MIAX Emerald, LLC Rules

Rule 518. Complex Orders

(a) Definitions.

(1) – (4) No change.

(5) Complex Order. A “complex order” is any order involving the concurrent purchase and/or sale of two or more different options in the same underlying security (the “legs” or “components” of the complex order), for the same account, in a ratio that is equal to or greater than one-to-three (.333) and less than or equal to three-to-one (3.00) and for the purposes of executing a particular investment strategy. Mini-options may only be part of a complex order that includes other mini-options. Only those complex orders in the classes designated by the Exchange and communicated to Members via Regulatory Circular with no more than the applicable number of legs, as determined by the Exchange on a class-by-class basis and communicated to Members via Regulatory Circular, are eligible for processing. A Post-Only order may not be a component of a complex order and will be rejected by the System.

A complex order can also be a “stock-option order” as described further, and subject to the limitations set forth, in Interpretation and Policy .01 of this Rule. A stock-option order is an order to buy or sell a stated number of units of an underlying security (stock or Exchange Traded Fund Share (“ETF”)) or a security convertible into the underlying stock (“convertible security”) coupled with the purchase or sale of options contract(s) on the opposite side of the market representing either (i) the same number of units of the underlying security or convertible security, or (ii) the number of units of the underlying stock necessary to create a delta neutral position, but in no case in a ratio greater than eight-to-one (8.00), where the ratio represents the total number of units of the underlying security or convertible security in the option leg to the total number of units of the underlying security or convertible security in the stock leg. Only those stock-option orders in the classes designated by the Exchange and communicated to Members via Regulatory Circular with no more than the applicable number of legs as determined by the Exchange on a class-by-class basis and communicated to Members via Regulatory Circular, are eligible for processing.

(6) – (7) No change.

(8) Displayed Complex MIAX Emerald Best Bid or Offer (“dcEBBO”). The dcEBBO is calculated using the best displayed price for each component of a complex strategy from the Simple Order Book. For stock-option orders, the dcEBBO for a complex strategy will
be calculated using the Exchange’s best displayed bid or offer in the individual option
component(s) and the NBBO in the stock component.

(9) – (11) No change.

(12) **Implied Complex MIAX Emerald Best Bid or Offer (“icEBBO”)**. The icEBBO
is a calculation that uses the best price from the Simple Order Book for each component of a
complex strategy including displayed and non-displayed trading interest. For stock-option
orders, the icEBBO for a complex strategy will be calculated using the best price (whether
displayed or non-displayed) on the Simple Order Book in the individual option component(s),
and the NBBO in the stock component.

(13) – (17) No change.

(b) No change.

(c) **Trading of Complex Orders and Quotes**. The Exchange will determine and communicate
to Members via Regulatory Circular which complex order origin types (i.e., non-broker-dealer
customers, broker-dealers that are not Market Makers on an options exchange, and/or Market
Makers on an options exchange) are eligible for entry onto the Strategy Book. Complex orders
and quotes will be subject to all other Exchange Rules that pertain to orders and quotes
generally, unless otherwise provided in this Rule 518. This Rule 518(c) governs trading of all
complex order types set forth in Rule 518(b) above, unless otherwise specified in Rule 518(b).

(1) No change.

(2) **Execution of Complex Orders and Quotes**.

(i) – (ii) No change.

(iii) **Legging**. Complex orders up to a maximum number of legs (determined by
the Exchange on a class-by-class basis as either two or three legs and communicated to Members
via Regulatory Circular) may be automatically executed against bids and offers on the Simple
Order Book for the individual legs of the complex order (“Legging”), provided the complex
order can be executed in full or in a permissible ratio by such bids and offers, and provided that
the execution price of each component is not executed at a price that is outside of the NBBO.
Legging is not available for cAOC orders, complex Standard quotes, [or] complex eQuotes, or
stock-option orders. Notwithstanding the foregoing, complex orders with two option legs where
both legs are buying or both legs are selling and both legs are calls or both legs are puts may only
trade against other complex orders on the Strategy Book and will not be permitted to leg into the
Simple Order Book. Complex orders with three option legs where all legs are buying or all legs
are selling may only trade against other complex orders on the Strategy Book, regardless of
whether the option leg is a call or a put. The System will not generate derived orders for these
complex orders.

