

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁴⁴

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Program for Allocation of Regulatory Responsibilities Pursuant to Rule 17d-2; Notice of Filing of Proposed Plan for the Allocation of Regulatory Responsibilities Between the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. and 24X National Exchange LLC

May 2, 2025.

Pursuant to Section 17(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),¹ and Rule 17d-2 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on April 24, 2025, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”) and 24X National Exchange LLC (“24X”) (together with FINRA, the “Parties”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission” or “SEC”) a plan for the allocation of regulatory responsibilities, dated April 17, 2025 (“17d-2 Plan” or the “Plan”). The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the 17d-2 Plan from interested persons.

I. Introduction

Section 19(g)(1) of the Act,³ among other things, requires every self-regulatory organization (“SRO”) registered as either a national securities exchange or national securities association to examine for, and enforce compliance by, its members and persons associated with its members with the Act, the rules and regulations thereunder, and the SRO’s own rules, unless the SRO is relieved of this responsibility pursuant to Section 17(d) or Section 19(g)(2) of the Act.⁴ Without this relief, the statutory obligation of each individual SRO could result in a pattern of multiple examinations of broker-dealers that maintain memberships in more than one SRO (“common members”). Such regulatory duplication would add unnecessary

expenses for common members and their SROs.

Section 17(d)(1) of the Act⁵ was intended, in part, to eliminate unnecessary multiple examinations and regulatory duplication.⁶ With respect to a common member, Section 17(d)(1) authorizes the Commission, by rule or order, to relieve an SRO of the responsibility to receive regulatory reports, to examine for and enforce compliance with applicable statutes, rules, and regulations, or to perform other specified regulatory functions.

To implement Section 17(d)(1), the Commission adopted two rules: Rule 17d-1 and Rule 17d-2 under the Act.⁷ Rule 17d-1 authorizes the Commission to name a single SRO as the designated examining authority (“DEA”) to examine common members for compliance with the financial responsibility requirements imposed by the Act, or by Commission or SRO rules.⁸ When an SRO has been named as a common member’s DEA, all other SROs to which the common member belongs are relieved of the responsibility to examine the firm for compliance with the applicable financial responsibility rules. On its face, Rule 17d-1 deals only with an SRO’s obligations to enforce member compliance with financial responsibility requirements. Rule 17d-1 does not relieve an SRO from its obligation to examine a common member for compliance with its own rules and provisions of the federal securities laws governing matters other than financial responsibility, including sales practices and trading activities and practices.

To address regulatory duplication in these and other areas, the Commission adopted Rule 17d-2 under the Act.⁹ Rule 17d-2 permits SROs to propose joint plans for the allocation of regulatory responsibilities with respect to their common members. Under paragraph (c) of Rule 17d-2, the Commission may declare such a plan effective if, after providing for appropriate notice and comment, it determines that the plan is necessary or appropriate in the public interest and for the protection of investors; to foster cooperation and coordination among the SROs; to remove impediments to, and

foster the development of, a national market system and a national clearance and settlement system; and is in conformity with the factors set forth in Section 17(d) of the Act. Commission approval of a plan filed pursuant to Rule 17d-2 relieves an SRO of those regulatory responsibilities allocated by the plan to another SRO.

II. Proposed Plan

The proposed 17d-2 Plan is intended to reduce regulatory duplication for firms that are common members of both 24X and FINRA.¹⁰ Pursuant to the proposed 17d-2 Plan, FINRA would assume certain examination and enforcement responsibilities for common members with respect to certain applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

The text of the Plan delineates the proposed regulatory responsibilities with respect to the Parties. Included in the proposed Plan is an exhibit (the “24X Certification of Common Rules,” referred to herein as the “Certification”) that lists every 24X rule, and select federal securities laws, rules, and regulations, for which FINRA would bear responsibility under the Plan for overseeing and enforcing with respect to 24X members that are also members of FINRA and the associated persons therewith (“Dual Members”).

Specifically, under the 17d-2 Plan, FINRA would assume examination and enforcement responsibility relating to compliance by Dual Members with the rules of 24X that are substantially similar to the applicable rules of FINRA,¹¹ as well as any provisions of the federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder delineated in the Certification (“Common Rules”). In the event that a Dual Member is the subject of an investigation relating to a transaction on 24X, the plan acknowledges that 24X may, in its discretion, exercise concurrent jurisdiction and responsibility for such matter.¹²

Under the Plan, 24X would retain full responsibility for surveillance and enforcement with respect to trading activities or practices involving 24X’s own marketplace, including, without limitation, registration pursuant to its

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78q(d)(1).

