

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-63045; File No. SR-ISE-2010-100]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; International Securities Exchange, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to a Market Maker Incentive Plan for Foreign Currency Options

October 5, 2010.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on October 4, 2010, International Securities Exchange, LLC ("ISE" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

#### I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The ISE is proposing to extend an incentive plan for market makers in four foreign currency options ("FX Options"). The text of the proposed rule change is available on ISE's Web site at <http://www.ise.com>, on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.sec.gov>, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

#### II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of, and basis for, the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

#### A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

##### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this proposed rule change is to extend an incentive plan for market makers in options on the New Zealand dollar ("NZD"), the Mexican peso ("PZO"), the Swedish krona ("SKA") and the Brazilian real ("BRB").<sup>3</sup> On August 3, 2009, the Exchange adopted an incentive plan applicable to market makers in NZD, PZO and SKA,<sup>4</sup> and on January 19, 2010, added BRB to the incentive plan.<sup>5</sup> The Exchange subsequently extended the date by which market makers may join the incentive plan.<sup>6</sup> The Exchange proposes to again extend the date by which market makers may join the incentive plan.

In order to promote trading in these FX Options, the Exchange has an incentive plan pursuant to which the Exchange waives the transaction fees for the Early Adopter<sup>7</sup> FXPMM<sup>8</sup> and all Early Adopter FXCMMs<sup>9</sup> that make a market in NZD, PZO SKA and BRB for as long as the incentive plan is in effect. Further, pursuant to a revenue sharing agreement entered into between an Early Adopter Market Maker and ISE, the Exchange pays the Early Adopter FXPMM forty percent (40%) of the transaction fees collected on any customer trade in NZD, PZO SKA and BRB and pays up to ten (10) Early Adopter FXCMMs that participate in the incentive plan twenty percent (20%) of the transaction fees collected for trades between a customer and that FXCMM. Market makers that do not participate in the incentive plan are charged regular transaction fees for trades in these

products. In order to participate in the incentive plan, market makers are required to enter into the incentive plan no later than September 30, 2010. The Exchange now proposes to extend the date by which market makers may enter into the incentive plan to December 31, 2010.

##### 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the objectives of Section 6 of the Act,<sup>10</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4),<sup>11</sup> in particular, in that it is designed to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among its members and other persons using its facilities. The Exchange believes the proposed rule change will permit additional market makers to join the incentive plan which in turn will generate additional order flow to the Exchange by creating incentives to trade these FX Options as well as defray operational costs for Early Adopter Market Makers.

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

The proposed rule change does not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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

The Exchange has not solicited, and does not intend to solicit, comments on this proposed rule change. The Exchange has not received any unsolicited written comments from members or other interested parties.

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) of the Act<sup>12</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)<sup>13</sup> thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of such proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend 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.

#### IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and

<sup>3</sup> The Commission previously approved the trading of options on NZD, PZO, SKA and BRB. See Exchange Act Release No. 34-55575 (April 3, 2007), 72 FR 17963 (April 10, 2007) (SR-ISE-2006-59).

<sup>4</sup> See Exchange Act Release No. 34-60536 (August 19, 2009), 74 FR 43204 (August 26, 2009) (SR-ISE-2009-59).

<sup>5</sup> See Exchange Act Release No. 34-61459 (February 1, 2010), 75 FR 6248 (February 8, 2010) (SR-ISE-2010-07).

<sup>6</sup> See Exchange Act Release Nos. 34-60810 (October 9, 2009), 74 FR 53527 (October 19, 2009) (SR-ISE-2009-80), 34-61334 (January 12, 2010), 75 FR 2913 (January 19, 2010) (SR-ISE-2009-115), 34-61851 (April 6, 2010), 75 FR 18565 (April 12, 2010) (SR-ISE-2010-27) and 34-62503 (July 15, 2010), 75 FR 42812 (July 22, 2010) (SR-ISE-2010-71).

<sup>7</sup> Participants in the incentive plan are known on the Exchange's Schedule of Fees as Early Adopter Market Makers.

<sup>8</sup> A FXPMM is a primary market maker selected by the Exchange that trades and quotes in FX Options only. See ISE Rule 2213.

<sup>9</sup> A FXCMM is a competitive market maker selected by the Exchange that trades and quotes in FX Options only. See ISE Rule 2213.

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f.

<sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

<sup>12</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3).

<sup>13</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

#### *Electronic Comments*

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-ISE-2010-100 on the subject line.

#### *Paper Comments*

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-ISE-2010-100. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). 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 Web site viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-ISE-2010-100 and should be submitted on or before November 3, 2010.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>14</sup>

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## **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

[Release No. 34-63046; File No. SR-FINRA-2010-050]

### **Self-Regulatory Organizations; Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Online Filing of Arbitration Claims**

October 5, 2010.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on September 27, 2010, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared substantially by FINRA. FINRA has designated the proposed rule change as constituting a "non-controversial" rule change under paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 under the Act,<sup>3</sup> which renders the proposal effective upon receipt of this filing by the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

#### **I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change**

FINRA is proposing to amend Rules 12302 and 13302 of the Customer and Industry Codes of Arbitration Procedure, respectively ("Codes") to update the rules relating to online filing of arbitration claims.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on FINRA's Web site at <http://www.finra.org>, at the principal office of FINRA and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

#### **II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change**

In its filing with the Commission, FINRA included statements concerning

the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. FINRA has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

#### *A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change*

##### **1. Purpose**

To initiate an arbitration claim at FINRA, a claimant files a signed and dated Submission Agreement, a Statement of Claim that specifies the relevant facts and remedies requested, and any additional documents supporting the Statement of Claim ("initial documents"). The claimant may file in hard copy, submitting enough copies of each of the initial documents for the Director, each arbitrator, and each other party. As an alternative, FINRA Rules 12302 and 13302 provide that a claimant may use the Online Arbitration Claim Filing system ("System") to complete *part* of the claim filing process through the Internet. The rules state that the claimant completes a Claim Information Form online, and submits a Statement of Claim (along with supporting documents) electronically through the System. Once the Claim Information Form is complete, the System generates a FINRA Dispute Resolution Tracking Form ("Tracking Form") for the claimant to reproduce. The claimant then files, in hard copy, the Tracking Form and any materials not submitted electronically. When a claimant files electronically, FINRA makes copies of the documents submitted through the System for the arbitrators and the other parties in the case.

Recently, FINRA implemented programming enhancements that allow claimants to file *all* of the initial documents electronically if they file through the System. FINRA is proposing to make technical, non-substantive amendments to Rules 12302 and 13302 to update the rule language to reflect that claimants may file *all* of the initial documents electronically.

If the SEC approves the proposed rule change, FINRA would continue to permit claimants to file their claims in hard copy. The proposed rule change specifies that if a claimant does not elect to file electronically, the claimant would be required to file enough copies of the initial documents for the Director, each arbitrator and each other party.

<sup>14</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

<sup>15</sup> U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>3</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).