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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change Relating to Move the Rules in Chapter V of the Currently Effective Rulebook to Proposed Section A of Chapter 4 of the Shell Structure for the Exchange's Rulebook that will Become Effective Upon the Migration of the Exchange's Trading Platform

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on October 3, 2019, Cboe Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "Cboe Options") 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 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 Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "Cboe Options") proposes to move the Rules in Chapter V of the currently effective Rulebook ("current Rulebook"), which governs securities dealt in on the Exchange, to proposed Section A of Chapter 4 of the shell structure for the Exchange's Rulebook that will become effective upon the migration of the Exchange's trading platform to the same system used by the Cboe Affiliated Exchanges (as defined below) ("shell Rulebook"). The text of the proposed rule change is provided in Exhibit 5.

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<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

The text of the proposed rule change is also available on the Exchange's website (<http://www.cboe.com/AboutCBOE/CBOELegalRegulatoryHome.aspx>), 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.

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

1. Purpose

In 2016, the Exchange's parent company, Cboe Global Markets, Inc. (formerly named CBOE Holdings, Inc.) ("Cboe Global"), which is also the parent company of Cboe C2 Exchange, Inc. ("C2"), acquired Cboe EDGA Exchange, Inc. ("EDGA"), Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc. ("EDGX" or "EDGX Options"), Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. ("BZX" or "BZX Options"), and Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc. ("BYX" and, together with Cboe Options, C2, EDGX, EDGA, and BZX, the "Cboe Affiliated Exchanges"). The Cboe Affiliated Exchanges are working to align certain system functionality, retaining only intended differences, between the Cboe Affiliated Exchanges, in the context of a technology migration. Cboe Options intends to migrate its trading platform to the same system used by the Cboe Affiliated Exchanges, which the Exchange expects to complete on October 7, 2019. In connection with this technology migration, the Exchange has a shell Rulebook that

resides alongside its current Rulebook, which shell Rulebook will contain the Rules that will be in place upon completion of the Cboe Options technology migration.

The Exchange proposes to relocate the rules in Chapter V, which govern securities dealt in on the Exchange, to proposed Section A of Chapter 4 in the shell Rulebook. The Exchange notes that in addition to relocating the rules under current Chapter V to proposed Section A of Chapter 4 in the shell Rulebook, the proposed rule change deletes the rules from the current Rulebook. The proposed rule change relocates the rules as follows:

<b>Current Rule</b>	<b>Proposed Rule</b>
4.1 Designation of Underlying Securities	5.1 Designation of Securities
4.2 Rights and Obligations of Holders and Writers	5.2 Rights and Obligations of Holders and Writers
4.3 Criteria for Underlying Securities	5.3 Criteria for Underlying Securities
4.4 Withdrawal of Approval of Underlying Securities	5.4 Withdrawal of Approval of Underlying Securities
4.5 Series of Option Contracts Open for Trading	5.5 Series of Option Contracts Open for Trading
4.5(f) ( <i>Long-Term Equity Option Series (LEAPS)</i> )	5.8 Long-Term Equity Option Series (LEAPS)
4.6 Adjustments	5.7 Adjustments
4.7 Select Provisions of Options Listing Procedures Plan	5.5A Select Provisions of Options Listing Procedures Plan
4.8 Single Stock Dividend Options	5.9. Single Stock Dividend Options

The proposed changes are of a non-substantive nature and will not amend the relocated rules other than to update their rule numbers, conform paragraph structure and number/lettering format to that of the shell Rulebook, and make cross-reference changes to shell rules. The Exchange notes that the proposed change updates the heading to proposed Rule 4.1 (current Rule

5.1) from “Designation of Securities” to “Designation of Underlying Securities” which more accurately aligns with the other rules under current Chapter V (proposed Section A of Chapter 4); i.e. the heading to proposed Rule 4.3 (current Rule 5.3) is “Criteria for Underlying Securities” and to proposed Rule 4.4 (current Rule 5.4) is “Withdrawal of Approval of Underlying Securities”. Finally, the proposed rule change removes Rule 5.5.11 and .12 which cover strike intervals for BXM option series and for Cboe S&P 500 Realized Volatility option series, respectively, on which the Exchange is authorized to list options, but on which the Exchange does not currently, and does not intend, to list options.<sup>3</sup> Because there are currently no options listed on any of these indexes, the proposed rule change has no impact on trading on the Exchange.

## 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.<sup>4</sup> Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)<sup>5</sup> 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

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<sup>3</sup> The Exchange is simultaneously submitting a similar rule filing regarding current Chapter XXIV (proposed shell Section B of Chapter 4), governing index options, which proposes to remove the same references under current Chapter XXIV.

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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)<sup>6</sup> requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

As stated, the proposed rule change makes no substantive changes to the rules. The proposed rule change is merely intended to relocate the Exchange's rules to the shell Rulebook and update their numbers, paragraph structure, including number and lettering format, and cross-references, as well as delete references to indexes on which the Exchange does not list (and does not intend to list) options,<sup>7</sup> to conform to the shell Rulebook as a whole in anticipation of the technology migration on October 7, 2019. As such, the proposed rule change is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, 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, by improving the way the Exchange's Rulebook is organized, making it easier to read, and, particularly, helping market participants better understand the rules of the Exchange, which will also result in less burdensome and more efficient regulatory compliance.

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 not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed rule change is not intended as a competitive change, but rather, seeks to make non-substantive rule changes in relocating the rules and updating cross-references, as well as references to certain

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<sup>6</sup> Id.

<sup>7</sup> See supra note 3. The deletion of these indexes will conform to the other proposed Sections under Chapter 4, and thus, the shell Rulebook as a whole.

indexes, to shell rules in anticipation of the October 7, 2019 technology migration. The Exchange also does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any undue burden on competition because the relocated rule text is exactly the same as the Exchange's current rules, all of which have all been previously filed with the Commission.

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

The Exchange has filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act<sup>8</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.<sup>9</sup> 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) 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, the proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>10</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.<sup>11</sup>

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)<sup>12</sup> normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of the filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b-

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<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

<sup>9</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>11</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) requires the Exchange to give the Commission written notice of the Exchange's 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 Commission has waived that requirement in this case.

<sup>12</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

4(f)(6)(iii),<sup>13</sup> 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 proposed rule change may become operative immediately. The Exchange notes that the proposed rule change is merely relocating certain rules to its shell rulebook – which includes corresponding updates to rule numbers, cross-references, and other references – in order to conform these rules to the shell rulebook upon the technology migration explained above. The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change will make its rules easier to read and understand for all investors. The Exchange also asserts that the relocation of the rules explained above will not impose any significant burden on competition as the substance of the rules remains unchanged. The Commission agrees that allowing this proposed rule change to become operative upon filing in order to facilitate the Exchange’s technology migration – without changing the substance of these Exchange Rules – is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. For this reason, the Commission hereby waives the 30-day operative delay and designates the proposal operative upon filing.<sup>14</sup>

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 change should be approved or disapproved.

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<sup>13</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

<sup>14</sup> For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has considered the proposed rule’s impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

#### 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](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-CBOE-2019-090 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-CBOE-2019-090. 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 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. All comments received will be posted without

change. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CBOE-2019-090, and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>15</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12), (59).