(iv) – (v) No change.
(3) Complex Order Priority.

(i) Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 514, a complex order may be executed at a net credit or debit price with one other Member without giving priority to bids or offers established in the marketplace that are no better than the bids or offers comprising such net credit or debit; provided, however, that if any of the bids or offers established in the marketplace consist of a Priority Customer Order, at least one leg of the complex order must trade at a price that is better than the corresponding bid or offer in the marketplace by at least a $0.01 increment. Under the circumstances described above, if a stock-option order has one option leg, such option leg has priority over bids and offers established in the marketplace by Professional Interest (as defined in Rule 100) and Market Makers with priority quotes (as defined in Rule 517(b)(1)) that are no better than the price of the options leg, but not over such bids and offers established by Priority Customer Orders. If a stock-option order has more than one option leg, such option legs may be executed in accordance with the first sentence of this subparagraph (c)(3)(i).

(ii) No change.

(4) – (6) No change.

(d) No change.

Interpretations and Policies:

.01. [Reserved] Special Provisions Applicable to Stock-Option Orders:

(a) General. Stock-option orders may be executed against other stock-option orders through the Strategy Book and Complex Auction. Stock-option orders will not be legged against the individual component legs, and the System will not generate a derived order based upon a stock-option order. A stock-option order shall not be executed on the System unless the underlying security component is executable at the price(s) necessary to achieve the desired net price.

Members may only submit stock-option orders if such orders comply with the Qualified Contingent Trade Exemption from Rule 611(a) of Regulation NMS under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). Members submitting such complex orders represent that such orders comply with the Qualified Contingent Trade Exemption.

To participate in stock-option order processing, a Member must give up a Clearing Member previously identified to, and processed by the Exchange as a Designated Give Up for that Member in accordance with Rule 507 and which has entered into a brokerage agreement with one or more Exchange-designated broker-dealers that are not affiliated with the Exchange to electronically execute the underlying security component of the stock-option order at a stock trading venue selected by the Exchange-designated broker-dealer on behalf of the Member.

(b) Process. When a stock-option order is received by the Exchange, the System will validate that the stock-option order has been properly marked as required by Rule 200 of Regulation SHO
under the Act (“Rule 200”). Rule 200 requires all broker-dealers to mark sell orders of equity securities as “long,” “short,” or “short exempt.” Accordingly, Members submitting stock-option orders must mark the underlying security component (including ETF) “long,” “short,” or “short exempt” in compliance with Rule 200. If the stock-option order is not so marked, the order will be rejected by the System. Likewise, any underlying security component of a stock-option order sent by the Exchange to the Exchange-designated broker-dealer shall be marked “long,” “short,” or “short exempt” in the same manner in which it was received by the Exchange from the submitting Member.

If the stock-option order is properly marked, the System will determine whether the stock-option order is Complex Auction-eligible. If the stock-option order is Complex Auction-eligible, the System will initiate the Complex Auction Process described in paragraph (d) of this Rule. Any stock-option order executed utilizing the Complex Auction Process will comply with the requirements of Rule 201 of Regulation SHO under the Act (“Rule 201”) as discussed further below.

When the short sale price test in Rule 201 is triggered for a covered security, a “trading center,” such as the Exchange, an Exchange-designated broker-dealer, or a stock trading venue, as applicable, must comply with Rule 201. For purposes of this paragraph, the term “covered security” shall have the same meaning as in Rule 201(a)(1) of Regulation SHO. The term “covered security” is defined in Rule 201(a)(1) as any NMS stock as defined in Rule 600(b)(47) of Regulation NMS. Rule 201(a)(9) states that the term “trading center” shall have the same meaning as in Rule 600(b)(78). Rule 600(b)(78) of Regulation NMS defines a “trading center” as “a national securities exchange or national securities association that operates an SRO trading facility, an alternative trading system, an exchange market maker, an OTC market maker, or any other broker or dealer that executes orders internally by trading as principal or crossing orders as agent.” Rule 201 requires a trading center to establish, maintain, and enforce written policies and procedures reasonably designed to prevent the execution or display of a short sale order of a covered security at a price that is less than or equal to the current national best bid if the price of that covered security decreases by 10% or more from the covered security’s closing price as determined by the listing market for the covered security as of the end of regular trading hours on the prior day; and impose these requirements for the remainder of the day and the following day when a national best bid for the covered security is calculated and disseminated on a current and continuing basis by a plan processor pursuant to an effective national market system plan. A trading center such as the Exchange, an Exchange-designated broker-dealer and a stock trading venue, as applicable, on which the underlying security component is executed, must also comply with Rule 201(b)(1)(iii)(B), which provides that a trading center must establish, maintain, and enforce written policies and procedures reasonably designed to permit the execution or display of a short sale order of a covered security marked “short exempt” without regard to whether the order is at a price that is less than or equal to the current national best bid.

