

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

In its filing with the Commission, Amex 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. Amex 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

Amex's requirements regarding the timely and accurate reporting of clearance and audit trail information into the comparison system currently are embodied in Information Circulars and are not codified in the Exchange's rules. The Exchange, accordingly, is proposing to amend Amex Rule 719 to codify both the time frame in which information must be submitted to comparison (within two hours of execution) and the specifics of the trade data and audit trail information to be submitted.

Amex believes that the prompt submission of trades to comparison reduces the financial risk to investors and broker-dealers of uncompleted transactions. Amex further believes that the provision of detailed audit trail information by the parties to Amex transactions allows the Exchange to better perform its market oversight functions.

The Exchange also is proposing to amend Amex Rule 719 to clarify that it applies to all Amex securities admitted to dealings. This will ensure that the rule applies to the new securities that the Exchange lists. The Exchange also is proposing to delete obsolete language in Amex Rule 719 related to the implementation of T+1 comparison in the early 1990s.

Amex has represented that the proposed rule change would not alter the Exchange's substantive requirements and would make these requirements more readily accessible to members.

#### 2. Statutory Basis

Amex believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>3</sup> in general and furthers the

objectives of Section 6(b)(5)<sup>4</sup> in particular in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest; and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers and dealers.

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

Amex believes that the proposed rule change would impose no burden on competition.

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

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

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

Within 35 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding, or (ii) as to which the Exchange consents, the Commission will:

(A) by order approve such proposed rule change; or

(B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

## IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change 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 Room. Copies of such filings will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-Amex-2001-67 and should be submitted by October 12, 2001.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>5</sup>

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-44808; File No. SR-CBOE-2001-50]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by the Chicago Board Options Exchanges, Incorporated To Adopt Certain Intermarket Trading System-Related Terms and Conditions Regarding the Temporary Use by the American Stock Exchange LLC of the Facilities of the New York Stock Exchange, Inc.

September 17, 2001.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on September 17, 2001, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated ("CBOE" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission" or "SEC") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange filed the proposal pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act,<sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)<sup>4</sup> thereunder, which renders the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission.<sup>5</sup> The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

<sup>1</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

<sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>3</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>5</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>5</sup> The Exchange has asked the Commission to waive the five-day filing notice requirement and the 30-day operational delay, pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6). 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). See September 17, 2001 letter from Angelo Evangelou, Attorney, Legal Division, CBOE to Belinda Blaine, Associated Director, Division of Market Regulation, SEC, and attachments.

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

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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

The CBOE proposes to adopt the terms and conditions related to the Intermarket Trading System ("ITS") that were set forth in an American Stock Exchange ("Amex") proposed rule change (SR-Amex-2001-78), regarding the temporary use by the Amex of the facilities of the New York Exchange, Inc. The text of the proposed rule change is available at the CBOE and at the Commission.

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

In its filing with the Commission, the CBOE included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for its proposal and discussed any comments it received regarding the proposal. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The CBOE 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 CBOE proposes to adopt all of the terms and conditions set forth in Securities Exchange Act Release No. 44803 (September 17, 2001) with respect to the ITS Plan and ITS Participants (as defined in Securities Exchange Act Release No. 44803).

##### 2. Statutory Basis

The CBOE believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>6</sup> in general, and Section 6(b)(5)<sup>7</sup> in particular, in that it is designed to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market in a manner consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.

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

The CBOE does not believe that the proposed rule change will 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

No written comments were solicited or 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 does not:

- (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest;
- (ii) imposes 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 Act<sup>8</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.<sup>9</sup> At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule 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 Exchange has requested that the Commission waive the five-day pre-filing notice requirement and accelerate the operative date. The Commission finds good cause to designate the proposal to become operative upon filing with the Commission because such designation is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. Acceleration of the operative date will allow CBOE to adopt the terms and conditions set forth in Securities Exchange Act Release No. 44803 without unnecessary delay. For these reasons, the Commission finds good cause to waive the pre-filing notice requirement and to designate that the proposal is both effective and operative upon filing with the Commission.<sup>10</sup>

### IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposal 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

<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>9</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>10</sup> 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).

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 Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of CBOE. All submissions should refer to file number SR-CBOE-2001-50 and should be submitted by October 12, 2001.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>11</sup>

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3778]

**Office of the Procurement Executive;  
30-Day Notice of Proposed Information  
Collection: Department of State  
Acquisition Regulation (DOSAR); OMB  
Control Number 1405-0050**

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days of the publication of this notice. The following summarizes the information collection proposal submitted to OMB:

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Originating Office:* Bureau of Administration, Office of the Procurement Executive (A/OPE).

*Title of Information Collection:* Department of State Acquisition Regulation (DOSAR).

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Respondents:* Any business, other for-profit, individual, not-for-profit, or household organizations wishing to receive Department of State contracts.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,790.

<sup>11</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12)

<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).