

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. 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-PEARL-2023-21 and should be submitted on or before June 2, 2023.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁹

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[SEC File No. 270-275, OMB Control No. 3235-0310]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Extension: Rule 22d-1

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Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 ("Paperwork Reduction Act") (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") has submitted to the

Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Rule 22d-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.22d-1) provides registered investment companies that issue redeemable securities ("funds") an exemption from section 22(d) of the 1940 Act (15 U.S.C. 80a-22(d)) to the extent necessary to permit scheduled variations in or elimination of the sales load on fund securities for particular classes of investors or transactions, provided certain conditions are met. The rule imposes an annual burden per series of a fund of approximately 15 minutes, so that the total annual burden for the approximately 3,776 series of funds that might rely on the rule is estimated to be 944 hours.¹

The estimate of average burden hours is made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act. The estimate is based on communications with industry representatives, and is not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study.

Responses will not be kept confidential. 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 OMB control number.

The public may view background documentation for this information collection at the following website: www.reginfo.gov. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice by June 12, 2023 to (i) MBX.OMB.OIRA.SEC_desk_officer@omb.eop.gov and (ii) David Bottom, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o John Pezzullo, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, or by sending an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

Dated: May 8, 2023.

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-97457; File No. SR-CboeBZX-2023-029]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend Rule 21.8 Regarding Certain Cancel-Replace Messages

May 8, 2023.

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 April 25, 2023, Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "BZX") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. 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

Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "BZX Options") proposes to amend Rule 21.8. The text of the proposed rule change is provided in Exhibit 5.

The text of the proposed rule change is also available on the Exchange's website (http://markets.cboe.com/us/equities/regulation/rule_filings/bzx/), at the Exchange's Office of the Secretary, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

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 Exchange 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 Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

¹ This estimate is based on the following calculation: 3,776 series × 0.25 burden hours = 944 total annual burden hours.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

¹⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12), (59).

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 21.8 to describe the impact on option order priority of a cancel/replace message, including a “no-change” order³ (i.e., an order submitted to cancel or replace a resting order that does not change any terms of an order). The Rules are currently silent regarding how the System handles a cancel-replace message (that either changes or does not change any terms of the resting order). The Exchange recently determined that if the System receives a no-change order, the resting order will lose its priority position; however, if the System receives a “no-change” bid or offer in a bulk message, the resting bid or offer will not lose its priority position. The Exchange proposes to harmonize the handling of all no-change orders and quotes so that any “no-change” order or bulk message bid or offer will lose priority and describe this behavior in the Exchange’s Rules.

Additionally, the Exchange proposes to describe in the Exchange’s Rules how the System in general handles all cancel/replace messages submitted by users, including those that change or do not change the price and size of a resting order’s terms. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to codify current System functionality that causes a resting order to lose its priority position (including if the price of an order is changed or the quantity is increased) if any cancel/replace message is submitted if any term other than a decrease to the quantity, the Max Floor (if a Reserve

Order),⁴ or the stop price (if a Stop or Stop Limit Order)⁵ is modified.

Therefore, the proposed rule change amends Rule 21.8 to add that if a user submits a cancel/replace message for a resting order, regardless of whether the cancel/replace message modifies any terms of the resting order, the order loses its priority position and is placed in a priority position based on the time the System receives the cancel/replace message, unless the user only (1) decreases the quantity of an order, (2) modifies the Max Floor (if a Reserve Order), or (3) modifies the stop price (if a Stop or Stop-Limit order), in which case the order retains its priority position.

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 thereunder applicable to the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of section 6(b) of the Act.⁶ Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the section 6(b)(5)⁷ requirements that the rules of an exchange be 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 regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and 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. Additionally, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the section 6(b)(5)⁸ requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

In particular, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change will remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market as well as protect investors by adding transparency to the Rules regarding how the System handles all cancel/replace messages, including those that change no order terms. The Exchange believes consistency in handling of all no-change orders and quotes will simplify order handling, which will promote just and equitable principles of trade and thus further benefit investors. The Exchange believes it is reasonable for a user’s resting order to lose priority if that user submits a cancel/replace order, including a no-change order, to replace that resting order (other than the three proposed exceptions). Ultimately, the purpose of a cancel and replace message is to replace a resting order with a new order; therefore, it is appropriate for the System to treat that replacement order as a new order for purposes of priority. Despite the fact that a cancel/replace message may not modify the price or size of a resting order (and thus has no investment purpose), a user elected to send that new order to the Exchange despite having an identical order resting on the Exchange’s book and used System capacity to do so. Therefore, the Exchange believes it promotes just and equitable principles of trade to treat that replacement order as a new order for priority purposes. The Exchange believes the proposed rule change encourages users to submit to the Exchange only bona fide cancel/replace orders that have legitimate investment purposes and discourages use of System capacity to send unnecessary message traffic.

