

to Rule 11.19 because pursuant to amended Rule 200(g) of Regulation SHO, a broker-dealer can mark a short sale order as either “short” or “short exempt.”¹⁸ The Exchange also proposes to make clear in Rule 11.19 that if an order it received is marked “short exempt,” the Exchange will execute, display and/or route the order without regard to the NBB or any short sale price test restriction in effect under Regulation SHO.¹⁹ The Exchange also proposes to make clear, as it does in Rule 11.9(d)(1) with respect to intermarket sweep orders, that it relies on a Member’s²⁰ marking of an order, in this case the “short exempt” marking, when handling such order. Accordingly, proposed Rule 11.19 states that it is the entering Member’s responsibility, not the Exchange’s responsibility, to comply with the requirements of Regulation SHO relating to marking of orders as “short exempt.”²¹

III. Commission Findings

The Commission finds that the proposed rule change to amend BATS Rules 11.9, 11.13 and 11.19 to make certain changes consistent with the upcoming implementation of amendments to Regulation SHO is consistent with the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to national securities exchanges and national securities associations.²² In particular, the Commission finds that the proposal is consistent with the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act²³ and with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,²⁴ which, among other things, requires that rules of national securities exchanges be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

The Commission believes that the proposed rule change will provide clarity on the short sale order handling procedures employed by the Exchange and certain obligations of its Members

when sending short sale orders to the Exchange consistent with Regulation SHO, as amended. The Commission also believes that the proposed short sale price sliding functionality and amendments to the existing displayed price sliding process should assist Users in executing or displaying their orders consistent with Regulation SHO and Regulation NMS.

The Commission also finds good cause, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,²⁵ for approving the proposed rule change on an accelerated basis. The proposed rule change makes changes consistent with the amendments to Regulation SHO. The Commission believes that accelerating approval of the proposed rule change is appropriate as it will allow the proposed amendments to be implemented by the compliance date for the amendments to Regulation SHO. In addition, the Commission believes that the proposed rule change should further the goals of investor protection and fair and orderly markets.

IV. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,²⁶ that the proposed rule change (File No. SR-BATS-2011-002) be and hereby is approved on an accelerated basis.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.²⁷

Cathy H. Ahn,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-63943; File No. SR-NYSEAMEX-2011-06]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Amex LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change in Connection With the Proposal of NYSE Euronext To Eliminate the Requirement of an 80 percent Supermajority Vote To Amend or Repeal Section 3.1 of Its Bylaws

February 22, 2011.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)¹ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”)² and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,³ notice is hereby given that on February

11, 2011, NYSE Amex LLC (the “Exchange” or “NYSE Amex”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. 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 is submitting this rule filing in connection with the proposal of its ultimate parent, NYSE Euronext (the “Corporation”),⁴ to amend its bylaws (the “Bylaws”) to eliminate the requirement that the affirmative vote of the holders of not less than 80% of the votes entitled to be cast by the holders of the outstanding capital stock of the Corporation entitled to vote generally in the election of directors is necessary for the stockholders to amend or repeal Article III, Section 3.1 of the Bylaws. The proposed rule change is identical to a rule change filed by the New York Stock Exchange LLC (“NYSE”) that was recently approved by the Commission.⁵ The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange, the Commission’s Public Reference Room, and the Exchange’s Web site at <http://www.nyse.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 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 the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange is submitting this rule filing in connection with the proposal of the Corporation, which is the ultimate

¹⁸ 17 CFR 242.200(g). Rule 200(g)(2) provides that a sale order shall be marked “short exempt” only if the provisions of paragraphs (c) or (d) of Rule 201 of Regulation SHO are met. See also Division of Trading and Markets: Responses to Frequently Asked Questions Concerning Rule 201 of Regulation SHO, Q&A Nos. 5.4 and 5.5.

¹⁹ 17 CFR 242.201(b)(1)(iii)(B).

²⁰ A “Member” is defined in BATS Rule 1.5(n) as any registered broker or dealer that has been admitted to membership in the Exchange.

²¹ 17 CFR 242.200(g)(2). See also 17 CFR 242.201(c); 17 CFR 242.201(d).

²² In approving the proposed rule change, the Commission has considered the proposed rule’s impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

²³ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

²⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

²⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

²⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

²⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

⁴ NYSE Amex, a Delaware limited liability company, is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of NYSE Euronext.

⁵ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 63792 (January 28, 2011) (File No. SR-NYSE-2010-77).

parent company of the Exchange, to amend its Bylaws to eliminate the requirement that the affirmative vote of the holders of not less than 80% of the votes entitled to be cast by the holders of the outstanding capital stock of the Corporation entitled to vote generally in the election of directors is necessary for the stockholders to amend or repeal Article III, Section 3.1 of the Bylaws relating to the general powers of the Board of Directors of the Corporation ("Board"). Section 3.1 also provides that the number of Directors on the Board shall be fixed and changed from time to time exclusively by the Board pursuant to a resolution adopted by two-thirds of the directors then in office. Elimination of this 80% "supermajority" voting provision as it relates to Section 3.1 will have the effect that only a majority of the same number of votes entitled to be cast will be required to amend or repeal this section of the Bylaws.