⁶ See Securities Act Amendments of 1975, Report of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs to Accompany S. 249, S. Rep. No. 94-75, 94th Cong., 1st Session 32 (1975).

⁷ 17 CFR 240.17d-1 and 17 CFR 240.17d-2, respectively.

⁸ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 12352 (April 20, 1976), 41 FR 18808 (May 7, 1976).

⁹ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 12935 (October 28, 1976), 41 FR 49091 (November 8, 1976).

¹⁰ The proposed 17d-2 Plan refers to these common members as “Dual Members.” See Paragraph 1(c) of the proposed 17d-2 Plan.

¹¹ See paragraph 1(b) of the proposed 17d-2 Plan (defining Common Rules). See also paragraph 1(f) of the proposed 17d-2 Plan (defining Regulatory Responsibilities). Paragraph 2 of the Plan provides that annually, or more frequently as required by changes in either 24X rules or FINRA rules, the parties shall review and update, if necessary, the list of Common Rules.

¹² See paragraph 5 of the proposed 17d-2 Plan.

⁴⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78q(d).

² 17 CFR 240.17d-2.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(g)(1).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78q(d) and 15 U.S.C. 78s(g)(2), respectively.

applicable rules of associated persons (*i.e.*, registration rules that are not Common Rules); its duties as a DEA pursuant to Rule 17d-1 under the Act; and any 24X rules that are not Common Rules.¹³

The text of the proposed 17d-2 Plan is as follows:

Agreement Between Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. and 24X National Exchange LLC Pursuant to Rule 17d-2 Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

This Agreement, by and between the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”) and 24X National Exchange LLC (“24X”), is made this 17th day of April, 2025 (the “Agreement”), pursuant to Section 17(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) and Rule 17d-2 thereunder, which permits agreements between self-regulatory organizations to allocate regulatory responsibility to eliminate regulatory duplication. FINRA and 24X may be referred to individually as a “party” and together as the “parties.”

Whereas, the parties desire to reduce duplication in the examination, surveillance and investigation of their Dual Members (as defined herein) and in the filing and processing of certain registration and membership records; and

Whereas, the parties desire to execute an agreement covering such subjects pursuant to the provisions of Rule 17d-2 under the Exchange Act and to file such agreement with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC” or “Commission”) for its approval.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained hereinafter, the parties hereby agree as follows:

Definitions. Unless otherwise defined in this Agreement or the context otherwise requires, the terms used in this Agreement shall have the same meaning as they have under the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder. As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

“24X Rules” or “FINRA Rules” shall mean the rules of 24X or FINRA, respectively, as the rules of an exchange or association are defined in Exchange Act Section 3(a)(27).

“Common Rules” shall mean the 24X Rules that are substantially similar to the applicable FINRA Rules and certain provisions of the Exchange Act and SEC rules set forth on Exhibit 1 in that examination, surveillance or investigation for compliance with such provisions and rules would not require FINRA to develop one or more new examination, surveillance or investigation standards, modules, procedures, or criteria in order to analyze the application of the rule, or a Dual Member’s activity, conduct, or output in relation to such provision or rule; provided, however, Common Rules shall not include the application of the SEC, 24X or FINRA rules as they pertain to violations of insider trading activities, which is covered by a separate 17d-2 Agreement by and among Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc., Cboe BYX

Exchange, Inc., Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc., Cboe EDGA Exchange, Inc., Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc., Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., MEMX LLC, MIAx PEARL, LLC, Nasdaq BX, Inc., Nasdaq PHLX LLC, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC, NYSE National, Inc., New York Stock Exchange LLC, NYSE American LLC, NYSE Arca Inc., Investors’ Exchange LLC and Long-Term Stock Exchange, Inc. approved by the Commission on September 23, 2020, as may be amended from time to time. Common Rules shall not include any provisions regarding (i) notice, reporting or any other filings made directly to or from 24X, (ii) incorporation by reference of other 24X Rules that are not Common Rules, (iii) exercise of discretion in a manner that differs from FINRA’s exercise of discretion including, but not limited to exercise of exemptive authority, by 24X, (iv) prior written approval of 24X and (v) payment of fees or fines to 24X.

“Dual Members” shall mean those 24X members that are also members of FINRA and the associated persons therewith.

“Effective Date” shall be the date this Agreement is approved by the Commission.

