Nasdaq GEMX Rulebook

1. Definitions

Rule 100. Definitions

(a) The following terms, when used in these Rules, shall have the meanings specified in this Chapter 1, unless the context indicates otherwise. Any term defined in the Limited Liability Company Agreement (the "LLC Agreement") or the By-Laws of Nasdaq GEMX, LLC (the "By-Laws") and not otherwise defined in this Chapter shall have the meaning assigned in the LLC Agreement or the By-Laws.

(5) A "badge" shall mean an account number, which may contain letters and/or numbers, [with a letter suffix] assigned to Market Makers. A Market Maker account may be associated with multiple badges.

7. Doing Business On The Exchange

Rule 711. Acceptance of Quotes and Orders

(a) and (b)

(c) [Market Order Spread Protection. Market Orders will be rejected if the NBBO is wider than a preset threshold at the time the order is received by the trading system.]

([d]c) Kill Switch enables Members to initiate a message to the [Exchange's trading system ("System")] to promptly cancel orders and restrict entry of new orders until re-entry has been enabled. Members may submit a request to the System to cancel orders for that Member. The System will send an automated message to the Member when a Kill Switch request has been processed by the Exchange's System.

(1) and (2) No change.

([e]d) Detection of Loss of Communication
(i) – (viii) No change.

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Rule 714. Automatic Execution of Orders
Incoming orders that are executable against orders and quotes in the System will be executed automatically by the System subject to the following:

(a) No change.

(b) Other [Order] Risk Protections. Subject to the NBBO price protection in (a) above, the following additional [order] risk protections are automatically enforced by the System[]: In the event of unusual market conditions and in the interest of a fair and orderly market, the Exchange may temporarily establish the levels at which the order protections contained in this paragraph are triggered as necessary and appropriate.

(1) The following are order risk protections on GEMX:

(A) Limit Order Price Protection. There is a limit on the amount by which incoming limit orders to buy may be priced above the Exchange's best offer and by which incoming limit orders to sell may be priced below the Exchange's best bid. Limit orders that exceed the pricing limit are rejected. The limit is established by the Exchange from time-to-time for orders to buy (sell) as the greater of the Exchange's best offer (bid) plus (minus): (i) an absolute amount not to exceed $2.00, or (ii) a percentage of the Exchange's best bid/offer not to exceed 10%. Limit Order Price Protection shall not apply to the Opening Process or during a trading halt.

(B) Market Order Spread Protection. Market Orders will be rejected if the NBBO is wider than a preset threshold at the time the order is received by the System. Market Order Spread Protection shall not apply to the Opening Process or during a trading halt. The Exchange may establish different thresholds for one or more series or classes of options.

(C) Size Limitation. There is a limit on the number of contracts an incoming order may specify. Orders that exceed the maximum number of contracts are rejected. The maximum number of contracts, which shall not be less than 10,000, is established by the Exchange from time-to-time.

(D) Market Wide Risk Protection. All members must provide parameters for the order entry and execution rate protections described in this Rule 714(b)(1)(D). The Exchange will also establish default values for each of these parameters that apply to members that do not submit the required parameters, and will announce these default values in a circular to be distributed to members. The System will maintain one or more counting programs for each member that count orders entered and contracts traded on Nasdaq GEMX or across both Nasdaq GEMX and Nasdaq ISE. Members can use multiple counting programs to separate risk protections for different groups established within the member. The counting programs will maintain separate counts, over rolling time periods specified by the member for each count, of: (1) the total number of orders entered; and (2) the total number of contracts traded.
The minimum and maximum duration of the applicable time period will be established by the Exchange and announced via circular.

(i) If, during the applicable time period, the member exceeds thresholds that it has set for any of the order entry or execution counts described above on Nasdaq GEMX, or across both Nasdaq GEMX and Nasdaq ISE, in either case as set by the member, the System will automatically reject all subsequent incoming orders entered by the member on Nasdaq GEMX or, if applicable, across both Nasdaq GEMX and Nasdaq ISE.

(ii) Members may also choose to have the System automatically cancel all of their existing orders on Nasdaq GEMX, or across both Nasdaq GEMX and Nasdaq ISE, in either case as set by the member, when the Market Wide Risk Protection is triggered.

(iii) The Market Wide Risk Protection will remain engaged until the member manually notifies the Exchange to enable the acceptance of new orders. For members that still have open orders on the book that have not been cancelled pursuant to Rule 714(b)(1)(D)(ii) above, the System will continue to allow those members to interact with existing orders entered before the protection was triggered, including sending cancel order messages and receiving trade executions for those orders.

