

to Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii),¹³ the Commission may 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 Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because doing so will allow the Pilot Program to continue without interruption in a manner that is consistent with the Commission's prior approval of the extension and expansion of the Pilot Program.¹⁴ Accordingly, the Commission designates the proposed rule change as operative upon filing with the Commission.¹⁵

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 (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-MRX-2019-13 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-MRX-2019-13. 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 submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-MRX-2019-13 and should be submitted on or before July 16, 2019.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁶

Vanessa A. Countryman,
Acting Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-86161; File No. 4-274]

Program for Allocation of Regulatory Responsibilities Pursuant to Rule 17d-2; Order Approving Proposed Amended Plan for the Allocation of Regulatory Responsibilities Between the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. and the NYSE Chicago, Inc.

June 20, 2019.

On May 8, 2019, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") and the NYSE Chicago, Inc. ("NYSE Chicago") (together with FINRA, the "Parties") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission

("Commission") a plan for the allocation of regulatory responsibilities, dated May 7, 2019 ("Amended 17d-2 Plan" or the "Amended Plan"). The Amended Plan was published for comment on May 30, 2019.¹ The Commission received no comments on the Amended Plan. This order approves and declares effective the Amended Plan.

I. Introduction

Section 19(g)(1) of the Act,² among other things, requires every self-regulatory organization ("SRO") registered as either a national securities exchange or national securities association to examine for, and enforce compliance by, its members and persons associated with its members with the Act, the rules and regulations thereunder, and the SRO's own rules, unless the SRO is relieved of this responsibility pursuant to Section 17(d) or Section 19(g)(2) of the Act.³ Without this relief, the statutory obligation of each individual SRO could result in a pattern of multiple examinations of broker-dealers that maintain memberships in more than one SRO ("common members"). Such regulatory duplication would add unnecessary expenses for common members and their SROs.

Section 17(d)(1) of the Act⁴ was intended, in part, to eliminate unnecessary multiple examinations and regulatory duplication.⁵ With respect to a common member, Section 17(d)(1) authorizes the Commission, by rule or order, to relieve an SRO of the responsibility to receive regulatory reports, to examine for and enforce compliance with applicable statutes, rules, and regulations, or to perform other specified regulatory functions.

To implement Section 17(d)(1), the Commission adopted two rules: Rule 17d-1 and Rule 17d-2 under the Act.⁶ Rule 17d-1 authorizes the Commission to name a single SRO as the designated examining authority ("DEA") to examine common members for compliance with the financial responsibility requirements imposed by the Act, or by Commission or SRO

¹ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 85921 (May 23, 2019), 84 FR 25105.

² 15 U.S.C. 78s(g)(1).

³ 15 U.S.C. 78q(d) and 15 U.S.C. 78s(g)(2), respectively.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78q(d)(1).

⁵ See Securities Act Amendments of 1975, Report of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs to Accompany S. 249, S. Rep. No. 94-75, 94th Cong., 1st Session 32 (1975).

⁶ 17 CFR 240.17d-1 and 17 CFR 240.17d-2, respectively.

¹³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

¹⁴ See Securities Exchange Release No. 61061 (November 24, 2009), 74 FR 62857 (December 1, 2009) (SR-NYSEARCA-2009-44).

¹⁵ For purposes only of waiving the operative delay for this proposal, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

rules.⁷ When an SRO has been named as a common member's DEA, all other SROs to which the common member belongs are relieved of the responsibility to examine the firm for compliance with the applicable financial responsibility rules. On its face, Rule 17d-1 deals only with an SRO's obligations to enforce member compliance with financial responsibility requirements. Rule 17d-1 does not relieve an SRO from its obligation to examine a common member for compliance with its own rules and provisions of the federal securities laws governing matters other than financial responsibility, including sales practices and trading activities and practices.

To address regulatory duplication in these and other areas, the Commission adopted Rule 17d-2 under the Act.⁸ Rule 17d-2 permits SROs to propose joint plans for the allocation of regulatory responsibilities with respect to their common members. Under paragraph (c) of Rule 17d-2, the Commission may declare such a plan effective if, after providing for appropriate notice and comment, it determines that the plan is necessary or appropriate in the public interest and for the protection of investors; to foster cooperation and coordination among the SROs; to remove impediments to, and foster the development of, a national market system and a national clearance and settlement system; and is in conformity with the factors set forth in Section 17(d) of the Act. Commission approval of a plan filed pursuant to Rule 17d-2 relieves an SRO of those regulatory responsibilities allocated by the plan to another SRO.