“Enforcement Responsibilities” shall mean the conduct of appropriate proceedings, in accordance with the FINRA Code of Procedure (the Rule 9000 Series) and other applicable FINRA procedural rules, to determine whether violations of Common Rules have occurred, and if such violations are deemed to have occurred, the imposition of appropriate sanctions as specified under the FINRA Code of Procedure and FINRA’s sanction guidelines.

“Regulatory Responsibilities” shall mean the examination, surveillance and investigation responsibilities and Enforcement Responsibilities relating to compliance by the Dual Members with the Common Rules and the provisions of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder, and other applicable laws, rules and regulations, each as set forth on Exhibit 1 attached hereto.

Regulatory Responsibilities. FINRA shall assume Regulatory Responsibilities for Dual Members. Attached as Exhibit 1 to this Agreement and made part hereof, 24X furnished FINRA with a current list of Common Rules and certified to FINRA that such rules are substantially similar to the corresponding FINRA Rules (the “Certification”). FINRA hereby agrees that the rules listed in the Certification are Common Rules as defined in this Agreement. Each year following the Effective Date of this Agreement, or more frequently if required by changes in either 24X Rules or FINRA Rules, 24X shall submit an updated list of Common Rules to FINRA for review which shall add 24X Rules not included in the current list of Common Rules that qualify as Common Rules as defined in this Agreement; delete 24X Rules included in the current list of Common Rules that no longer qualify as Common Rules as defined in this Agreement; and confirm that the remaining rules on the current list of Common Rules continue to be 24X Rules that qualify as Common Rules as defined in this Agreement. Within 30 days of receipt of such updated list, FINRA shall

confirm in writing whether the rules listed in any updated list are Common Rules as defined in this Agreement. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, it is explicitly understood that the term “Regulatory Responsibilities” does not include, and 24X shall retain full responsibility for (unless otherwise addressed by separate agreement or rule) the following (collectively, the “Retained Responsibilities”): surveillance, examination, investigation and enforcement with respect to trading activities or practices involving 24X’s own marketplace except as otherwise specified in the list of Common Rules in Exhibit 1; registration pursuant to its applicable rules of associated persons (*i.e.*, registration rules that are not Common Rules); discharge of its duties and obligations as a Designated Examining Authority pursuant to Rule 17d-1 under the Exchange Act; and any 24X Rules that are not Common Rules, except for 24X Rules for any 24X member that operates a facility (as defined in Section 3(a)(2) of the Exchange Act), acts as an outbound router for 24X and is a member of FINRA (“Router Member”) as provided in paragraph 5.

No Charge. There shall be no charge to 24X by FINRA for performing the Regulatory Responsibilities under this Agreement except as hereinafter provided. FINRA shall provide 24X with ninety (90) days advance written notice in the event FINRA decides to impose any changes to 24X for performing the Regulatory Responsibilities under this Agreement. If FINRA determines to impose a charge, 24X shall have the right at the time of imposition of such charge to terminate this Agreement; provided, however, that FINRA’s Regulatory Responsibilities under this Agreement shall continue until the Commission approves the termination of this Agreement.

Applicability of Certain Laws, Rules, Regulations or Orders. Notwithstanding any provision hereof, this Agreement shall be subject to any statute, or any rule or order of the Commission. To the extent such statute, rule or order is inconsistent with this Agreement, the statute, rule or order shall supersede the provision(s) hereof to the extent necessary for them to be properly effectuated and the provision(s) hereof in that respect shall be null and void.

Notification of Violations.

In the event that FINRA becomes aware of apparent violations of any 24X Rules, which are not listed as Common Rules, discovered pursuant to the performance of the Regulatory Responsibilities assumed hereunder, FINRA shall notify 24X of those apparent violations for such response as 24X deems appropriate. With respect to apparent violations of any 24X Rules by any Router Member, FINRA shall not make referrals to 24X pursuant to this paragraph 5. Such apparent violations shall be processed by, and enforcement proceedings in respect thereto will be conducted by, FINRA as provided in this Agreement.

In the event that 24X becomes aware of apparent violations of any Common Rules, discovered pursuant to the performance of the Retained Responsibilities, 24X shall

¹³ See paragraph 2 of the proposed 17d-2 Plan.

notify FINRA of those apparent violations and such matters shall be handled by FINRA consistent with the provisions in this Agreement.