The Exchange believes it will remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market as well as protect investors by adding transparency to codify current System functionality regarding all cancel/replace messages, including those that do not cause a loss of priority position. Under current System functionality, a cancel/replace order that changes the price of a resting order or increases the size of a resting order the order loses its priority position and is placed in a

⁴ “Reserve Orders” are limit orders that have both a portion of the quantity displayed (“Display Quantity”) and with a reserve portion of the quantity (“Reserve Quantity”) that is not displayed. Both the Display Quantity and Reserve Quantity of the Reserve Order are available for potential execution against incoming orders. If the Display Quantity of a Reserve Order is fully executed, the System will, in accordance with the user’s instruction, replenish the Display Quantity from the Reserve Quantity using one of the replenishment instructions set forth in the Rules. If the remainder of an order is less than the replenishment amount, the Exchange will replenish and display the entire remainder of the order. A user must instruct the Exchange as to the quantity of the order to be initially displayed by the System (“Max Floor”) when entering a Reserve Order, which is also used to determine the replenishment amount. A new timestamp is created for both the Display Quantity and the Reserve Quantity of the order each time it is replenished from reserve. See Rule 21.1(d)(1).

⁵ “Stop Orders” are orders that become market orders when the stop price is elected. “Stop Limit Orders” are orders that become limit orders when the stop price is elected. A Stop or Stop Limit Order to buy is elected when the consolidated last sale in the option occurs at or above, or the NBB is equal to or higher than, the specified stop price. A Stop or Stop Limit Order to sell is elected when the consolidated last sale in the option occurs at or below, or the NBO is equal to or lower than, the specified stop price. See Rule 21.1(d)(10) and (11).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁸ *Id.*

³ In this context, the term “order” includes bids and offers submitted in bulk messages. A bulk message means a bid or offer included in a single electronic message a user submits with an M (Market-Maker) capacity to the Exchange in which the user may enter, modify, or cancel up to an Exchange-specified number of bids and offers. See Rule 16.1 (definition of bulk message, which provides that the System handles a bulk message bid or offer in the same manner as it handles an order or quote, unless the Rules specify otherwise).

priority position based on the time the System receives the cancel/replace message, as increasing the price or quantity of a resting order could cause it to gain priority over other resting orders if it did not otherwise get a new timestamp. Additionally, under current System functionality, cancel/replace order that decreases the size of a resting order (and changes no other terms) does not result in a loss of priority position. Unlike a no-change order, an order to reduce the size of a resting order may have a legitimate investment purpose, such as to reduce execution risk, but would not impact its priority compared to other resting orders (e.g., resting orders are often decreased in size if they receive partial execution, and the remainders retain their priority status; unlike an increase in size, a decrease in size would not cause a resting order to otherwise gain priority over other resting orders).

Additionally, under current System functionality, a cancel/replace message that changes the Max Floor (if a Reserve Order) or the stop price (if a Stop or Stop-Limit order) and no other terms will not cause a resting order to lose priority because it is unnecessary given the handling of those orders and the fact that at that time there is no priority to lose. Such handling is consistent with the definitions and handling of both of those order types. Specifically, as set forth in the definition of a Reserve Order, the Max Floor amount is relevant for replenishment of the Display Quantity of the order after execution, and once replenished, the System creates a new timestamp for both the Display Quantity and Reserve Quantity of the order each time it is replenished from reserve (i.e., prioritizes it in the book at the time of replenishment). Therefore, there is no need for a loss in priority due to a change in the Max Floor amount because that order will have its priority reset once it is replenished with that new amount. Similarly, as set forth in the definitions of Stop and Stop-Limit orders, those orders become market or limit orders, respectively, once triggered and thus placed on the book as market or limit orders and prioritized based on that time. The stop price is the piece of information that determines when these orders will be triggered. As a result, there is no need for an order to lose priority due to a change in the stop price given that those orders have not yet been prioritized on the Book and will be prioritized once triggered and entered into the Book for potential execution.

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. The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on intramarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act because the System will handle all cancel/replace orders from all users in the same manner. All cancel/replace orders, including all no-change orders, except for the three exceptions, will cause the resting order to lose priority. The three types of cancel/replace orders that will not cause a resting order to lose priority are consistent with current order handling rules.

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on intermarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act because the proposed rule change only impacts priority of orders resting on the Exchange's book and thus will have no impact on terms of an order that are disseminated to market participants or on trading outside of the Exchange.

