Proposed new language is underlined; proposed deletions are in brackets.

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Chapter I General Provisions

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Sec. 3 Regulation of Nasdaq and its Members

Nasdaq and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") are parties to the Regulatory Services Agreement dated as of June 28, 2000, as amended ("Regulatory Contract"). Pursuant thereto, FINRA has agreed to perform certain functions described in these Rules on behalf of Nasdaq. NOM Rules that refer to Nasdaq Regulation, Nasdaq Regulation staff, NOM staff, and NOM departments should be understood as also referring to FINRA staff and FINRA departments acting on behalf of Nasdaq pursuant to the Regulatory Contract.

Notwithstanding the fact that Nasdaq has entered into the Regulatory Contract with FINRA Regulation to perform some of Nasdaq's functions, Nasdaq shall retain ultimate legal responsibility for, and control of, such functions.

In addition, Nasdaq has incorporated by reference certain FINRA, Chicago Board Options Exchange ("CBOE"), and New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") rules. Nasdaq members shall comply with these rules and interpretations as if such rules and interpretations were part of Nasdaq's rules.

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Chapter III Business Conduct

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Sec. 13 Mandatory Systems Testing

(a) – (b) No change.

(c) An Options Participant that is subject to this Section 13 and that fails to conduct or participate in the tests, fails to file the required reports, or fails to maintain the required
documentation, may be subject to a summary suspension or other action taken pursuant to Chapter [I]X of these Rules and/or a disciplinary action pursuant to the Rule 9000 Series of the Rules of the Exchange (Disciplining of Members).

Sec. 14 Limit on Outstanding Uncovered Short Positions

(a) Whenever it is determined from the reports of uncovered short positions submitted pursuant to Section 2 of Chapter [VII]IX of these Rules (Reports of Uncovered Short Positions), viewed in light of current market conditions in options and in underlying securities, that there are outstanding an excessive number of uncovered short positions in options contracts of a given class traded on NOM or that an excessively high percentage of outstanding short positions in options contracts of a given class traded on NOM are uncovered, Nasdaq Regulation may determine to prohibit Options Participants from any further opening writing transactions on any exchange in options contracts of that class unless the resulting short position will be covered, and Nasdaq Regulation may prohibit the uncovering of any existing covered short positions in one or more series of options of that class, as it deems appropriate in the interest of maintaining a fair and orderly market in options contracts or in underlying securities.

(b) No change.

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Sec. 15 Significant Business Transactions of Options Clearing Participants

(a) – (f) No change.

(g) The provisions of this Section 15 do not preclude summary action under Chapter X, Discipline and Summary Suspensions, of these Rules, or other Nasdaq Regulation action pursuant to the NOM Rules.

(h) No change.

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Chapter IV Securities Traded on NOM

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Sec. 6 Series of Options Contracts Open for Trading

(a) - (f) No change.
(g) New series of equity options, options on Exchange Traded Funds, and options on Trust Issued Receipts opened for trading shall be subject to the range limitations set forth in Supplementary Material .0[9]1 to this Section 6.

**Supplementary Material to Section 6**

No change.

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**Chapter V Regulation of Trading on NOM**

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**Sec. 3 Trading Halts**

(a) *Halts.* Nasdaq Regulation may halt trading in any option contract in the interests of a fair and orderly market. The following are among the factors that shall be considered in determining whether the trading in an option contract should be halted:

i. – v. No change.

vi. Trading Pauses. Trading on the Exchange in any option contract shall be halted whenever trading in the underlying security has been paused by the primary listing market.

(A) No change.

(B) During the halt, the Exchange will maintain existing orders on the book, accept orders, and process cancels, except that Market Maker interest entered pursuant to the obligations contained in Chapter VII, Section 5 is cancelled.

(b) – (c) No change.

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**Chapter VI Trading Systems**

**Sec. 1 Definitions**

The following definitions apply to Chapter VI for the trading of options listed on NOM.
(a) - (c) No change.

(d) The term "Order" shall mean a single order submitted to the System by a Participant that is eligible to submit such orders, and shall include:

(1) "Attributable Orders," orders that are designated for display (price and size) next to the Participant's MPID;

(2) "Non-Attributable Orders," orders that are entered by a Participant that is designated for display (price and size) on an anonymous basis in the order display service of the System; and

(e) The term "Order Type" shall mean the unique processing prescribed for designated orders that are eligible for entry into the System, and shall include:

(1) - (2) No change.

(3) "Minimum Quantity Orders" are orders that require that a specified minimum quantity of contracts be obtained, or the order is cancelled. Minimum Quantity Orders [may only be entered with] are treated as having a time-in-force designation of Immediate or Cancel. Minimum Quantity Orders received prior to the opening cross or after market close will be rejected.

(4) - (7) No change.

(8) "Intermarket Sweep Order" or "ISO" are limit orders that are designated as ISOs in the manner prescribed by Nasdaq and are executed within the System by Participants at multiple price levels without respect to Protected Quotations of other Eligible Exchanges as defined in Chapter XII, Section 1. ISOs may have any time-in-force designation except WAIT, are handled [immediately executable or cancelled] within the System pursuant to Chapter VI, Section 10 and shall not be eligible for routing as set out in Chapter VI, Section 11.