(2) The following are order and quote risk protections on GEMX:

(A) Acceptable Trade Range.

(i) – (iv) No change.

(2) Limit Order Price Protection. There is a limit on the amount by which incoming limit orders to buy may be priced above the Exchange's best offer and by which incoming limit orders to sell may be priced below the Exchange's best bid. Limit orders that exceed the pricing limit are rejected. The limit is established by the Exchange from time-to-time for orders to buy (sell) as the greater of the Exchange's best offer (bid) plus (minus): (i) an absolute amount not to exceed $2.00, or (ii) a percentage of the Exchange's best bid/offer not to exceed 10%.

(3) Size Limitation. There is a limit on the number of contracts an incoming order may specify. Orders that exceed the maximum number of contracts are rejected. The maximum number of contracts, which shall not be less than 10,000, is established by the Exchange from time-to-time.

(c) In the event of unusual market conditions and in the interest of a fair and orderly market, the Exchange may temporarily establish the levels at which the order protections contained in paragraph (b) are triggered as necessary and appropriate.

(d) Market Wide Risk Protection. All members must provide parameters for the order entry and execution rate protections described in this Rule 714(d). The Exchange will also establish default values for each of these parameters that apply to members that do not submit the required parameters, and will announce these default values in a circular to be distributed to members. The System will maintain one or more counting programs for each member that count orders.
entered and contracts traded on Nasdaq GEMX or across both Nasdaq GEMX and Nasdaq ISE. Members can use multiple counting programs to separate risk protections for different groups established within the member. The counting programs will maintain separate counts, over rolling time periods specified by the member for each count, of: (1) the total number of orders entered; and (2) the total number of contracts traded. The minimum and maximum duration of the applicable time period will be established by the Exchange and announced via circular.

(1) If, during the applicable time period, the member exceeds thresholds that it has set for any of the order entry or execution counts described above on Nasdaq GEMX, or across both Nasdaq GEMX and Nasdaq ISE, in either case as set by the member, the System will automatically reject all subsequent incoming orders entered by the member on Nasdaq GEMX or, if applicable, across both Nasdaq GEMX and Nasdaq ISE.

(2) Members may also choose to have the System automatically cancel all of their existing orders on Nasdaq GEMX, or across both Nasdaq GEMX and Nasdaq ISE, in either case as set by the member, when the Market Wide Risk Protection is triggered.

(3) The Market Wide Risk Protection will remain engaged until the member manually notifies the Exchange to enable the acceptance of new orders. For members that still have open orders on the book that have not been cancelled pursuant to Rule 714(d)(2) above, the System will continue to allow those members to interact with existing orders entered before the protection was triggered, including sending cancel order messages and receiving trade executions for those orders.

(3) The following are Market Maker risk protections on GEMX:

(A) **Anti-Internalization.** Quotes and orders entered by Market Makers will not be executed against quotes and orders entered on the opposite side of the market by the same Market Maker using the same Market Maker identifiers, or alternatively, if selected by the Member, the same Exchange account number or member firm identifier. In such a case, the System will cancel the resting quote or order back to the entering party prior to execution. This functionality shall not apply in any auction.

(B) **Automated Quotation Adjustments.**

(i) Market Makers are required to utilize the Percentage, Volume, Delta and Vega Thresholds, each a Threshold, described in (a) - (d) below. For each of these features, the System will automatically remove a Market Maker's quotes in all series in an options class when any of the Percentage Threshold, Volume Threshold, Delta Threshold or Vega Threshold, as described below, has been exceeded. A Market Maker is required to specify a period of time not to exceed 30 seconds (“Specified Time Period”) during which the System will automatically remove a Market Maker's quotes in all series of an options class. The Specified Time Period will commence for an options class every time an execution occurs in any series in such option class and will continue until the System removes quotes as described in (ii) or (iii) or the Specified Time Period expires. The Specified Time Period operates on a rolling basis among all series in an options class in
that there may be Specified Time Periods occurring simultaneously for each Threshold and such Specified Time Periods may overlap. The Specified Time Periods will be the same value for each protection described in (a) - (d) below.