Apparent violations of Common Rules shall be processed by, and enforcement proceedings in respect thereto shall be conducted by FINRA as provided hereinbefore; provided, however, that in the event a Dual Member is the subject of an investigation relating to a transaction on 24X, 24X may in its discretion assume concurrent jurisdiction and responsibility.

Each party agrees to make available promptly all files, records and witnesses necessary to assist the other in its investigation or proceedings.

Continued Assistance. FINRA shall make available to 24X all information obtained by FINRA in the performance by it of the Regulatory Responsibilities hereunder with respect to the Dual Members subject to this Agreement. In particular, and not in limitation of the foregoing, FINRA shall furnish 24X any information it obtains about Dual Members which reflects adversely on their financial condition. 24X shall make available to FINRA any information coming to its attention that reflects adversely on the financial condition of Dual Members or indicates possible violations of applicable laws, rules or regulations by such firms.

The parties agree that documents or information shared shall be held in confidence, and used only for the purposes of carrying out their respective regulatory obligations. Neither party shall assert regulatory or other privileges as against the other with respect to documents or information that is required to be shared pursuant to this Agreement. The sharing of documents or information between the parties pursuant to this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver as against third parties of regulatory or other privileges relating to the discovery of documents or information.

Dual Member Applications. Dual Members subject to this Agreement shall be required to submit, and FINRA shall be responsible for processing and acting upon all applications submitted on behalf of partners, officers, registered personnel and any other person required to be approved by the 24X Rules and FINRA Rules or associated with Dual Members thereof. Upon request, FINRA shall advise 24X of any changes of allied members, partners, officers, registered personnel and other persons required to be approved by the 24X Rules and FINRA Rules. Dual Members shall be required to send to FINRA all letters, termination notices or other material respecting the individuals listed in paragraph 7(a).

When as a result of processing such submissions FINRA becomes aware of a statutory disqualification as defined in the Exchange Act with respect to a Dual Member, FINRA shall determine pursuant to Sections 15A(g) and/or Section 6(c) of the Exchange Act the acceptability or continued applicability of the person to whom such disqualification applies and keep 24X advised of its actions in this regard for such subsequent proceedings as 24X may initiate.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, FINRA shall not review the membership application,

reports, filings, fingerprint cards, notices, or other writings filed to determine if such documentation submitted by a broker or dealer, or an associated person therewith or other persons required to register or qualify by examination meets the 24X requirements for general membership or for specified categories of membership or participation in 24X. FINRA shall not review applications or other documentation filed to request a change in the rights or status described in this paragraph 7(d), including termination or limitation on activities, of a member or a participant of 24X, or a person associated with, or requesting association with, a member or participant of 24X.

Branch Office Information. FINRA shall also be responsible for processing and, if required, acting upon all requests for the opening, address changes, and terminations of branch offices by Dual Members and any other applications required of Dual Members with respect to the Common Rules as they may be amended from time to time. Upon request, FINRA shall advise 24X of the opening, address change and termination of branch and main offices of Dual Members and the names of such branch office managers.

Customer Complaints. 24X shall forward to FINRA copies of all customer complaints involving Dual Members received by 24X relating to FINRA's Regulatory Responsibilities under this Agreement. It shall be FINRA's responsibility to review and take appropriate action in respect to such complaints.

Advertising. FINRA shall assume responsibility to review the advertising of Dual Members subject to the Agreement, provided that such material is filed with FINRA in accordance with FINRA's filing procedures and is accompanied with any applicable filing fees set forth in FINRA Rules.

No Restrictions on Regulatory Action. Notwithstanding anything else herein and to the contrary, except for paragraph 5(a), nothing contained in this Agreement shall restrict or in any way encumber the right of either party to conduct its own independent or concurrent investigation, examination or enforcement proceeding of or against Dual Members, as either party, in its sole discretion, shall deem appropriate or necessary.

Termination. This Agreement may be terminated by 24X or FINRA at any time upon the approval of the Commission after one (1) year's written notice to the other party, except as provided in paragraph 3.

Arbitration. In the event of a dispute between the parties as to the operation of this Agreement, 24X and FINRA hereby agree that any such dispute shall be settled by arbitration in Washington, DC in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association then in effect, or such other procedures as the parties may mutually agree upon. Judgment on the award rendered by the arbitrator(s) may be entered in any court having jurisdiction. Each party acknowledges that the timely and complete performance of its obligations pursuant to this Agreement is critical to the business and operations of the other party. In the event of a dispute between

the parties, the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under this Agreement in good faith during the resolution of such dispute unless and until this Agreement is terminated in accordance with its provisions. Nothing in this paragraph 13 shall interfere with a party's right to terminate this Agreement as set forth herein.

