

MRX recently filed to establish port fees.⁴¹ In SR-MRX-2023-05, MRX proposed to assess no fee for the first FIX Port obtained by an MRX Member and established fees for additional FIX Ports of \$650 per port, per month for each subsequent port beyond the first port. MRX noted in SR-MRX-2023-05 that:

Only MRX Members may utilize ports on MRX. Any market participant that sends orders to a Member would not need to utilize a port. The Member can send all orders, proprietary and agency, through one port to MRX. Members may elect to obtain multiple account numbers to organize their business, however only one account number and one port for orders and one port for quotes is necessary for a Member to trade on MRX. All other ports offered by MRX are not required for an MRX Member to meet its regulatory obligations.

MRX also established fees for OTTO Ports, which ports are identical to the ports being offered on BX, and priced them the same as the proposed OTTO fees for BX. MRX assesses an OTTO Port Fee of \$650 per port, per month, per account number but does not offer the first OTTO Port at no cost because it was offering one FIX Port at no cost for order entry.

If the Commission were to apply a different standard of review to this proposal than it applied to other exchange fee filings, such as the Cboe or MRX fee filings,⁴² it would create a burden on competition such that it would impair BX's ability to innovate new products, modernize its technology, and compete with other options markets.

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 Act⁴³ and

subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.⁴⁴

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 necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or 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 (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR-BX-2024-006 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-BX-2024-006. 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 (<https://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 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-BX-2024-006 and should be submitted on or before March 22, 2024.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁴⁵

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12340]

Notice of Meeting of the President's Advisory Council on African Diaspora Engagement

ACTION: Notice of Federal advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of State hereby provides notice of the next meeting of the President's Advisory Council on African Diaspora Engagement ("the Advisory Council").

DATES: Monday, March 18, 2024.

ADDRESSES: This event will take place in-person in Atlanta, Georgia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information and for those interested in participating, please contact Mr. Matthew Becker, Senior Foreign Affairs Officer in the Office of the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State by email at BeckerMA@state.gov or by phone at (202) 647-1790.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. 1001 *et seq.*, and 41 CFR 102-3.65, the Advisory Council will host a public plenary session meeting. The primary mission of the Advisory Council is to provide counsel to the President on enhancing the connections between the United States Government and the African diaspora within the

⁴¹ See Securities Exchange Act No. 96824 (February 7, 2023), 88 FR 8975 (February 10, 2023) (SR-MRX-2023-05) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend MRX Options 7, Section 6).

⁴² See notes 30 and 39 above.

⁴³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

⁴⁴ 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.

⁴⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

United States, aligning with the objectives outlined in the U.S. Strategy Toward Sub-Saharan Africa.

This meeting is for planning purposes for the Advisory Council to discuss 2024 priorities and review proposed initiatives, including programs to expand cultural and education exchange between Africa and the United States, and programs to increase participation of members of the African diaspora in the United States related to trade, investment, economic growth, and development programs relating to Africa. The Advisory Council will also review a calendar of additional upcoming events focused on African diaspora engagement, for potential Advisory Council member participation.

The activities of the Advisory Council encompass strategies to advance equity and opportunity for African diaspora communities, ways to support the United Nations' Permanent Forum on People of African Descent, programs and initiatives to strengthen cultural, social, political, and economic ties between African communities, the global African diaspora, and the United States, and programs and initiatives to increase participation of members of the African diaspora in the United States with regard to trade, investment, economic growth, and development programs relating to Africa.

Established in accordance with Executive Order 14089, the Advisory Council operates under the overarching authority of the Secretary of State and the Department of State, as outlined in Title 22 of the United States Code. Specifically, its mandate aligns with Section 2656 of that Title and adheres to the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

This meeting is open to the public. Priority for in-person seating will be given to members of the Advisory Council and remaining seating will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Interested members of the public may reserve a seat by contacting Matthew Becker at BeckerMA@state.gov.

(Authority: 5 U.S.C. 1001 *et seq.* and 22 U.S.C. 2651a.)

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Exchange Visitor Program

ACTION: Notice of an arrangement through a Memorandum of Understanding and modification of certain regulatory requirements.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Exchange Visitor Program (EVP) regulations, the Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), U.S. Department of State, has modified certain regulatory provisions to permit Austrian dual/vocational education students or recent graduates of such programs to participate in internship and training programs in the United States, providing these exchange visitors an opportunity to gain broadening international experience.

DATES: This action was effective on January 31, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rebecca Pasini, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Private Sector Exchange at 2200 C Street NW, SA-5, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20522. or via email at JExchanges@state.gov or by telephone at (202) 826-4364.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A new program between the United States and the Republic of Austria has been established in accordance with existing Exchange Visitor Program (EVP) regulations (22 CFR part 62), including regulations applying to the Intern and Trainee categories (22 CFR 62.22). The program supports the purposes of the Fulbright-Hayes Act by increasing participants' understanding of American culture and society and enhancing Americans' knowledge of Austrian culture and skills through an open interchange of ideas. A key goal of the Fulbright-Hays Act, which authorizes the EVP Intern and Trainee categories of exchange, is that exchange visitors will return to their home countries and share their experiences in the United States.

The new exchange between the United States and Austria allows EVP participation of Austrian citizens aged 18 to 30 who are currently enrolled in (or are within 12 months of graduation at the time of program application) an Austrian accredited post-secondary or dual/vocational education program outside the United States. The Austrian dual/vocational education program is unique in that Austrian students conduct on-the-job training while they receive a combination of theoretical and practical training in vocational schools and colleges. Under current EVP

regulations (22 CFR 62.22(d)(2)), trainees must be foreign nationals who have either a degree or professional certificate from a foreign post-secondary academic institution and at least one year of prior related work experience in their occupational field acquired outside the United States or five years of work experience in their occupational field acquired outside the United States. Under current regulations (22 CFR 62.22(d)(3)), intern exchange visitors must be enrolled in a foreign degree- or certificate-granting post-secondary academic institution or have recently graduated (within 12 months of program start date) from such an institution. Austrian exchange visitors will not need to have lengthy work experience or be enrolled in an academic institution in their home country prior to participating in a training or internship program.

Austrian exchange visitors will be placed for periods of between six and twelve months at up to two U.S. private companies or non-profit institutions. Austrian exchange visitors will have at least two rotations evenly divided over the length of their program. In the first rotation, Austrian exchange visitors may be placed in a routine (entry-level) assignment, but they must have progressively more responsibility in their second rotation. The second rotation is permitted to be at the same placement institution as the first but must give the exchange visitor more responsibility. If they so choose, Austrian exchange visitors may conduct two training rotations in more advanced assignments to cover the full length of their program without conducting an initial routine (entry-level) component.

Under the arrangement, the government of the Republic of Austria has established a reciprocal program permitting U.S. citizens aged 18 to 30 and who have recently graduated (within 12 months at the time of program application) from a U.S. degree, diploma, or certificate-granting educational institution to participate in a working holiday program. Participants may stay in Austria for up to 12 months, pursuing employment with one or more organizations to supplement their funds or for educational purposes without the need for a work permit while they are on the cultural exchange.

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