

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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Self-Regulatory Organizations; BOX Options Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change to Amend BOX Rule 3130 (Exemptions from Position Limits)

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 October 2, 2013, BOX Options Exchange LLC (the “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II 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 proposes to amend BOX Rule 3130 (Exemptions from Position Limits) to simplify the position limit exemptions available to Options Participants. The text of the proposed rule change is available from the principal office of the Exchange, at the Commission’s Public Reference Room and also on the Exchange’s Internet website at <http://boxexchange.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 these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The self-regulatory organization has prepared summaries, set forth in

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

The Exchange proposes to amend BOX Rule 3130 (Exemptions from Position Limits) to simplify the position limit exemptions available to Options Participants. This is a competitive filing based on the rules of BX and BATS.³

Specifically, the Exchange proposes to remove sections (b) through (e) of BOX Rule 3130. Once removed, section (a), "Exemption Granted by Other Exchanges," will be the sole position limit exemption remaining. The Exchange believes that this exemption, which allows Participants to rely on applicable position limit exemptions granted by other exchanges, will result in increased uniformity among the exchanges and cause less confusion among all market participants. Furthermore the proposed change will have no impact on the position limit exemptions currently used by Participants on BOX. The Exchange has reviewed the position limit exemptions available at the other option exchanges and believes these represent all position limit exemptions that the Exchange is seeking to remove. The Exchange notes that this proposed change mimics the position limit exemption language used by BX and BATS.⁴ In addition, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change will help ensure that the Exchange's rules regarding Exemptions from Position Limits will always be in alignment with FINRA's exemption rules,⁵ even if these change from time to time.

2. Statutory Basis

³ See BX Chapter XIV, Section 8 and BATS Rule 18.8.

⁴ Id.

⁵ See FINRA Rule 2360(b)(3)(A)(vii).

The Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”),⁶ in general, and Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,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.

In particular, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change will provide greater clarity to market participants regarding the Exchange’s rules. In addition, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change will help ensure that the Exchange’s rules regarding Exemptions from Position Limits will always be in alignment with FINRA’s rules. Accordingly, this proposal is designed to harmonize the exemptions from position limits rules across exchanges and will help protect investors.

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. In this regard and as indicated above, the Exchange notes that the rule change being proposed is substantially similar to BX’s and BATS’s rules regarding Exemptions from Position Limits.⁸

The Exchange believes this proposed rule change is necessary to establish uniform rules regarding Exemptions from Position Limits. Specifically, the proposed rule change will bring clarity and consistency to Exchange Rules by harmonizing the exemptions from position limits

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

⁸ See supra, note 3.

rules across exchanges and will therefore help protect investors. The Exchange does not believe the proposed rule change will impose any burden on any intramarket competition as it applies to all Participants. In addition, the Exchange does not believe the proposed rule filing will bring any unnecessary burden on intermarket competition as it is consistent with the “Exemption from Position Limits” rules of BX and BATS.⁹

C. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others

The Exchange has 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 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 Act¹⁰ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.¹¹ 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

⁹ See supra, note 3.

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). As required under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii), the Exchange provided the Commission with written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and the 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.

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. Please include File Number SR-BOX-2013-46 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-BOX-2013-46. 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 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-BOX-2013-46 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.¹²

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¹² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).