Amendment. This Agreement may be amended in writing duly approved by each party. All such amendments must be filed with and approved by the Commission before they become effective.

Limitation of Liability. Neither FINRA nor 24X nor any of their respective directors, governors, officers or employees shall be liable to the other party to this Agreement for any liability, loss or damage resulting from or claimed to have resulted from any delays, inaccuracies, errors or omissions with respect to the provision of Regulatory Responsibilities as provided hereby or for the failure to provide any such responsibility, except with respect to such liability, loss or damages as shall have been suffered by one or the other of FINRA or 24X and caused by the willful misconduct of the other party or their respective directors, governors, officers or employees. No warranties, express or implied, are made by FINRA or 24X with respect to any of the responsibilities to be performed by them hereunder.

Relief from Responsibility. Pursuant to Sections 17(d)(1)(A) and 19(g) of the Exchange Act and Rule 17d-2 thereunder, the parties join in requesting the Commission, upon its approval of this Agreement or any part thereof, to relieve 24X of any and all responsibilities with respect to matters allocated to FINRA pursuant to this Agreement; provided, however, that this Agreement shall not be effective until the Effective Date.

Severability. Any term or provision of this Agreement that is invalid or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such invalidity or unenforceability without rendering invalid or unenforceable the remaining terms and provisions of this Agreement or affecting the validity or enforceability of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement in any other jurisdiction.

Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and such counterparts together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

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Exhibit 1

24X Certification of Common Rules

24X hereby certifies that the requirements contained in the rules listed below for 24X are identical to, or substantially similar to, the comparable FINRA Rules, Exchange Act provision or Securities Exchange Act Rule (SEA) rule identified ("Common Rules"). # Common Rules shall not include any provisions regarding (i) notice, reporting or any other filings made directly to or from 24X, (ii) incorporation by reference of 24X Rules that are not Common Rules, (iii) exercise of discretion in a manner that differs from FINRA's exercise of discretion

including, but not limited to exercise of
exemptive authority, by 24X, (iv) prior

written approval of 24X and (v) payment of
fees or fines to 24X.

