34] to approve the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 3, on an accelerated basis.

VI. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,[35] that the proposed rule change (SR–NYSEArca–2017–99), as modified by Amendment No. 3 be, and hereby is, approved on an accelerated basis.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.[36]

Eduardo Aleman,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–82969; File No. SR–NASDAQ–2018–024]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Clarify the Requirements for Delivery of a Contrary Exercise Advice

March 30, 2018.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (''Act''),[1] and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,[2] notice is hereby given that on March 20, 2018, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (''Nasdaq'' or ''Exchange'') filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (''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 the rules of the Nasdaq Options Market LLC (''NOM''), at Chapter VIII, Exercises and Deliveries.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at *http://nasdaq.cchwallstreet.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 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 correct Chapter VIII, Exercises and Deliveries, Section 1, Exercise of Options Contracts, to clarify the requirements for delivery of a Contrary Exercise Advice. Section 1(b) currently provides that option holders desiring to exercise or not exercise expiring options must either (i) take no action and allow exercise determinations to be made in accordance with the Options Clearing Corporation's Ex-by-Ex procedure where applicable, or (ii) submit a ''Contrary Exercise Advice'' to the Options Clearing Corporation through the participant's clearing firm. In actual practice, however, an option holder delivers a Contrary Exchange Advice to the Exchange, not to the Options Clearing Corporation. The Exchange therefore proposes to replace the words ''Options Clearing Corporation through the participants clearing firm'' in Section 1(b)(ii) with a reference to the Exchange and make similar, conforming changes to Section 1(e)(i). As amended, Section 1(b) would be consistent with Nasdaq ISE Rule 1100(b) which directs option holders to submit Contrary Exercise Advices to the Exchange (not to the Options Clearing Corporation).

The Exchange proposes to further replace the words ''by the deadline specified in paragraph (d) below'' with the words ''as specified in paragraph (d) below'' given that paragraph (d) contains a number of requirements associated with submission of Contrary Exercise Advices in addition to the deadline. As revised, Section (b)(ii) tracks the language of ISE Rule 1100(b)(ii) which permits an options holder desiring to exercise or not

[34] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

[35] *Id.*

[36] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

[1] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

[2] 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

exercise expiring options to ''submit a ''Contrary Exercise Advice'' to the Exchange as specified in paragraph (d) . . . .'' (which, like the counterpart NOM paragraph (d) rule, specifies various requirements associated with submitting Contrary Exercise Advices).

Finally, the Exchange proposes to make a number of nonsubstantive revisions to Chapter VIII which are designed simply to facilitate administration of the rules. References to ''NOM'' and to ''Nasdaq Regulation'' are proposed to be replaced with references to ''the Exchange.'' [3] Substituting the word ''Exchange'' for NOM in various places will provide the Exchange flexibility to determine the most appropriate department or individual within the Exchange to oversee the particular rule, and will also facilitate the incorporation by reference of the amended rule into the rules of NOM's affiliated exchanges in the future.[4]

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,[5] in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,[6] 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 identifying the correct entity to which option holders must deliver Contrary Exercise Advices and by substituting the word ''Exchange'' for NOM in various places which will enable the amended rule to be incorporated by reference into rules of affiliated exchanges in the future, which should enhance the ability of members of NOM and affiliated exchanges to understand and comply with a uniform set of rules across the exchanges.

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 proposed rule changes will apply equally to all option holders desiring to exercise options under the NOM rules. Further, the proposed changes merely correct an incorrect reference to OCC and conform the wording of the rule more closely to that of a NOM rule for the sake of administrative convenience. The Exchange does not intend for or expect that such changes will have any 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

Because the foregoing 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, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act [7] and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b–4 thereunder.[8]

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: (i) Necessary or appropriate in the public interest; (ii) for the protection of investors; or (iii) 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–NASDAQ–2018–024 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–NASDAQ–2018–024. 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 (*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 website 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. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR–NASDAQ–2018–024, and should be submitted on or before April 26, 2018.

[3] The changes are proposed to be made in Section 1(b), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i) (k) and (l), as well as in Section 2(a) and (b), of Chapter VIII. The Exchange notes that Chapter 11, Exercises and Deliveries, of the ISE Rulebook likewise uses the generic term ''the Exchange'' throughout that chapter.

[4] Recently, the Exchange added a shell structure to its Rulebook with the purpose of improving efficiency and readability and to align its rules closer to those of its five sister exchanges, Nasdaq BX, Inc.; Nasdaq PHLX LLC; Nasdaq ISE, LLC; Nasdaq GEMX, LLC; and Nasdaq MRX, LLC (''Affiliated Exchanges''). *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 82175 (November 29, 2017), 82 FR 57494 (December 5, 2017) (SR–NASDAQ–2017–125). The changes proposed herein are being made in connection with that effort, to align the NOM rules with those of the Affiliated Exchanges more closely.

[5] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

[6] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

[7] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

[8] 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 this requirement.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.[9]

Eduardo Aleman,

Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 10377]

Notifications of Proposed Export Licenses to the Congress

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Department of State has forwarded the attached Notifications of Proposed Export Licenses to the Congress on the dates indicated on the attachments.

Applicable Date: As shown on each of the 39 letters.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Anthony M. Dearth Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Department of State, telephone (202) 663–2836; e-mail *DDTCResponseTeam@state.gov.* ATTN: Congressional Notification of Licenses.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to sections 36(c) and 36(d), and in compliance with section 36(f), of the Arms Export Control Act. Section 36(f) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2776) mandates that notifications to the Congress pursuant to sections 36(c) and 36(d) must be published in a timely manner in the **Federal Register**, upon transmittal to Congress.

Following are such notifications to the Congress:

July 03, 2017

Honorable Paul D. Ryan, *Speaker* of *the House of Representatives.*

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services in the amount of $50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the continued export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services for the operational support, maintenance, and overhaul of F110–GE–100/100B/129/129B/129C/129D/129E/132/132A aircraft engines, used in F–15 and F–16 aircraft to the Republic of Turkey.

The United States government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights, and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Charles S. Faulkner,

Bureau of Legislative Affairs.

Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 16–091.

Sep 12 2017

Honorable Paul D. Ryan, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms, parts, and components abroad controlled under Category I of the United States Munitions List in the amount of $1,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of various machine guns and spare barrels to the United Arab Emirates.

The United States government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights, and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Charles S. Faulkner,

Bureau of Legislative Affairs.

Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 16–117.

Jul 10, 2017

Honorable Paul D. Ryan, *Speaker* of *the House of Representatives.*

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms, parts, and accessories abroad controlled under Category I of the United States Munitions List in the amount of $1,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of M16A4 rifles, spare parts, accessories, and training to the United Arab Emirates.

The United States government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights, and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Charles S. Faulkner,

Bureau of Legislative Affairs.

Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 16–123.

Sep 07, 2017

Honorable Paul D. Ryan, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to Section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of technical data, defense services, and manufacturing know-how to the Republic of Korea to support the design and manufacture of Controllable Pitch Propellers and Shafting Systems for the Korean KDX–III Batch II Destroyer program.

The United States government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights, and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Charles S. Faulkner,

Bureau of Legislative Affairs.

Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 16–124.

Jul 10, 2017

Honorable Paul D. Ryan, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms, parts, and components abroad controlled under Category I of the United States Munitions List in the amount of $1,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of M4A1 carbines with flash and sound suppressors, associated components and equipment to the Republic of Tunisia.

The United States government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights, and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

[9] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).