

(2) BBO is \$10.05 to \$10.00, Market odd lot order to buy or sell arrives, Execute at \$10.03 (\$10.025 is rounded to \$10.03)

In the case of a crossed market in which the bid is higher than the offer by more than \$.05, an odd-lot order would not be executed automatically, but would be executed manually in accordance with, as appropriate, either proposed Rule 118(j)(i) (*i.e.*, filled at the price of the next uncrossed qualified national bid or offer), or proposed Rule 118(j)(iv)(a) (*i.e.*, at the locked market price, when the national best bid and offer is in a locked market condition).

Commentary .05 to Amex Rule 205 would be added to reference the Rule 118(j) odd-lot procedures.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change, as amended, is consistent with the provisions of section 6(b) of the Act,¹⁰ in general, and furthers the objectives of section 6(b)(5)¹¹ 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, to protect investors and the public interest and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change, as amended, will impose any burden on competition.

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received with respect to the proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Because the foregoing proposed rule change, as amended, 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, it has become effective pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹² and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.¹³ At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, as amended, the Commission may summarily abrogate 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.

The Amex has requested that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay. The Commission believes waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. Acceleration of the operative date will allow the Exchange to reestablish its odd-lot execution procedures applicable to trading in Nasdaq securities without delay. For these reasons, the Commission designates the proposal to be effective and operative upon filing with the Commission.¹⁴

In addition, the Commission requests that the Exchange report any problems or complaints from members and the public regarding odd-lot execution procedures applicable to trading Nasdaq securities, and that the Amex submit any proposal to extend, or permanently approve, the pilot at least two months before the expiration of the six-month pilot.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change, as amended, is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. 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 inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹⁴ For purposes only of accelerating the operative date of this proposal, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All submissions should refer to file number SR-Amex-2003-56 and should be submitted by August 12, 2003.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁵

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-48161A; File No. SR-NASD-2003-57]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc; Order Granting Approval of Proposed Rule Change and Amendment Nos. 1 and 2 Thereto, and Notice of Filing and Order Granting Accelerated Approval To Amendment No. 3 to the Proposed Rule Change Relating to Revisions to the Uniform Application for Securities Industry Registration or Transfer (Form U-4) and Uniform Termination Notice for Securities Industry Registration (Form U-5)

July 16, 2003.

Correction

In Release No. 34-48161, issued on July 10, 2003 ("Approval Order"), an inaccurate reference to Question 14J of the Uniform Application for Securities Industry Registration or Transfer ("Form U4") appeared. The Approval Order's Purpose Section contained the inaccurate reference due to a typographical, non-substantive error on the part of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD") in the third amendment to the proposed rule change.¹ Specifically, in footnote 11 of the Approval Order, Question 14J is inaccurately referenced in three instances, rather than Question 14M. The corrected text of footnote 11 of the

¹⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ See letter from Patrice M. Gliniecki, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, NASD, to Katherine A. England, Assistant Director, Division, Commission (July 1, 2003) ("Amendment No. 3") (The Commission notes that the NASD inadvertently numbered Amendment No. 3 as Amendment No. 1). In Amendment No. 3, the NASD responded to comments submitted by the Association of Registration Management ("ARM") arguing, primarily, that the information being sought by the additional questions being added to the Form U4 was already captured by pre-existing questions on the Form U4 and that the addition of such questions would create a monumental administrative burden for member firms.

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

Approval Order appears below. Additions are in italics and deletions are in brackets.

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Footnote 11:

The CRD system will process such Form U4 filings as follows. If a registered person has a "yes" answer to any question in Questions 14A through [JM] in the Disclosure Section of the Form U-4 on or after July 14, the CRD system will require that the firm filing an amended Form U-4 enter a response (by selecting the appropriate "yes" or "no" radio button) to new disclosure Question 14D(2) and also obtain a completed Section 15D. If those questions are not answered, the filing will fail the CRD system completeness check. For the sake of clarity, NASD notes that an amendment to a Form U-4 filing on or after July 14, for the purpose of adding a "yes" answer to Questions 14A through [JM], when previously there had been no "yes" answers, would require the firm filing the amendment to answer new disclosure Question 14D(2) and obtain a completed Section 15D.

If a registered person does not have a "yes" answer to Questions 14A through [JM] in the Disclosure Section of the Form U-4, the CRD system will default new disclosure Question 14D(2) with a "no" response for any filings prepared for submission after implementation of the new questions, and the firm will not be required to obtain a completed Section 15D for the purposes of answering Question 14D(2). Form U-4 amendments filed by the firm for such individuals will not fail the completeness check due to these new questions; however, by submitting the filing, firms will be representing that they are filing "no" answers to the new questions, unless they affirmatively change the "no" answer to "yes" before submitting the filing. Similarly, as discussed above, registered persons who have not filed an amended Form U-4 reporting credit union regulatory proceedings within the specified 30-day period will be deemed to have represented that they have not been the subject of any such proceedings.

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For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.²

Margaret H. McFarland, Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3525]

State of Florida

Sarasota County and the contiguous counties of Charlotte, DeSoto, and Manatee in the State of Florida constitute a disaster area due to damages caused by severe storms and flooding that occurred June 19 through June 30, 2003. Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on September 15, 2003 and for economic injury until the close of business on April 15, 2004 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations:

U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 2 Office, One Baltimore Place, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30308. The interest rates are:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Percent. Categories include For Physical Damage (Homeowners with/without credit available elsewhere, Businesses with credit available elsewhere, etc.) and For Economic Injury (Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere).

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 352511. For economic injury, the number is 9W2800.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: July 15, 2003.

Hector V. Barreto, Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3523]

State of North Carolina

Mecklenburg County and the contiguous counties of Cabarrus, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, and Union in the State of North Carolina, and Lancaster and York in the State of South Carolina constitute a disaster area due to damages caused by severe storms and flooding that occurred on June 7-8,

2003. Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on September 15, 2003 and for economic injury until the close of business on April 15, 2004 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations:

U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 2 Office, One Baltimore Place, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30308. The interest rates are:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Percent. Categories include For Physical Damage (Homeowners with/without credit available elsewhere, Businesses with credit available elsewhere, etc.) and For Economic Injury (Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere).

The numbers assigned to this disaster for physical damage are 352311 for North Carolina and 352411 for South Carolina. For economic damage, the numbers are 9W2600 for North Carolina and 9W2700 for South Carolina.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008.)

Dated: July 15, 2003.

Hector V. Barreto, Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3528]

State of Ohio

As a result of the President's major disaster declaration on July 15, 2003, I find that Auglaize, Darke, Logan, Mercer, Shelby, and Van Wert Counties in the State of Ohio constitute a disaster area due to damages caused by severe storms and flooding occurring on July 4, 2003 and continuing. Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on September 15, 2003 and for economic injury until the close of business on April 15, 2004 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area

² 17 CFR 200.30-2(a)(12).