24X Rule	FINRA Rule, Exchange Act provision or SEC rule
Rule 2.5.01(j) Lapse of Registration and Expiration of SIE#	FINRA Rule 1210.08—Registration Requirements—Lapse of Registration and Expiration of SIE.
Rule 2.5.02 Continuing Education Requirements#	FINRA Rule 1240 Continuing Education Requirements.
Rule 2.5 Restrictions, Interpretations and Policies .04 Termination of Employment.	FINRA By-Laws of the Corporation, Article V, Section 3 Notification by Member to the Corporation and Associated Person of Termination; Amendments to Notification; FINRA Rule 1010(e) Electronic Filing Requirements for Uniform Forms.
Rule 2.6(b) and (g) Application Procedures for Membership or to become an Associated Person of a Member#.	FINRA By-Laws of the Corporation, Article IV, Section 1(c) Application for Membership and Article V, Sec. 2(c); FINRA Rule 1010(c) Electronic Filing Requirements for Uniform Forms.
Rule 3.1 Business Conduct of Members *	FINRA Rule 2010 Standards of Commercial Honor and Principles of Trade *.
Rule 3.2 Violations Prohibited *#	FINRA Rule 2010 Standards of Commercial Honor and Principles of Trade and FINRA Rule 3110 Supervision *.
Rule 3.3 Use of Fraudulent Devices *	FINRA Rule 2020 Use of Manipulative, Deceptive or Other Fraudulent Devices *.
Rule 3.5 Communications with the Public	FINRA Rule 2210 Communications with the Public.
Rule 3.6 Fair Dealing with Customers	FINRA Rule 2020 Use of Manipulative, Deceptive or Other Fraudulent Devices *1, FINRA Rule 2111 Suitability.
Rule 3.7(a) Recommendations to Customers	FINRA Rule 2111(a) and SM .03 Suitability.
Rule 3.8(a) The Prompt Receipt and Delivery of Securities	FINRA Rule 11860 COD Orders.
Rule 3.8(b) The Prompt Receipt and Delivery of Securities	SEC Regulation SHO.
Rule 3.9 Charges for Services Performed	FINRA Rule 2122 Charges for Services Performed.
Rule 3.10 Use of Information	FINRA Rule 2060 Use of Information Obtained in Fiduciary Capacity.
Rule 3.11 Publication of Transactions and Quotations#	FINRA Rule 5210 Publication of Transactions and Quotations.
Rule 3.12 Offers at Stated Prices	FINRA Rule 5220 Offers at Stated Prices.
Rule 3.13 Payments Involving Publications that Influence the Market Price of a Security.	FINRA Rule 5230 Payments Involving Publications that Influence the Market Price of a Security.
Rule 3.14 Disclosure on Confirmations	FINRA Rule 2232(a) Customer Confirmations and SEC Rule 10b-10 Confirmation of Transactions.
Rule 3.15 Disclosure of Control	FINRA Rule 2262 Disclosure of Control Relationship With Issuer.
Rule 3.16 Discretionary Accounts	FINRA Rule 3260 Discretionary Accounts.
Rule 3.17 Customer's Securities or Funds	FINRA Rule 2150(a) Improper Use of Customers' Securities or Funds; Prohibition Against Guarantees and Sharing in Accounts—Improper Use.
Rule 3.18 Prohibition Against Guarantees	FINRA Rule 2150(b) Improper Use of Customers' Securities or Funds; Prohibition Against Guarantees and Sharing in Accounts—Prohibition Against Guarantees.
Rule 3.19 Sharing in Accounts; Extent Permissible	FINRA Rule 2150(c)(1) Improper Use of Customers' Securities or Funds; Prohibition Against Guarantees and Sharing in Accounts—Sharing in Accounts; Extent Permissible.
Rule 3.20 Influencing or Rewarding Employees of Others	FINRA Rule 3220 Influencing or Rewarding Employees of Others.
Rule 3.21 Customer Disclosures	FINRA Rule 2265 Extended Hours Trading Risk Disclosure.
Rule 3.22 Telemarketing and Interpretations and Policies .01	FINRA Rule 3230 Telemarketing.
Rule 4.1 Requirements *#	Section 17 of the Exchange Act and rules thereunder and FINRA Rule 4511(a) and (c) General Requirements ^{2*} .
Rule 4.3 Record of Written Complaints	FINRA Rule 4513 Records of Written Customer Complaints.
Rule 5.1 Written Procedures *#	FINRA Rule 3110(b)(1) Supervision—Written Procedures *.
Rule 5.2 Responsibility of Members	FINRA Rule 3110 (a)(4), (b)(4) and (b)(7) Supervision—Supervisory System/Written Procedures—Review of Correspondence and Internal Communications *.
Rule 5.3 Records *	FINRA Rule 3110 Supervision *.
Rule 5.4 Review of Activities	FINRA Rule 3110(c) and (d) Supervision—Internal Inspections/Transaction Review and Investigation *.
Rule 5.5 Prevention of the Misuse of Material, Non-Public Information *	FINRA Rule 3110 Supervision (b)(1) and (d) *.
Rule 5.6 Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Program#	FINRA Rule 3310 Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Program.
Rule 9.3 Predispute Arbitration Agreements	FINRA Rule 2268 Requirements When Using Predispute Arbitration Agreements for Customer Accounts.
Rule 11.9(a)(5) Order Execution# *	FINRA Rule 6182 Trade Reporting of Short Sales.
Rule 11.9(f) Locking Quotation or Crossing Quotations in NMS Stocks **.	FINRA Rule 6240 Prohibition from Locking or Crossing Quotations in NMS Stocks **.
Rule 11.22(b)(1)(A)(i)(c) and (d) Limit Up-Limit Down Plan and Trading Halts on the Exchange.	FINRA Rule 6190(a)& (b) Compliance with Regulation NMS Plan to Address Extraordinary Market Volatility.
Rule 11.21 Trading Halts Due to Extraordinary Market Volatility/Market-Wide Circuit Breakers#.	FINRA Rule 6190(a)& (b) Compliance with Regulation NMS Plan to Address Extraordinary Market Volatility.
Rule 12.1 Market Manipulation	FINRA Rule 6140(a) Other Trading Practices.
Rule 12.2 Fictitious Transactions	FINRA Rule 6140 Other Trading Practices and FINRA Rule 5210 Supplementary Material .02 Self-Trades.
Rule 12.3 Excessive Sales by a Member	FINRA Rule 6140(c) Other Trading Practices.
Rule 12.4 Manipulative Transactions *	FINRA Rule 6140 Other Trading Practices.
Rule 12.5 Dissemination of False Information	FINRA Rule 6140(e) Other Trading Practices.