Simultaneously with the routing of an ISO to the System, one or more additional limit orders, as necessary, are routed by the entering party to execute against the full displayed size of any protected bid or offer (as defined in Chapter XII, Section 1) in the case of a limit order to sell or buy with a price that is superior to the limit price of the limit order identified as an intermarket sweep order (as defined in Chapter XII, Section 1). These additional routed orders must be identified as ISOs.

(9) - (11) No change.

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Sec. 2 Days and Hours of Business

(a) The System operates and shall be available to accept bids and offers and orders from the time prior to market open specified by the Exchange on its website to market close on each business day, unless modified by NOM. Orders and bids and offers shall be open and available for execution as of 9:30 a.m. Eastern Time and shall close as of 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time except for option contracts on certain fund shares or broad-based indexes which will close as of 4:15 p.m. Eastern Time.

(b) – (c) No change.

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Sec. 6 Acceptance of Quotes and Orders

All bids or offers made and accepted on NOM in accordance with the NOM Rules shall constitute binding contracts, subject to applicable requirements of the Rules of the Exchange and the Rules of the Clearing Corporation.

(a) General - A System order is an order that is entered into the System for display and/or execution as appropriate. Such orders are executable against marketable contra-side orders in the System.

(1) All System Orders shall indicate [limit price and] whether they are a call or put and buy or sell and a price, if any. Systems Orders can be designated as Immediate or Cancel ("IOC"), Good-till-Cancelled ("GTC"), Day ("DAY") or WAIT.

(2) A System order may also be designated as a Limit Order, a Minimum Quantity Order, a Market Order, a Price Improving Order, an All-or-None Order, or a Post-Only Order.

(b) – (c) No change.

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Sec. 11 Order Routing

(a) No change.

(b) Reserved. [For Non-System securities, the order routing process shall be available to Participants from 9:30 a.m. Eastern Time until market close and shall route orders based on the participant's instructions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the order routing process will not be available to route Non-System Securities to a facility of an exchange that is an affiliate of Nasdaq other than the Boston Options Exchange or NASDAQ OMX PHLX.]
(c) – (d) No change.

(e) NOM shall route orders in options via Nasdaq Options Services LLC, a broker-dealer that is a member of an unaffiliated SRO which is the designated examining authority for the broker-dealer. Nasdaq Options Services LLC serves as the Routing Facility of NOM. The sole function of the Routing Facility will be to route orders in options listed and open for trading on NOM to away markets pursuant to NOM rules solely on behalf of NOM. The Routing Facility is subject to regulation as a facility of Nasdaq, including the requirement to file proposed rule changes under Section 19 of the Act.

[Nasdaq Options Services LLC also routes orders in options that are not listed and actually trading on NOM. When routing orders in options that are not listed and open for trading on NOM, Nasdaq Options Services is not a facility of NASDAQ and is not regulated as a facility of Nasdaq but as a broker-dealer regulated by its designated examining authority.]

Use of Nasdaq Options Services LLC to route orders to other market centers is optional. Parties that do not desire to use Nasdaq Options Services LLC must designate orders as not available for routing.

NOM shall establish and maintain procedures and internal controls reasonably designed to adequately restrict the flow of confidential and proprietary information between the Exchange and its facilities (including the Routing Facility), and any other entity.

The books, records, premises, officers, directors, agents, and employees of the Routing Facility, as a facility of the Exchange, shall be deemed to be the books, records, premises, officers, directors, agents, and employees of the Exchange for purposes of and subject to oversight pursuant to the Exchange Act. The books and records of the Routing Facility, as a facility of the Exchange, shall be subject at all times to inspection and copying by the Exchange and the Commission.

(f) No change.

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Chapter VII Market Participants

Sec. 1 - 11 No change.

Sec. 12 Order Exposure Requirements
No change.

Commentary:

.01 - .02 No change.

.03 With respect to [non-displayed trading interest] Price Improving Orders [including the reserve portion], the exposure requirement of subsection (i) is satisfied if the displayable portion of the order is displayed at its displayable price for one second.

.04 No change.

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Chapter XII Options Order Protection and Locked and Crossed Market Rules

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Sec. 3 Locked and Crossed Markets

(a) Prohibition. Except for quotations that fall within the provisions of paragraph (b) of this Rule, Members shall reasonably avoid displaying, and shall not engage in a pattern or practice of displaying, any quotations that lock or cross a Protected Quotation.

(b) Exceptions.

(1) The locking or crossing quotation was displayed at a time when the Exchange was experiencing a failure, material delay, or malfunction of its systems or equipment;

(2) The locking or crossing quotation was displayed at a time when there is a Crossed Market; or

(3) The Member simultaneously routed an ISO to execute against the full displayed size of any locked or crossed Protected Bid or Protected Offer.

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Chapter XIV Index Rules

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Sec. 3 Designation of a Broad-Based Index

(a) No change.

(b) NOM may trade options on a broad-based index pursuant to Rule 19b-4(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, if each of the following conditions is satisfied:

(1) - (11) No change.

(12) NOM reasonably believes it has adequate system capacity to support the trading of options on the index, based on a calculation of NOM's current [ISCA] Independent System Capacity Advisor allocation and the number of new messages per second expected to be generated by options on such index;

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