

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service gives notice of filing a request with the Postal Regulatory Commission to add a domestic shipping services contract to the list of Negotiated Service Agreements in the Mail Classification Schedule's Competitive Products List.

DATES: *Date of required notice:* March 22, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth A. Reed, 202–268–3179.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Postal Service® hereby gives notice that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3632(b)(3), on March 16, 2018, it filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission a *USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express & Priority Mail Contract 63 to Competitive Product List*. Documents are available at www.prc.gov, Docket Nos. MC2018–132, CP2018–183.

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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 12g3–2, SEC File No. 270–104, OMB Control No. 3235–0119

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.

Rule 12g3–2 (17 CFR 240.12g3–2) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) provides an exemption from Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. 78l(g)) for foreign private issuers. Rule 12g3–2 is designed to provide investors in foreign securities with information about such securities and the foreign issuer. As a condition to the exemption, a non-Exchange Act reporting foreign private issuer must publish in English specified non-U.S. disclosure documents required by Rule 12g3–2(b) for its most recently

completed fiscal year on its internet website or through an electronic information delivery system in its primary trading market. In addition, the rule requires a foreign private issuer similarly to publish electronically specified non-U.S. disclosure documents in English on an ongoing basis for subsequent fiscal years as a condition to maintaining the Rule 12g3–2(b) exemption. We estimate that, that approximately 1,386 respondents claim the exemption. Each respondent publishes an estimated 12 submissions pursuant to Rule 12g3–2 per year for a total of 16,632 responses. We estimate the number of burden hours incurred by foreign private issuers to produce the Rule 12g3–2(b) publications to total 37,206, or approximately 2.237 burden hours per response (2.237 hours per response × 16,632 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 website, 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: March 19, 2018.

Eduardo A. Aleman,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–82889; File No. SR–BOX–2018–09]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; BOX Options Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Correct an Error in IM–7600–2

March 16, 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 12, 2018, BOX Options Exchange LLC (“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 self-regulatory organization. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to correct an inadvertent error in IM–7600–2. The text of the proposed rule change is available from the principal office of the Exchange, at the Commission's Public Reference Room and also on the Exchange's internet website at <http://boxoptions.com>.

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 self-regulatory organization 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 self-regulatory organization 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 proposed rule change is to amend IM–7600–2 to correct an inadvertent error that was [sic] subject of a prior rule filing. In August 2017, the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) approved BOX's filing to establish rules for an open-outcry trading floor.³ The Exchange notes that it mistakenly referenced “Public Customers” rather than “Customers” in IM–7600–2(h) when establishing these rules.

Under IM–7600–2(h) a Floor Broker must deliver written notification prior to entering a tied hedge order on behalf

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

³ See Securities Exchange Release No. 81292 (August 2, 2017), 82 FR 37144 (August 8, 2017) (Order Approving SR–BOX–2016–48 as modified by Amendment Nos. 1 and 2).

of their client. The intent of the rule was to require Floor Brokers to provide notice to all clients when entering in a tied hedge order on their behalf; however, the term “Customer” was inadvertently changed to “Public Customer” in the drafting process. Under the BOX Rules, the term “Customer” means either a Public Customer or a broker-dealer,⁴ whereas the term “Public Customer” means a person that is not a broker or dealer in securities.⁵ As such, the rule as it is currently written does not require the Floor Broker to notify non-Public Customer clients prior to entering a tied hedge order on their behalf; which was not the intent of the rule. The Exchange believes it is reasonable and appropriate for all of a Floor Broker’s clients, regardless of Participant type, to receive written notice prior to the Floor Broker entering in a tied hedge order on their behalf as it will provide transparency to the client.

Therefore, the Exchange proposes to replace the term “Public Customer” with the term “Customer” in Rule IM-7600-2(h). The Exchange believes the term “Customer” is more appropriate as broker-dealers should not have been excluded from the requirements of Rule IM-7600-2(h) when it was initially adopted. Additionally, the proposed correction is similar to the language used in the rules of another options exchange.⁶

The Exchange notes that it is not proposing to amend any other part of the tied-hedge rule and the BOX rules already allow for Floor Brokers to submit tied hedge orders on behalf of broker dealers.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act,⁷ in general, and Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁸ in particular, in that it is designed to protect investors and the public interest, promote just and equitable principles of trade, and foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities by correcting an inadvertent error that was made in the adoption of the rule. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to change the reference from “Public Customers” to “Customers” in Rule IM-7600-2(h). The

Exchange believes the term “Customer” is more appropriate as broker-dealers should not have been excluded from the requirements of Rule IM-7600-2(h) when it was initially adopted. Further, the Exchange believes it is reasonable and appropriate for all of a Floor Broker’s clients, regardless of Participant type, to receive written notice prior to the Floor Broker entering in a tied hedge order on their behalf.

As noted above, the proposed correction is similar to the language used in the rules of another options exchange.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Burden on Competition

The proposed rule change will not impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act as the proposed rule change is simply seeking to eliminate investor confusion with regard to the incorrect reference in Rule IM-7600-2(h). As such, 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.

