

accepted or may be considered public documents. The non-confidential summary will be placed in the docket and open to public inspection.

Public versions of all documents relating to this review will be made available for public viewing at <http://www.regulations.gov> upon completion of processing and no later than approximately two weeks after the relevant due date.

Marideth Sandler,

Executive Director, Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) Program, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Excepted Service

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This gives notice of OPM decisions granting authority to make appointments under Schedules A, B, and C in the excepted service as required by 5 CFR 6.6 and 213.103.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Glenda Haendschke, Acting Group Manager, Executive Resources Services Group, Center for Human Resources, Division for Human Capital Leadership and Merit System Accountability, 202-606-2246.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Appearing in the listing below are the individual authorities established under Schedules A, B, and C between December 1, 2008, and December 31, 2008. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of September 30 is published each year.

Schedule A

No Schedule A appointments were approved for December 2008.

Schedule B

No Schedule B appointments were approved for December 2008.

Schedule C

The following Schedule C appointments were approved during December 2008.

Executive Office of the President

Department of State

DSGS69758 Foreign Affairs Officer to the Ambassador-At-Large (War

Crimes). Effective December 10, 2008.

Department of the Interior

DIGS01132 Special Assistant—Scheduling and Advance to the Director of Scheduling and Advance. Effective December 02, 2008.

United States International Trade Commission

TCGS60100 Staff Assistant (Legal) to a Commissioner. Effective December 09, 2008.

Department of Transportation

DTGS60462 Associate Director for Public Affairs to the Deputy Director for Public Affairs. Effective December 10, 2008.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR 1954-1958 Comp., p. 218.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Kathie Ann Whipple,

Acting Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-59539; File No. SR-CBOE-2009-015]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Two Pilot Programs

March 9, 2009.

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 February 27, 2009, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated (the “Exchange” or “CBOE”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder,⁴ which renders it effective upon filing with the Commission. 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 CBOE rules relating to two pilot programs. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site (<http://www.cboe.org/Legal>), at the Exchange's Office of the Secretary, and at the Commission.

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 those 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 parts 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 this rule change is to delete reference to two existing pilot programs in CBOE's rules that CBOE no longer utilizes and which are scheduled to expire on March 14, 2009.

One pilot program allows a Market-Maker, Off-Floor DPM, Off-Floor LMM or an e-DPM to have an affiliated Market-Maker physically present in the trading crowds where it operates as a Market-Maker, Off-Floor DPM, Off-Floor LMM, or e-DPM, respectively. The second pilot program allows a CBOE member or member firm to have multiple aggregation units operating as separate Market-Makers within the same class, provided they satisfy certain criteria set forth in Rule 8.3(c)(vi).⁵

CBOE notes that these pilot programs were initially adopted, in part, due to CBOE's usage of an algorithm that allocates electronic trades, in whole or in part, in an equal percentage based on the number of market participants quoting at the best bid or offer—specifically CBOE's ultimate matching algorithm “UMA.” In January 2008,

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

⁵ These pilot programs previously were extended for one year until March 14, 2009. See Rel. No. 57519 (March 18, 2008), 73 FR 15805 (March 25, 2008) (immediate effectiveness of SR-CBOE-2008-29).

CBOE determined to utilize a pro-rata algorithm, instead of UMA, as the applicable matching algorithm in all Hybrid classes. As a result, these pilot programs are no longer being utilized and CBOE proposes to delete reference to them in its rules in connection with their expiration on March 14, 2009.

As amended, Rule 8.3(c)(vi) states that a Market-Maker may not hold an appointment and submit electronic quotations in any class in which an affiliated DPM, LMM or e-DPM is appointed, or in which an affiliated Market-Maker holds an appointment and submits electronic quotations, if CBOE uses in that class an allocation algorithm that allocates electronic trades, in whole or in part, in an equal percentage based on the number of market participants quoting at the best bid or offer. However, Rule 8.3(c)(vi) also notes that: (i) The foregoing restriction does not apply if CBOE uses in a particular options class an allocation algorithm that does not allocate electronic trades, in whole or in part, in an equal percentage based on the number of market participants quoting at the best bid or offer; and (ii) there is no restriction on affiliated Market-Makers holding an appointment in the same class for purposes of trading in open outcry. These exceptions are currently contained in Rule 8.3(c)(vi)(3).

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") and the rules and regulations under the Act applicable to a national securities exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act. Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5) Act⁶ requirements that the rules of an exchange be designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest, in that deleting reference to two existing pilot programs in CBOE's rules that CBOE no longer utilizes and which are scheduled to expire on March 14, 2009 clarifies the rules that members are obligated to comply with.

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

CBOE 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 neither solicited nor received comments on the proposal.

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, if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁷ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.⁸

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate 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.

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 e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-CBOE-2009-015 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CBOE-2009-015. This file

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) requires the self-regulatory organization to submit to 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.

number should be included on the subject line if e-mail 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 inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 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-CBOE-2009-015 and should be submitted on or before April 6, 2009.

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

Florence E. Harmon,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Modify the Hybrid Rule Pertaining to Orders Represented in Open Outcry

March 10, 2009.

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 March 6, 2009, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated ("Exchange" or "CBOE") filed with the Securities and

⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).