(a) Percentage Threshold. A Market Maker must provide a specified percentage (“Percentage Threshold”), of not less than 1%, by which the System will automatically remove a Market Maker’s quotes in all series of an options class. For each series in an options class, the System will determine (i) during a Specified Time Period and for each side in a given series, a percentage calculated by dividing the size of a Market Maker’s quote size executed in a particular series (the numerator) by the Marker Maker’s quote size available at the time of execution plus the total number of the Market Marker’s quote size previously executed during the unexpired Specified Time Period (the denominator) (“Series Percentage”); and (ii) the sum of the Series Percentage in the options class (“Issue Percentage”) during a Specified Time Period. The System tracks and calculates the net impact of positions in the same options class; long call percentages are offset by short call percentages, and long put percentages are offset by short put percentages in the Issue Percentage. If the Issue Percentage exceeds the Percentage Threshold the System will automatically remove a Market Maker’s quotes in all series of the options class during the Specified Time Period.

(b) Volume Threshold. A Market Maker must provide a Volume Threshold by which the System will automatically remove a Market Maker's quotes in all series of an options class when the Market Maker executes a number of contracts which exceeds the designated number of contracts in all series in an options class.

(c) Delta Threshold. A Market Maker must provide a Delta Threshold by which the System will automatically remove a Market Maker’s quotes in all series of an options class. For each class of options, the System will maintain a Delta counter, which tracks the absolute value of the difference between (i) purchased call contracts plus sold put contracts and (ii) sold call contracts plus purchased put contracts. If the Delta counter exceeds the Delta Threshold established by the Member, the System will automatically remove a Market Maker’s quotes in all series of the options class.

(d) Vega Threshold. A Market Maker must provide a Vega Threshold by which the System will automatically remove a Market Maker’s quotes in all series of an options class. For each class of options, the System will maintain a Vega counter, which tracks the absolute value of purchased contracts minus sold contracts. If the Vega counter exceeds the Vega Threshold established by the Member, the System will automatically remove a Market Maker's quotes in all series of the options class.

(ii) The System will automatically remove quotes in all series of an options class when the Percentage Threshold, Volume Threshold, Delta Threshold or Vega Threshold has
been exceeded. The System will send a Purge Notification Message to the Market Maker for all affected series when the above thresholds have been exceeded.

(a) The Percentage Threshold, Volume Threshold, Delta Threshold and Vega Threshold are considered independently of each other.

(b) Quotes will be automatically executed up to the Market Maker’s size regardless of whether the execution would cause the Market Maker to exceed the Percentage Threshold, Volume Threshold, Delta Threshold or Vega Threshold.

(iii) Notwithstanding Rule 714(b)(3)(B)(i) and (ii) above, if a Market Maker requests the System to remove quotes in all series of an options class, the System will automatically reset all Thresholds.

(iv) When the System removes quotes as a result of exceeding the Percentage Threshold, Volume Threshold, Delta Threshold or Vega Threshold, the Market Maker must send a re-entry indicator to re-enter the System.

(v) If a Market Maker does not provide a parameter for each of the automated quotation removal protections described in (B)(i)(a) – (d) above, the Exchange will apply default parameters, which are announced to Members.

(vi) In addition to the automated quotation removal protections described in (B)(i)(a) – (d) above, a Market Maker must provide a market wide parameter by which the Exchange will automatically remove a Market Maker's quotes in all classes when, during a time period established by the Market Maker, the total number of quote removal events specified in (B)(i)(a) – (d) exceeds the market wide parameter provided to the Exchange by the Market Maker. Market Makers may request the Exchange to set the market wide parameter to apply to just Nasdaq GEMX or across Nasdaq GEMX and Nasdaq ISE. Market Makers must request the Exchange enable re-entry by contacting the Exchange’s Operations Department.

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Rule 804. Market Maker Quotations

(a) – (f) No change.

(g) Reserved. [Automated Quotation Adjustments.

(1) Market Makers are required to utilize the Percentage, Volume, Delta and Vega Thresholds, each a Threshold, described in (A) - (D) below. For each of these features, the Exchange's system ("System") will automatically remove a Market Maker's quotes in all series in an options class when any of the Percentage Threshold, Volume Threshold, Delta Threshold or Vega Threshold, as described below, has been exceeded. A Market Maker is required to specify a period of time not to exceed 30 seconds ("Specified Time Period") during which the system will automatically remove a Market Maker's quotes in
all series of an options class. The Specified Time Period will commence for an options class every time an execution occurs in any series in such option class and will continue until the System removes quotes as described in (2) or (3) or the Specified Time Period expires. The Specified Time Period operates on a rolling basis among all series in an options class in that there may be Specified Time Periods occurring simultaneously for each Threshold and such Specified Time Periods may overlap. The Specified Time Periods will be the same value for each protection described in (A) - (D) below.