If the stock-option order is not Complex Auction-eligible, the System will determine if it is eligible to be executed against another inbound stock-option order or another stock-option order resting on the Strategy Book. If eligible, the System will route both sides of the matched underlying security component of the stock-option order as a Qualified Contingent Trade (“QCT”) to an Exchange-designated broker-dealer for execution on a stock trading venue. The
stock trading venue will then either successfully execute the QCT or cancel it back to the Exchange-designated broker-dealer, which in turn will either report the execution of the QCT or cancel it back to the Exchange. While the Exchange is a trading center pursuant to Rule 201, the Exchange will neither execute nor display the underlying security component of a stock-option order. Instead, the execution or display of the underlying security component of a stock-option order will occur on a trading center other than the Exchange, such as an Exchange-designated broker-dealer or other stock trading venue.

If the Exchange-designated broker-dealer or other stock trading venue, as applicable, cannot execute the underlying security component of a stock-option order in accordance with Rule 201, the Exchange will not execute the option component(s) of the stock-option order and will either place the unexecuted stock-option order on the Strategy Book or cancel it back to the submitting Member in accordance with the submitting Member’s instructions (except that cAOC and cIOC stock-option orders and eQuotes will be cancelled). Once placed back onto the Strategy Book, the stock-option order will be handled in accordance with Rule 518, Interpretation and Policy .01(b).

If the stock-option order is not Complex Auction-eligible and cannot be executed or placed on the Strategy Book, it will be cancelled by the System. Otherwise, the stock-option order will be placed on the Strategy Book.

(c) **Option Component.** The option leg(s) of a stock-option order shall not be executed (i) at a price that is inferior to the Exchange's best bid (offer) in the option or (ii) at the Exchange's best bid (offer) in that option if one or more Priority Customer Orders are resting at the best bid (offer) price on the Simple Order Book in each of the option components and the stock-option order could otherwise be executed in full (or in a permissible ratio). If one or more Priority Customer Orders are resting at the best bid (offer) price on the Simple Order Book, at least one option component must trade at a price that is better than the corresponding bid or offer in the marketplace by at least $0.01. The option leg(s) of a stock-option order may be executed in a $0.01 increment, regardless of the minimum quoting increment applicable to that series.

(d) **Strategy Book.** Stock-option orders and quotes on the Strategy Book that are marketable against each other will automatically execute, subject to the condition noted in subparagraph (b) above of this Interpretation and Policy .01. Orders and quotes may be submitted by Members to trade against orders on the Strategy Book.

(e) **Stock-Option Orders in MIAX Emerald Complex Order Auctions.** Stock-option orders executed via Complex Auction shall trade in the sequence set forth in subparagraph 518(d)(5) above except that the provision regarding individual orders and quotes in the leg markets resting on the Simple Order Book prior to the initiation of a Complex Auction will not be applicable and such execution will be subject to the conditions noted above concerning the price of the option leg(s), together with all applicable securities laws.

(f) **Limit Up-Limit Down State.** When the underlying security of a stock-option order is in a limit up-limit down state as defined in Rule 530, such order will only execute if the calculated stock price is within the permissible Price Bands as determined by the SIP under the Plan to
Address Extraordinary Market Volatility Pursuant to Rule 608 of Regulation NMS, as it may be amended from time to time (the “LULD Plan”).

