

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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Self-Regulatory Organizations; BOX Options Exchange LLC; Notice of Designation of Longer Period for Commission Action on a Proposed Rule Change to Adopt Rules for an Open-Outcry Trading Floor

On November 16, 2016, BOX Options Exchange LLC (the “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² a proposal to adopt rules for an open-outcry trading floor. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the Federal Register on December 05, 2016.³ The Commission received two comment letters on the proposed rule change.⁴

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act⁵ provides that within 45 days of the publication of notice of the filing of a proposed rule change, or within such longer period up to 90 days as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission shall either approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved. The 45th day for this filing is January 19, 2017.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 79421 (November 29, 2016), 81 FR 87607.

⁴ See letters to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Commission, from Steve Crutchfield, Head of Market Structure, CTC Trading Group, LLC, dated December 31, 2016 and Joan C. Conley, Senior Vice President and Corporate Secretary, Nasdaq, dated December 22, 2016.

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

The Commission is extending the 45-day time period for Commission action on the proposed rule change. The Commission finds that it is appropriate to designate a longer period within which to take action on the proposed rule change so that it has sufficient time to consider and take action on the Exchange's proposed rule change.

Accordingly, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)(A)(ii)(I) of the Act⁶ and for the reasons stated above, the Commission designates March 5, 2017 as the date by which the Commission should either approve or disapprove, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove, the proposed rule change (File No. SR-BOX-2016-48).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁷

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⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(A)(ii)(I).

⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(31).