II. Proposed Amended Plan

On September 26, 1978, the Commission approved the Plan allocating regulatory responsibilities pursuant to Rule 17d-2 on a provisional basis.⁹ Under the Plan, the predecessor to FINRA was responsible, in part, for conducting on-site examination of each dual member for which it was the DEA. On February 20, 1980, the Commission noticed for comment an amendment to the Plan, which provided, in part, for the handling of customer complaints, the review of dual members' advertising, and the arbitration of

disputes under the Plan.¹⁰ On May 30, 1980, the Commission approved the Plan, as amended.¹¹ On September 8, 2010, the Commission approved an amendment to replace the previous Plan in its entirety.¹² On May 8, 2019, the Parties submitted a proposed amendment to the Plan. The primary purpose of the amendment is to the extent that it becomes a member of the exchange, allocate regulatory responsibility to FINRA for NYSE Chicago's affiliated routing broker-dealer, Archipelago Securities LLC.

III. Discussion

The Commission finds that the proposed Amended Plan is consistent with the factors set forth in Section 17(d) of the Act¹³ and Rule 17d-2(c) thereunder¹⁴ in that the proposed Amended Plan is necessary or appropriate in the public interest and for the protection of investors, fosters cooperation and coordination among SROs, and removes impediments to and fosters the development of the national market system. In particular, the Commission believes that the proposed Amended Plan should reduce unnecessary regulatory duplication by allocating to FINRA certain examination and enforcement responsibilities for common members that would otherwise be performed by FINRA and NYSE Chicago. Accordingly, the proposed Amended Plan promotes efficiency by reducing costs to common members. Furthermore, because NYSE Chicago and FINRA will coordinate their regulatory functions in accordance with the Amended Plan, the Amended Plan should promote investor protection.

The Commission notes that, under the Amended Plan, NYSE Chicago and FINRA have allocated regulatory responsibility for those NYSE Chicago rules, set forth in the Certification, that are substantially similar to the applicable FINRA rules in that examination for compliance with such provisions and rules would not require FINRA to develop one or more new examination standards, modules, procedures, or criteria in order to analyze the application of the rule, or a common member's activity, conduct, or output in relation to such rule. In addition, under the Amended Plan,

FINRA would assume regulatory responsibility for certain provisions of the federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder that are set forth in the Certification. The common rules covered by the Amended Plan are specifically listed in the Certification, as may be amended by the parties from time to time.

According to the Amended Plan, NYSE Chicago will review the Certification at least annually, or more frequently if required by changes in either the rules of NYSE Chicago or FINRA, and, if necessary, submit to FINRA an updated list of common rules to add NYSE Chicago rules not included on the then-current list of common rules that are substantially similar to FINRA rules; delete NYSE Chicago rules included in the then-current list of common rules that no longer qualify as common rules; and confirm that the remaining rules on the list of common rules continue to be NYSE Chicago rules that qualify as common rules.¹⁵ FINRA will then confirm in writing whether the rules listed in any updated list are common rules as defined in the Amended Plan. Under the Amended Plan, NYSE Chicago also will provide FINRA with a current list of common members and shall update the list no less frequently than once each quarter.¹⁶ The Commission believes that these provisions are designed to provide for continuing communication between the parties to ensure the continued accuracy of the scope of the proposed allocation of regulatory responsibility. In addition, as noted above, the primary purpose of the amendment is to the extent that it becomes a member of the exchange, allocate regulatory responsibility to FINRA for Chicago's affiliated routing broker-dealer, Archipelago Securities LLC. The Commission does not believe that the amendment to the plan raises any new regulatory issues that the Commission has not previously considered.

The Commission is hereby declaring effective an Amended Plan that, among other things, allocates regulatory responsibility to FINRA for the oversight and enforcement of all NYSE Chicago rules that are substantially similar to the rules of FINRA for common members of FINRA and NYSE Chicago. Therefore, modifications to the Certification need not be filed with the Commission as an amendment to the Amended Plan, provided that the parties are only adding to, deleting from, or confirming changes to NYSE Chicago rules in the Certification in

⁷ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 12352 (April 20, 1976), 41 FR 18808 (May 7, 1976).