(g) **Parity Price Protection.** The System will provide parity price protection for strategies that consist of a sale (purchase) of one call and the purchase (sale) of 100 shares of the underlying stock (“Buy-Write”) or that consist of the purchase (sale) of one put and the purchase (sale) of 100 shares of the underlying stock (“Married-Put”). A Parity Spread Variance (“PSV”) value between $0.00 and $0.50 which will be uniform for all option classes traded on the Exchange, will be determined by the Exchange and communicated via Regulatory Circular. The PSV will be used to calculate a minimum option trading price limit that the System will prevent the option leg from trading below. For call option legs, the PSV value is added to the strike price of the option to establish a parity protected price for the strategy. For put option legs, the PSV value is subtracted from the strike price of the option to establish a parity protected price for the strategy. Married-Put and Buy-Write interest to buy (buy put and buy stock; or buy call and sell stock) that is priced below the parity protected price for the strategy will be rejected. Married-Put and Buy-Write interest to sell (sell put and sell stock; or sell call and buy stock) that is priced below the parity protected price for the strategy will be placed on the Strategy Book at the parity protected price for the strategy.

.02 – .04 No change.

.05 **Price and Other Protections.** Unless otherwise specifically set forth herein, the price and other protections contained in this Interpretation and Policy .05 apply to all complex order types set forth in Rule 518(b) above.

(a) – (c) No change.

(d) **Implied Away Best Bid or Offer (“ixABBO”) Price Protection.** The ixABBO price protection feature is a price protection mechanism under which, when in operation as requested by the submitting Member, a buy order will not be executed at a price that is higher than each other single exchange’s best displayed offer for the complex strategy, and under which a sell order will not be executed at a price that is lower than each other single exchange’s best displayed bid for the complex strategy. The ixABBO is calculated using the best net bid and offer for a complex strategy using each other exchange’s displayed best bid or offer on their simple order book. For stock-option orders, the ixABBO for a complex strategy will be calculated using the BBO for each component on each individual away options market and the NBBO for the stock component. The ixABBO price protection feature must be engaged on an order-by-order basis by the submitting Member and is not available for complex Standard quotes, complex eQuotes, cAOC orders, cPRIME Orders, cC2C Orders, and cQCC Orders.

(e) **Wide Market Conditions, SMAT Events and Halts**

(1) **Wide Market Condition.** A “wide market condition” is defined as any individual option component of a complex strategy having, at the time of evaluation, an EBBBO quote width that is wider than the permissible valid quote width as defined in Rule 603(b)(4).
(i) – (iii) No change

(2) SMAT Events

(i) SMAT Events During Free Trading. If a SMAT Event exists during free trading for an option component of a complex strategy, trading in the complex strategy will be suspended. The Strategy Book will remain available for Members to enter and manage complex orders and quotes. New Complex Auctions may be initiated for incoming Complex Auction-eligible orders that meet the requirements of the URIP as described in Interpretation and Policy .03(b) of this Rule. Incoming complex orders and quotes that could otherwise be executed during the SMAT Event(s) without entering the Complex Auction process will be placed on the Strategy Book. Incoming complex orders received during a SMAT Event with a time in force of IOC will be cancelled by the System.

The System will continue to evaluate the Strategy Book. When the SMAT Event(s) no longer exist(s), the System will evaluate the Strategy Book pursuant to subparagraph (c)(5)(ii) of this Rule, and will use the process and criteria respecting the RIP as described in Interpretation and Policy .03(c) of this Rule to determine whether complex order interest exists to initiate a Complex Auction, or whether to commence trading in the complex strategy without a Complex Auction.

(ii) SMAT Events During a Complex Auction. If, at the end of the Response Time Interval, an option component of a complex strategy is in a SMAT Event, trading in the complex strategy will be suspended and all RFR Responses will be cancelled. Remaining Complex Auction-eligible orders will then be placed on the Strategy Book. When the SMAT Event(s) no longer exist(s), the System will evaluate the Strategy Book pursuant to subparagraph (c)(5)(ii) of this Rule, and will use the process and criteria respecting the RIP as described in Interpretation and Policy .03(c) of this Rule to determine whether marketable complex order interest exists to initiate a Complex Auction, or whether to commence trading in the complex strategy without a Complex Auction.

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