24X Rule	FINRA Rule, Exchange Act provision or SEC rule
Rule 12.6 Prohibition Against Trading Ahead of Customer Orders# ** ..	FINRA Rule 5320 Prohibition Against Trading Ahead of Customer Orders **.
Rule 12.9 Trade Shredding	FINRA Rule 5290 Order Entry and Execution Practices.
Rule 12.11 Best Execution**	FINRA Rule 5310 Best Execution and Interpositioning**.
Rule 12.13 Trading Ahead of Research Reports	FINRA Rule 5280 Trading Ahead of Research Reports.
Rule 12.14 Front Running of Block Transactions**	FINRA Rule 5270 Front Running of Block Transactions**.
Rule 13.3(a), (b)(i), (d) and Interpretation and Policy .01 Forwarding of Proxy and Other Issuer-Related Materials; Proxy Voting.	FINRA Rule 2251 Processing and Forwarding of Proxy and Other Issuer-Related Materials.

¹ FINRA shall not have Regulatory Responsibilities regarding .01 of 24X Rule 3.6.

² FINRA shall not have Regulatory Responsibilities regarding requirements to keep records “in conformity with . . . Exchange Rules;” responsibility for such requirement remains with 24X.

In addition, the following provisions shall be part of this 17d–2 Agreement:

SEA Rules:

SEA Rule 200 of Regulation SHO—Definition of Short Sales and Marking Requirements **

SEA Rule 201 of Regulation SHO—Circuit Breaker**

SEA Rule 203 of Regulation SHO—Borrowing and Delivery Requirements **

SEA Rule 204 of Regulation SHO—Close-Out Requirement **

SEA Rule 101 of Regulation M—Activities by Distribution Participants **

SEA Rule 102 of Regulation M—Activities by Issuers and Selling Security Holders During a Distribution **

SEA Rule 103 of Regulation M—Nasdaq Passive Market Making **

SEA Rule 104 of Regulation M—Stabilizing and Other Activities in Connection with an Offering **

SEA Rule 105 of Regulation M—Short Selling in Connection With a Public Offering **

SEA Rule 604 of Regulation NMS—Display of Customer Limit Orders **

SEA Rule 606 of Regulation NMS—Disclosure of Routing Information **^

SEA Rule 610(d) of Regulation NMS—Locking or Crossing Quotations **

SEA Rule 611 of Regulation NMS—Order Protection Rule **^

SEA Rule 10b–5 Employment of Manipulative and Deceptive Devices *

SEA Rule 17a–3/17a–4—Records to Be Made by Certain Exchange Members, Brokers, and Dealers/Records to Be Preserved by Certain Exchange Members, Brokers, and Dealers *

* FINRA shall not have any Regulatory Responsibilities for these rules as they pertain to violations of insider trading activities, which is covered by a separate 17d–2 Agreement by and among Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc., Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc., NYSE Chicago, Inc., Cboe EDGA Exchange, Inc., Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc., Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., MEMX, LLC, MIAx PEARL, LLC, Nasdaq BX, Inc., Nasdaq PHLX LLC, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC, NYSE National, Inc., New York Stock Exchange, LLC, NYSE American LLC, NYSE Arca, Inc., Investors’ Exchange LLC and the Long-Term Stock Exchange, Inc. as approved by the SEC on September 23, 2020, as may be amended from time to time.

** In addition to performing examinations and Enforcement Responsibilities as provided in this Agreement for the double star rules, FINRA shall also perform the surveillance and investigation responsibilities for the double star rules. These rules may be cited by FINRA in both the context of this Agreement and the Regulatory Services Agreement between FINRA and 24X.

^ FINRA shall perform the surveillance and investigation responsibilities for these rules. The examination responsibility for these rules is covered by a separate 17d–2 Agreement by and among Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc., Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc., BOX Exchange LLC, Cboe Exchange, Inc., Cboe C2 Exchange, Inc., NYSE Chicago, Inc., Cboe EDGA Exchange, Inc., Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc., Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., MEMX LLC, Nasdaq ISE, LLC, Nasdaq GEMX, LLC, Nasdaq MRX, LLC, Investors Exchange LLC, Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC, MIAx PEARL, LLC, MIAx Emerald, LLC, MIAx Sapphire, LLC, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC, Nasdaq BX, Inc., Nasdaq PHLX LLC, NYSE National, Inc., New York Stock Exchange LLC, NYSE American LLC, NYSE Arca, Inc. and Long-Term Stock Exchange, Inc. as approved by the SEC on August 1, 2024 concerning covered Regulation NMS and Consolidated Audit Trail Rules, as may be amended from time to time.