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

The Exchange has neither solicited nor received 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: (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, the proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁹ and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.¹⁰

A proposed rule change filed pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6) under the Act¹¹ normally does not become operative for 30 days after the date of its

filing. However, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii)¹² permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange has asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposal may become operative immediately upon filing. The Exchange notes that waiver of the operative delay would allow it to implement the proposal immediately and would require a Floor Broker to provide written notice to its non-Public Customer clients, as well as its Public Customer clients, prior to entering a tied hedge order on their behalf. The Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because the proposed rule change is designed to provide clarity and transparency to non-Public Customers regarding the usage of tied hedge orders by Floor Brokers and the Exchange’s tied hedge order procedures. The Commission also notes that the proposed rule change does not change the Exchange’s existing tied hedge rule that permits Floor Brokers to submit tied hedge orders on behalf of non-Public Customers. Rather, the proposed rule change would simply require Floor Brokers to provide the same type of notice to non-Public Customers as is currently required to be provided to Public Customers. Accordingly, the Commission hereby waives the operative delay and designates the proposal operative upon filing.¹³

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 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:

¹² 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

¹³ For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has also considered the proposed rule’s impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

⁴ See Rule 100(a)(17).

⁵ See Rule 100(a)(52).

⁶ See NYSE Arca (“Arca”) Rule 6.47–O.01(h). The Exchange’s reading of Arca’s rule is that the term “customer” includes broker-dealers as well as Public Customers.

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) 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 the 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.

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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-BOX-2018-09 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-BOX-2018-09. 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-BOX-2018-09 and should be submitted on or before April 12, 2018.

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

Eduardo A. Aleman,
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-82891; File No. SR-BOX-2017-36]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; BOX Options Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing of Amendment No. 1 and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of a Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1, To Adopt Rule 7600(i) To Allow Split-Price Transactions on the BOX Trading Floor

March 16, 2018.

I. Introduction

On November 30, 2017, BOX Options Exchange LLC (the "Exchange" or "BOX") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² a proposed rule change to adopt proposed Rule 7600(i) to allow split-price transactions on the BOX Trading Floor. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on December 19, 2017.³ On January 31, 2018, the Commission extended the time period within which to approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove the proposed rule change to March 19, 2018.⁴ The Exchange filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposal on March 7, 2018.⁵ The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comment on Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change from interested persons and is approving the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1, on an accelerated basis.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 82315 (December 13, 2017), 82 FR 60256 ("Notice").

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 82607 (January 31, 2018), 83 FR 5286 (February 6, 2018).

⁵ In Amendment No. 1 the Exchange: (1) Further described how split-price priority transactions would execute if there is Public Customer interest on the BOX Book; (2) provided additional justification for the proposal being consistent with the Act; (3) provided additional examples of how split-price priority transactions will be handled and reported by the Exchange; and (4) proposed additional rule text to describe how the system will determine the allocation of a split-price QOO Order in situations where the allocation between two increments results in a fractional amount of contracts and provided justification for this change. Amendment No. 1 is available at: <https://www.sec.gov/comments/sr-box-2017-36/box201736-3206059-161998.pdf>.

II. Description of the Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1⁶

BOX proposes to adopt Rule 7600(i), which would establish priority principles for split-price transactions occurring in open-outcry on the Trading Floor.⁷ Under the proposed rule, if an order or offer (bid) for any number of contracts of a series is represented to the trading crowd, a Floor Participant⁸ that buys (sells) one or more contracts of that order or offer (bid) at one price would have priority over all other orders and quotes, except Public Customer Orders⁹ resting in the BOX Book,¹⁰ to buy (sell) up to the same number of contracts of those remaining from the same order or offer (bid) at the next lower (higher) price.¹¹ For orders or offers (bids) of 100 or more contracts,¹² a Floor Participant that buys (sells) 50 or more of the contracts of that order or offer (bid) at a particular price will have priority over all other orders and quotes to buy (sell) up to the same number of contracts of those remaining from the same order or offer (bid) at the next lower (higher) price.¹³ If the bids or offers of two or more Floor Participants are both entitled to split-price priority, priority would be afforded (to the extent practicable) on a pro-rata basis.¹⁴

According to the Exchange, in order to execute a split-price transaction, a Floor Broker would submit a Qualified Open Outcry ("QOO") Order to the system in the same manner as done today on the Trading Floor, except that the QOO Order would be entered at a sub-minimum trading increment.¹⁵

⁶ For a more detailed description of the proposed rule change, see Notice, *supra* note 3; Amendment No. 1, *supra* note 5.

⁷ See Rule 100(a)(67) (defining Trading Floor).

⁸ The term "Floor Participant" includes Floor Brokers as defined in Rule 7540 and Floor Market Makers as defined in Rule 8510(b). See Rule 100(a)(26).

⁹ The term "Public Customer Order" means an order for the account of a Public Customer, which is defined in the BOX Rules as a person that is not a broker or dealer in securities. See Rules 100(a)(52) and (53).

¹⁰ The term "Central Order Book" or "BOX Book" means the electronic book of orders on each single option series maintained by the BOX Trading Host. See Rule 100(a)(10).

¹¹ See proposed Rule 7600(i)(1).

¹² Under the proposed rule, the Exchange would be permitted to increase the minimum qualifying size of 100 contracts. Any such changes would be announced to Participants via Regulatory Circular. See proposed Rule 7600(i)(2).

¹³ See proposed Rule 7600(i)(2). See also Notice *supra*, note 3, at 60257 (providing an example of a split-price transaction for 100 contracts).

¹⁴ See proposed Rule 7600(i)(3).

¹⁵ For example, a Floor Broker would be permitted to enter a QOO Order at a price of \$1.03 when the minimum trading increment for the series

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¹⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).