Background

In connection with its 2010 Annual Meeting, the Corporation received a stockholder proposal to eliminate the supermajority voting requirements necessary to amend certain provisions of the Corporation's certificate of incorporation ("Certificate") and Bylaws. Following receipt of that proposal, the Corporation began discussions with its regulators regarding the possibility of amending its Certificate and Bylaws to implement the proposal. While recognizing the interest of stockholders in simple majority voting to amend these basic governing documents, the Corporation was also cognizant of the fact that, at the time of the merger between Euronext and NYSE Group that created the Corporation, both European and U.S. regulators were concerned about insuring a balance of U.S. and European perspectives in the governance of the newly formed entity. The regulators and the respective boards of directors viewed the combination of Euronext and NYSE Group as a "merger of equals," and balanced representation between American and European representatives on the Board was the primary means by which the principle of equality was to be implemented. The regulatory authorities approved supermajority voting to amend the governance provisions in the Certificate and Bylaws considered to be most important in maintaining this balance.

Following further discussions between the Corporation and its regulators, the regulators have indicated that they would not oppose a change to a simple majority provision for certain of the provisions currently subject to an 80% voting requirement, including

Article III, Section 3.1 of the Bylaws. Section 3.1 reads as follows:

"General Powers. The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by or under the direction of the Board of Directors. The number of directors on the Board of Directors shall be fixed and changed from time to time exclusively by the Board of Directors pursuant to a resolution adopted by two-thirds of the directors then in office. In addition to the powers and authorities expressly conferred upon them by these Bylaws, the Board of Directors may exercise all such powers of the Corporation and do all such lawful acts and things as are not by statute or by the Certificate of Incorporation or by these Bylaws required to be exercised or done by the stockholders. A director need not be a stockholder."

The purpose of this proposed rule change is to implement the decision of the Board to remove the 80% supermajority voting requirement with respect to the aforementioned Bylaw provision.

As noted above, the proposed rule change is identical to a rule change filed by the NYSE (the "NYSE Rule Change") that was recently approved by the Commission.

2. Statutory Basis

The proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)⁶ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"), in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5)⁷ in particular in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. More specifically, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change will permit the Corporation to respond to the stockholder proposal submitted to it while also ensuring ongoing regulatory comfort concerning balanced representation in the governance of the Corporation which will thereby contribute to perfecting the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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 that is 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

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The Exchange has filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act⁸ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.⁹ Because the 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) by its terms, become operative prior to 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, the proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) thereunder.

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)¹⁰ normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of the filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii),¹¹ 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.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of such 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.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing,

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

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-NYSEAMEX-2011-06 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-NYSEAMEX-2011-06. This file 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 Web site viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 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. 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-NYSEAMEX-2011-06 and should be submitted on or before March 22, 2011.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹²

Cathy H. Ahn,
Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #12459 and #12460]

California Disaster #CA-00162

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Amendment 1.

SUMMARY: This is an amendment of the Administrative declaration of a disaster for the State of California dated 02/02/2011.

Incident: Severe Winter Storms, Flooding, and Debris and Mud Flows.
Incident Period: 12/17/2010 through 01/04/2011.

Effective Date: 02/18/2011.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 04/04/2011.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 11/02/2011.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of an Administrative declaration for the State of California, dated 02/02/2011 is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster.

Primary Counties: San Diego.

Contiguous Counties:

California: Imperial.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

Dated: February 18, 2011.

Karen G. Mills,
Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Small Business Information Security Task Force

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting minutes.

SUMMARY: The SBA is issuing this notice to publish meeting minutes for the Small Business Information Security Task Force Meeting.

DATES: 1 p.m., Wednesday, January 12, 2011.

ADDRESSES: The meeting was held via teleconference.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 507(i)(4)(A) of the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009, SBA submits the meeting minutes for the third meeting of the Small Business Information Security Task Force. Chairman, Mr. Rusty Pickens, called the meeting to order on January 12, 2011 at 1 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established. The meeting followed the provided agenda topics.

The first item under discussion was bringing the work plan to a final version and to solidify which Task Force members would own the various topic areas. Task force members were reminded that what was contained on the work plan was a first attempt at aligning the subject areas with member expertise.

Mr. Pickens took an action item to refine the scope requirements for the Task Force with specific questions of Identity Theft, Privacy, and Government Contracting information. Additionally, resource and staffing issues to support the work of the Task Force were discussed and Mr. Pickens clarified that there was no confirmation as to if the Task Force had been funded. He took an action item to work with SBA leadership to determine whether funding was available. Suggestions were made of the possibility of the corporate members providing resources such as software and staffing or undertaking fundraising efforts if no formal funding were available. It was reiterated that writers and other staff will be needed to sort and compile the data gathered by the Task Force members. Determining the end deliverable, time frame, and working back from the allocated funding was suggested as a better way to determine resource needs. A high-level budget to accompany the work plan was suggested as a good place to start. Mr. Pickens reminded the group that an informational webinar is scheduled for February 2, 2011 and presented by the PCI Standards Group. In light of the webinar, there will be no official February meeting. The next official meeting date will be determined and distributed in advance via e-mail to the Task Force members.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rusty Pickens, Special Consultant to the Office of the CIO, U.S. Small Business Administration, Rusty.Pickens@sba.gov.

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SBA Chief Information Officer.

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¹² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).