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 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:

A. significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest;

B. impose any significant burden on competition; and

C. 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) of the Act⁹ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)¹⁰ thereunder. 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 will 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:

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-CboeBZX-2023-029 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-CboeBZX-2023-029. 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 offices 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-CboeBZX-2023-029, and should be submitted on or before June 2, 2023.

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 34910; 812–15449]

Hennessy Funds Trust and Hennessy Advisors, Inc.

May 8, 2023.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission” or “SEC”).

ACTION: Notice.

Notice of an application under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (“Act”) for an exemption from section 15(a) of the Act and Rule 18f–2 thereunder, as well as from certain disclosure requirements in rule 20a–1 under the Act, Item 19(a)(3) of Form N–1A, Items 22(c)(1)(ii), 22(c)(1)(iii), 22(c)(8) and 22(c)(9) of Schedule 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and sections 6–07(2)(a), (b), and (c) of Regulation S–X (“Disclosure Requirements”).

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: The requested exemption would permit Applicants to enter into and materially amend subadvisory agreements with subadvisers without shareholder approval and would grant relief from the Disclosure Requirements as they relate to fees paid to the subadvisers.

APPLICANTS: Hennessy Funds Trust and Hennessy Advisors, Inc.

FILING DATES: The application was filed on March 31, 2023.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the requested relief will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on any application by emailing the SEC’s Secretary at *Secretarys-Office@sec.gov* and serving the Applicants with a copy of the request by email, if an email address is listed for the relevant Applicant below, or personally or by mail, if a physical address is listed for the relevant Applicant below. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on June 2, 2023, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the Applicants, in the form of an affidavit, or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Pursuant to rule 0–

5 under the Act, hearing requests should state the nature of the writer’s interest, any facts bearing upon the desirability of a hearing on the matter, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by emailing the Commission’s Secretary.

ADDRESSES: The Commission:

Secretarys-Office@sec.gov. Applicant: Teresa M. Nilsen, *terry@hennesseyfunds.com*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Trace W. Rakestraw, Senior Special Counsel, at (202) 551–6825 (Division of Investment Management, Chief Counsel’s Office).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For Applicants’ representations, legal analysis, and conditions, please refer to Applicants’ application, dated March 31, 2023, which may be obtained via the Commission’s website by searching for the file number at the top of this document, or for an Applicant using the Company name search field on the SEC’s EDGAR system. The SEC’s EDGAR system may be searched at <https://www.sec.gov/edgar/searchedgar/legacy/companysearch.html>. You may also call the SEC’s Public Reference Room at (202) 551–8090.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[SEC File No. 270–259, OMB Control No. 3235–0269]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Extension: Rule 17f–5

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Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) requests for extension of the previously approved collections of information discussed below.

Rule 17f–5 (17 CFR 270.17f–5) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 [15 U.S.C. 80a] (the “Act”) governs the

custody of the assets of registered management investment companies (“funds”) with custodians outside the United States. Under rule 17f–5, a fund or its foreign custody manager (as delegated by the fund’s board) may maintain the fund’s foreign assets in the care of an eligible fund custodian under certain conditions. If the fund’s board delegates to a foreign custody manager authority to place foreign assets, the fund’s board must find that it is reasonable to rely on each delegate the board selects to act as the fund’s foreign custody manager. The delegate must agree to provide written reports that notify the board when the fund’s assets are placed with a foreign custodian and when any material change occurs in the fund’s custody arrangements. The delegate must agree to exercise reasonable care, prudence, and diligence, or to adhere to a higher standard of care, in performing the delegated services. When the foreign custody manager selects an eligible foreign custodian, it must determine that the fund’s assets will be subject to reasonable care if maintained with that custodian, and that the written contract that governs each custody arrangement will provide reasonable care for fund assets. The contract must contain certain specified provisions or others that provide at least equivalent care. The foreign custody manager must establish a system to monitor the performance of the contract and the appropriateness of continuing to maintain assets with the eligible foreign custodian.

The collection of information requirements in rule 17f–5 are intended to provide protection for fund assets maintained with a foreign bank custodian whose use is not authorized by statutory provisions that govern fund custody arrangements,¹ and that is not subject to regulation and examination by U.S. regulators. The requirement that the fund board determine that it is reasonable to rely on each delegate is intended to ensure that the board carefully considers each delegate’s qualifications to perform its responsibilities. The requirement that the delegate provide written reports to the board is intended to ensure that the delegate notifies the board of important developments concerning custody arrangements so that the board may exercise effective oversight. The requirement that the delegate agree to exercise reasonable care is intended to provide assurances to the fund that the

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

¹ See section 17(f) of the Act. 15 U.S.C. 80a–17(f).