(A) Percentage Threshold. A Market Maker must provide a specified percentage ("Percentage Threshold"), of not less than 1%, by which the System will automatically remove a Market Maker's quotes in all series of an options class. For each series in an options class, the System will determine (i) during a Specified Time Period and for each side in a given series, a percentage calculated by dividing the size of a Market Maker's quote size executed in a particular series (the numerator) by the Marker Maker's quote size available at the time of execution plus the total number of the Market Maker's quote size previously executed during the unexpired Specified Time Period (the denominator) ("Series Percentage"); and (ii) the sum of the Series Percentage in the options class ("Issue Percentage") during a Specified Time Period. The System tracks and calculates the net impact of positions in the same options class; long call percentages are offset by short call percentages, and long put percentages are offset by short put percentages in the Issue Percentage. If the Issue Percentage exceeds the Percentage Threshold the System will automatically remove a Market Maker's quotes in all series of the options class during the Specified Time Period.

(B) Volume Threshold. A Market Maker must provide a Volume Threshold by which the System will automatically remove a Market Maker's quotes in all series of an options class when the Market Maker executes a number of contracts which exceeds the designated number of contracts in all series in an options class.

(C) Delta Threshold. A Market Maker must provide a Delta Threshold by which the System will automatically remove a Market Maker's quotes in all series of an options class. For each class of options, the System will maintain a Delta counter, which tracks the absolute value of the difference between (i) purchased call contracts plus sold put contracts and (ii) sold call contracts plus purchased put contracts. If the Delta counter exceeds the Delta Threshold established by the Member, the System will automatically remove a Market Maker's quotes in all series of the options class.

(D) Vega Threshold. A Market Maker must provide a Vega Threshold by which the System will automatically remove a Market Maker's quotes in all series of an options class. For each class of options, the System will maintain a Vega counter, which tracks the absolute value of purchased contracts minus sold contracts. If the Vega counter exceeds the Vega Threshold established by the Member, the System will automatically remove a Market Maker's quotes in all series of the options class.

(2) The System will automatically remove quotes in all series of an options class when the Percentage Threshold, Volume Threshold, Delta Threshold or Vega Threshold has
been exceeded. The System will send a Purge Notification Message to the Market Maker for all affected series when the above thresholds have been exceeded.

(A) The Percentage Threshold, Volume Threshold, Delta Threshold and Vega Threshold are considered independently of each other.

(B) Quotes will be automatically executed up to the Market Maker's size regardless of whether the execution would cause the Market Maker to exceed the Percentage Threshold, Volume Threshold, Delta Threshold or Vega Threshold.

(3) Notwithstanding Rule 804(g)(1) and (2) above, if a Market Maker requests the System to remove quotes in all series of an options class, the System will automatically reset all Thresholds.

(4) When the System removes quotes as a result of exceeding the Percentage Threshold, Volume Threshold, Delta Threshold or Vega Threshold, the Market Maker must send a re-entry indicator to re-enter the System.

(5) If a Market Maker does not provide a parameter for each of the automated quotation removal protections described in (1) (A-D) above, the Exchange will apply default parameters, which are announced to members.

(6) In addition to the automated quotation removal protections described in (1) (A-D) above, a Market Maker must provide a market wide parameter by which the Exchange will automatically remove a Market Maker's quotes in all classes when, during a time period established by the Market Maker, the total number of quote removal events specified in Rule 804(g)(1)(A) - (D) exceeds the market wide parameter provided to the Exchange by the Market Maker. Market Makers may request the Exchange to set the market wide parameter to apply to just Nasdaq GEMX or across Nasdaq GEMX and Nasdaq ISE.

(h) No change.

Supplementary Material to Rule 804

.01 and .02 No change.

[03. **Anti-Internalization** - Notwithstanding Rule 804(d)(1) above, quotes and orders entered by Market Makers will not be executed against quotes and orders entered on the opposite side of the market by the same market maker using the same market participant identifier, or alternatively, if selected by the member, the same Exchange account identifier or member firm identifier. In such a case, the system will cancel the resting quote or order back to the entering party prior to execution. This functionality shall not apply in any auction.]

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