4120. Limit Up-Limit Down Plan and Trading Halts

(a) – (b) No change.

(c) Procedure for Initiating and Terminating a Trading Halt

(1) – (7) No change.

(8) (A) A trading halt initiated under Rule 4120(a)(7) shall be terminated when Nasdaq releases the security for trading and the conditions described in this rule are satisfied. Prior to terminating the halt, there will be a 10-minute Display Only Period during which market participants may enter quotes and orders in that security in Nasdaq systems. In addition, beginning at 4:00 a.m., market participants may enter orders in a security that is the subject of an Initial Public Offering ("IPO") on Nasdaq. Such orders will be accepted and entered into the system.

After the conclusion of the 10-minute Display Only Period, the security will enter a "Pre-Launch Period" of indeterminate duration. The Pre-Launch Period shall end and the security shall be released for trading by Nasdaq when the conditions described in paragraphs (c)(8)(A)(i), (ii), and (iii) are all met.

(i) Nasdaq receives notice from the underwriter of the IPO that the security is ready to trade. The Nasdaq system will calculate the Current Reference Price at that time (the "Expected Price") and display it to the underwriter. If the underwriter then approves proceeding, the Nasdaq system will conduct the following validation checks:

(ii) The Nasdaq system must determine that all market orders will be executed in the cross; and

(iii) the security must pass the price validation test described below in subparagraph (B).

The failure to satisfy these conditions during the process to release the security for trading will result in a delay of the release for trading of the IPO, and a continuation of the Pre-Launch Period, until all conditions have been satisfied. The underwriter, with concurrence of Nasdaq, may determine at any point during the IPO Halt Cross process up through the conclusion of the Pre-Launch Period to
postpone and reschedule the IPO. Market participants may continue to enter orders and order cancellations for participation in the cross auction during the Pre-Launch Period up to the point that the cross auction process commences.

(B) Prior to the conclusion of the Pre-Launch Period, the underwriter shall select price bands for purposes of applying the price validation test. Under the price validation test, the System compares the Expected Price with the actual price calculated by the Cross. If the actual price calculated by the Cross differs from the Expected Price by an amount in excess of the price band selected by the underwriter, the security will not be released for trading and the Pre-Launch Period will continue. The underwriter shall select an upper price band (i.e., an amount by which the actual price may not exceed the Expected Price) and a lower price band (i.e., an amount by which the actual price may not be lower than the Expected Price). If a security does not pass the price validation test, the underwriter may, but is not required to, select different price bands before recommencing the process to release the security for trading. The price bands available for selection shall be in such increments, and at such price points, as may be established from time to time by Nasdaq; the available price bands shall include $0 but shall not be in excess of $0.50. Nasdaq will notify member organizations and the public of changes in available price band or increments through a notice that is widely disseminated at least one week in advance of the change. In selecting available price bands and increments, Nasdaq will consider input from underwriters and other market participants and the results of past usage of price bands to adopt price bands and increments that promote efficiency in the initiation of trading and protect investors and the public interest.

(9) (A) For purposes of this Rule and Rule 4753, the process for halting and initial pricing of a security that is the subject of an initial public offering shall also be available for the initial pricing of any other security that has not been listed on a national securities exchange immediately prior to the initial pricing, provided that a broker-dealer serving in the role of financial advisor to the issuer of the securities being listed is willing to perform the functions under Rule 4120(c)(8) that are performed by an underwriter with respect to an initial public offering. If more than one broker dealer is serving in the role of financial advisor, the issuer must designate one to perform the functions under Rule 4120(c)(8). The financial advisor is reminded that any activities performed under Rule 4120(c)(8) are to be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the federal securities laws, including Regulation M and other anti-manipulation requirements.

(B) Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 4120(c)(8)(A), in the case of a Direct Listing with a Capital Raise (as defined in Listing Rule IM-5315-2), Nasdaq, in consultation with the financial advisor to the issuer, will make the determination of whether the security is ready to trade and whether to postpone and reschedule the offering. Nasdaq shall release the security for trading if the conditions described in paragraphs (c)(8)(A)(i), (ii), and (iii) above, as modified by this paragraph (c)(9), are all met and the actual price calculated by the Cross is at or
above the lowest price and at or below the highest price of the price range established by the issuer in its effective registration statement.

(10) No change.

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4702. Order Types

(a) No change.

(b) Except where stated otherwise, the following Order Types are available to all Participants:

(1) - (15) No change.

(16) (A) A “Company Direct Listing Order” or “CDL Order” is a “market order” entered without a price that may be executed only in the Nasdaq Halt Cross for a Direct Listing with a Capital Raise (as defined in Listing Rule IM-5315-2). The price of the CDL Order will be set in accordance with the requirements of Rule 4120(c)(9)(B). A CDL Order may be entered only on behalf of the issuer and only by one member. A CDL Order must be executed in full in the Nasdaq Halt Cross. A CDL Order may not be cancelled or modified.

(B) The following Order Attributes must be assigned to a CDL Order:

- Price. A CDL Order is entered without a price and shall execute only at the price determined by the Nasdaq Halt Cross for a Direct Listing with a Capital Raise (as defined in Listing Rule IM-5315-2).

