SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 8, 2018.

PLACE: Closed Commission Hearing Room 10600.

STATUS: This meeting will be closed to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:
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 his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9)(B) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(3), (a)(5), (a)(6), (a)(7), (a)(8), (a)(9)(ii) and (a)(10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the closed meeting.

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

The subject matters of the closed meeting will be:

- Institution and settlement of injunctive actions;
- Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings; and
- Other matters relating to enforcement proceedings.

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

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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: February 1, 2018.

Brent J. Fields,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq PHLX LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Relocate the Execution Protections Rule


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 January 24, 2018, Nasdaq PHLX LLC (“Phlx” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II 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 relocate Execution Protections currently located at Phlx Rule 1080(p) to new Phlx Rule 1099 and entitle the rule “Order Protections.” The Exchange also proposes to conform certain rule text within the current rule throughout new Rule 1099.

The Exchange proposes to utilize the term “System” throughout new Rule 1099 instead of the terms “Phlx XL” or “system.”3 The Exchange also proposes to remove the term “Phlx” and replace it with the word “Exchange.” These non-substantive rule changes are meant to simply conform terms within the new Rule for consistency.

Locating these order protection rules within new Rule 1099 will make them easier to locate and also shorten the length of Rule 1080 for ease of reading that rule.

The Exchange also proposes to update cross-references to Rule 1080(p) to Rule 1099.4

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.

3 System is defined at Phlx Rule 1000(45).
4 The Exchange proposes to amend cross-references in Rule 1082 (Firm Quotations) and Rule 1098 (Complex Orders on the System).
trade and to protect investors and the public interest by consistently utilizing the term “System” throughout new Rule 1099 instead of the terms “Phlx XL” or “system.” The Exchange also proposes to remove the term “Phlx” and replace it with the word “Exchange.” The Exchange believes that this proposal is consistent with the Act because the Exchange is conforming terms within the new Rule for consistency and relocating these order protection rules within new Rule 1099 to make them easier to locate and also shorten the length of Rule 1080 for ease of reading.

The Exchange also proposes to make certain formatting changes within the Rule to conform the text throughout its Rulebook.

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 Exchange’s proposal does not impose an undue burden on competition because the amendments conform the rule text to text throughout the Rulebook and the proposal relocates the order protection rules to a new Rule 1099 for ease of reference.

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–Phlx–2018–12 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–Phlx–2018–12. 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–Phlx–2018–12, and should be submitted on or before February 27, 2018.

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

Eduardo A. Aleman,
Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10304]

Notice of Public Meeting

The Department of State will conduct an open meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 1, 2018, at the offices of the Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services (RTCM), 1611 N. Kent Street, Suite 605, Arlington, VA 22209. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the fifth session of the International Maritime Organization’s (IMO) Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment to be held at the IMO Headquarters, United Kingdom, March 12–16, 2018.

The agenda items to be considered include:

—Adoption of the agenda
—Decisions of other IMO bodies
—Safety objectives and functional requirements of the Guidelines on alternative design and arrangements for SOLAS chapters II–1 and III
—Develop new requirements for ventilation of survival crafts
—Uniform implementation of paragraph 6.1.1.3 of the LSA Code
—Consequential work related to the new Code for ships operating in polar waters
—Review SOLAS chapter II–2 and associated codes to minimize the incidence and consequences of fires on ro-ro spaces and special category spaces of new and existing ro-ro passenger ships
—Amendments to the FSS Code for CO2 pipelines in under-deck passageways
—Amendments to MSC.1/Circ.13151
—Requirements for onboard lifting appliances and anchor handling winches
—Revised SOLAS regulations II 1/13 and II–1/13–1 and other related regulations for new ships
—Unified interpretation of provisions of IMO safety, security, and environment-related Conventions
—Development of guidelines for cold ironing of ships and of amendments

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, along with a brief description and 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. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.