⁸ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 12935 (October 28, 1976), 41 FR 49091 (November 8, 1976).

⁹ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 15191 (September 26, 1978), 43 FR 46093 (October 5, 1978).

¹⁰ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 16591 (February 20, 1980), 45 FR 12573 (February 26, 1980).

¹¹ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 16858 (May 30, 1980), 45 FR 37927 (June 5, 1980).

¹² See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 62866 (September 8, 2010), 75 FR 55833 (September 14, 2010).

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78q(d).

¹⁴ 17 CFR 240.17d-2(c).

¹⁵ See paragraph 2 of the Amended Plan.

¹⁶ See paragraph 3 of the Amended Plan.

conformance with the definition of common rules provided in the Amended Plan. However, should the parties decide to add a NYSE Chicago rule to the Certification that is not substantially similar to a FINRA rule; delete a NYSE Chicago rule from the Certification that is substantially similar to a FINRA rule; or leave on the Certification a NYSE Chicago rule that is no longer substantially similar to a FINRA rule, then such a change would constitute an amendment to the Amended Plan, which must be filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 17d-2 under the Act.¹⁷

IV. Conclusion

This order gives effect to the Amended Plan filed with the Commission in File No. 4-274. The parties shall notify all members affected by the Amended Plan of their rights and obligations under the Amended Plan.

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 17(d) of the Act, that the Amended Plan in File No. 4-274, between FINRA and NYSE Chicago, filed pursuant to Rule 17d-2 under the Act, hereby is approved and declared effective.

It is further ordered that NYSE Chicago is relieved of those responsibilities allocated to FINRA under the Amended Plan in File No. 4-274.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁸

Vanessa A. Countryman,
Acting Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 26, 2019.

PLACE: The meeting will be held at the Commission's headquarters, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549.

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.

In the event that the time, date, or location of this meeting changes, an announcement of the change, along with the new time, date, and/or place of the meeting will be posted on the Commission's website at <https://www.sec.gov>. No earlier notice of this meeting was practicable.

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.

The subject matters of the closed meeting will consist of the following topics:

Institution and settlement of injunctive actions;

Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings;

Resolution of litigation claims; and

Other matters relating to enforcement proceedings.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting agenda items that may consist of adjudicatory, examination, litigation, or regulatory matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: For further information; please contact Vanessa A. Countryman from the Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: June 20, 2019.

Vanessa A. Countryman,
Acting Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Small Business Administration.
ACTION: 30-Day notice.

SUMMARY: The Small Business Administration (SBA) is publishing this notice to comply with requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) requires agencies to submit proposed reporting and recordkeeping requirements to OMB for review and approval, and to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** notifying the public that the agency has made such a submission. This notice also allows an additional 30 days for public comments.
DATES: Submit comments on or before July 25, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to the information collection by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: *Agency Clearance Officer*, Curtis Rich, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20416; and *SBA Desk Officer*, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Curtis Rich, Agency Clearance Officer, (202) 205-7030 curtis.rich@sba.gov.

Copies: A copy of the Form OMB 83-1, supporting statement, and other documents submitted to OMB for review may be obtained from the Agency Clearance Officer.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Small Business Administration Surety Bond Guarantee Program was created to encourage surety companies to issue bonds for small contractors. The information collected on these forms from Small Business contractors or surety companies/agents is used to evaluate the eligibility of program application. One form is used by surety companies to request claims payments or report recoveries related to defaulted contractors.

Solicitation of Public Comments

Title: Surety Bond Guarantees Assistance.

Description of Respondents: Surety Companies.

Form Number: SBA Forms 990, 991, 994, 994B, 994F, 994H.

Estimated Annual Responses: 1,026.
Estimated Annual Hour Burden: 13,983.

Curtis Rich,
Management Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10802]

Certification Pursuant to Section 7041(F)(3) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2019

By virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to section 7041(f)(3) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2019 (Div. F, Pub. L. 116-6) and Department of State Delegation of Authority 245-2, I hereby certify that Libya's Government of National Accord is cooperating with

¹⁷ The addition to or deletion from the Certification of any federal securities laws, rules, and regulations for which FINRA would bear responsibility under the Amended Plan for examining, and enforcing compliance by, common members, also would constitute an amendment to the Amended Plan.

¹⁸ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(34).