- Size. The CDL Order must be for the quantity of shares offered by the issuer, as disclosed in an effective registration statement for the offering.

- Time-in-Force. A CDL Order may execute only in the Nasdaq Halt Cross.

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4753. Nasdaq Halt Cross

(a) Definitions.

For the purposes of this rule the term:

(1) – (2) No change.
(3) "Order Imbalance Indicator" shall mean a message disseminated by electronic means containing information about Eligible Interest and the price at which such interest would execute at the time of dissemination. The Order Imbalance Indicator shall disseminate the following information:

(A) "Current Reference Price" shall mean:

(i) – (iii) No change.

(iv) If more than one price exists under subparagraph (iii), the Current Reference Price shall mean:

a. – b. No change.

c. In the case of the initial pricing of a security listing under Listing Rule IM-5315-2, the price that is closest to the lowest price of the price range disclosed by the issuer in its effective registration statement:

[d]. In the case of another halt type in which the security has already traded during normal market hours on that trading day, the price that is closest to the last Nasdaq execution prior to the trading halt;

[e]. In the case of another halt type in which the security has not already traded during normal market hours on that trading day, the price that is closest to the previous Nasdaq Official Closing Price; and

[f]. In the case of the initial pricing of a security that traded in the over-the-counter market pursuant to FINRA Form 211 immediately prior to the initial pricing, the price that is closest to the most recent transaction price in that market.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Order Imbalance Indicator will not include the Current Reference Price if there is a Market Order Imbalance.

(B) – (G) No change.

(4) – (6) No change.

(b) Processing of Nasdaq Halt Cross. For Nasdaq-listed securities that are the subject of a trading halt or pause initiated pursuant to Rule 4120(a)(1), (4), (5), (6), (7) or (11), the Nasdaq Halt Cross shall occur at the time specified by Nasdaq pursuant to Rule 4120, and Market hours trading shall commence when the Nasdaq Halt Cross concludes.

(1) No change.

(2)
(A) – (C) No change.

(D) If more than one price exists under subparagraph (C), the Nasdaq Halt Cross shall occur at:

(i) - (ii) No change.

(iii) In the case of the initial pricing of a security listing under Listing Rule IM-5315-2, the price that is closest to the lowest price of the price range disclosed by the issuer in its effective registration statement;

(iv) In the case of another halt type in which the security has already traded during normal market hours on that trading day, the price that is closest to the last Nasdaq execution prior to the trading halt;

((iv)v) In the case of another halt type in which the security has not already traded during normal market hours on that trading day, the price that is closest to the previous Nasdaq Official Closing Price; and

((v)vi) In the case of the initial pricing of a security that traded in the over-the-counter market pursuant to FINRA Form 211 immediately prior to the initial pricing, the price that is closest to the most recent transaction price in that market.

(E) No change.

(3) – (4) No change.

(c) – (d) No change.

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IM-5315-2. Determination of Price-Based Requirements for Direct Listings with a Capital Raise

As described in Listing Rule IM-5315-1, Nasdaq recognizes that some companies that have sold common equity securities in private placements, which have not been listed on a national securities exchange or traded in the over-the-counter market pursuant to FINRA Form 211 immediately prior to the initial pricing, may wish to list those securities on Nasdaq. Such companies may list on the Nasdaq Global Select Market without an attendant initial public offering of equity securities by the Company if the Company meets the applicable initial listing requirements and the additional requirements in Listing Rule IM-5315-1.

In addition, in certain cases, a Company that has not previously had its common equity securities registered under the Exchange Act may wish to list its common equity securities on the Exchange at the time of effectiveness of a registration statement pursuant to which the Company will sell shares itself in the opening auction on the first day of trading on the Exchange in addition to or instead of facilitating sales by selling
shareholders. Any such listing is referred to as a “Direct Listing with a Capital Raise” where either: (i) only the Company itself is selling shares in the opening auction on the first day of trading; or (ii) the Company is selling shares and selling shareholders may also sell shares in such opening auction.

In determining whether such a Company satisfies the Market Value of Unrestricted Publicly Held Shares for initial listing on the Nasdaq Global Select Market, the Exchange will deem such Company to have met the applicable requirement if the amount of the Company’s Unrestricted Publicly Held Shares before the offering along with the market value of the shares to be sold by the Company in the Exchange’s opening auction in the Direct Listing with a Capital Raise is at least $110 million (or $100 million, if the Company has stockholders' equity of at least $110 million).

For this purpose, the Market Value of Unrestricted Publicly Held Shares will be calculated using a price per share equal to the lowest price of the price range disclosed by the issuer in its effective registration statement. Nasdaq will determine that the Company has met the applicable bid price and market capitalization requirements based on the same per share price.

Securities qualified for listing under this IM-5315-2 must begin trading on Nasdaq following the initial pricing through the mechanism outlined in Rule 4120(c)(8) and Rule 4753. To allow such initial pricing, the Company must, in accordance with Rule 4120(c)(9), have a broker-dealer serving in the role of financial advisor to the issuer of the securities being listed, who is willing to perform the functions under Rule 4120(c)(8) that are performed by an underwriter with respect to an initial public offering.

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