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

Pursuant to Section 17(d)(1) of the Act¹⁴ and Rule 17d–2 thereunder,¹⁵ after May 23, 2025, the Commission may, by written notice, declare the plan submitted by 24X and FINRA, File No. 4–854, to be effective if the Commission finds that the plan is necessary or appropriate in the public interest and for the protection of investors, to foster cooperation and coordination among self-regulatory organizations, or to remove impediments to and foster the development of the national market system and a national system for the clearance and settlement of securities transactions and in conformity with the factors set forth in Section 17(d) of the Act.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

In order to assist the Commission in determining whether to approve the proposed 17d–2 Plan and to relieve 24X of the responsibilities which would be assigned to FINRA, interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission’s internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/other.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number 4–854 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Station Place, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549–1090. All submissions should refer to File Number 4–854. This file number should

be included on the subject line if email 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 website (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/other.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 website 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 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the plan also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal offices of

¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78q(d)(1).

¹⁵ 17 CFR 240.17d–2.

24X and FINRA. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to File Number 4–854 and should be submitted on or before May 23, 2025.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁶

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE American LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Modify the NYSE American Options Fee Schedule To Waive the Combined Cap on Floor Broker Credits Paid for QCC Trades and Rebates Paid Through the Manual Billable Rebate Program for the Months of May, June and July 2025

May 2, 2025.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)¹ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)² and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,³ notice is hereby given that, on April 30, 2025, NYSE American LLC (“NYSE American” or the “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. 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 Exchange proposes to modify the NYSE American Options Fee Schedule (“Fee Schedule”) to waive the maximum combined Floor Broker credits paid for QCC trades and rebates paid through the Manual Billable Rebate Program for the months of May, June, and July 2025. The Exchange proposes

to implement the fee change effective May 1, 2025. The proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website at www.nyse.com, 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 self-regulatory organization 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 those 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 parts of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

The purpose of this filing is to amend the Fee Schedule to waive the maximum combined Floor Broker credits paid for QCC trades and rebates paid through the Manual Billable Rebate Program for the months of May, June, and July 2025.

The Exchange imposes a limit on the maximum combined Floor Broker credits paid for QCC trades and rebates paid through the Manual Billable Rebate Program of \$3,000,000 per month per Floor Broker firm (the “Cap”).⁴ The purpose of this Cap is to encourage Floor Broker firms to continue to direct open outcry transactions to the Exchange, despite increasing industry volumes making it less difficult to reach the Cap.⁵

In mid-April, in response to extreme market volatility and concomitant surge of open outcry volume that led to Floor Broker firms earning higher than average monthly credits/rebates, the Exchange waived the Cap for April 2025.⁶ This waiver was adopted in

anticipation of Floor Broker firms reaching the Cap before the end of April and potentially re-directing their order flow away from the Exchange.⁷ The Exchange believes that the April waiver was effective as it allowed Floor Broker firms to continue to send their credit/rebate-generating order flow to the Exchange throughout the month without concern for reaching the Cap.

At present, the market remains volatile and open outcry volume on the Exchange remains elevated. The Exchange therefore proposes to waive the Cap for the months of May, June and July 2025.⁸ Like the April waiver, the proposed waiver is being adopted in anticipation of Floor Broker firms reaching the Cap before months end and potentially redirecting their order flow away from the Exchange. In the absence of the proposed waiver, Floor Broker firms may choose to re-direct such order flow to a competing market.

Although the Exchange cannot predict with certainty how many Floor Broker firms would be impacted by this change, the Exchange believes that the proposed changes would incent Floor Brokers to continue to direct their order flow to the Exchange thus increasing liquidity to the benefit of all market participants.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,⁹ in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4) and (5) of the Act,¹⁰ in particular, because it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members, issuers and other persons using its facilities and does not unfairly discriminate between customers, issuers, brokers or dealers.

The proposed changes to the Fee Schedule are reasonable, equitable, and not unfairly discriminatory. As a threshold matter, the Exchange is subject to significant competitive forces in the market for options securities transaction services that constrain its pricing determinations in that market. The Commission has repeatedly expressed its preference for competition over regulatory intervention in determining prices, products, and services in the securities markets. In Regulation NMS, the Commission highlighted the importance of market forces in determining prices and SRO revenues and, also, recognized that

¹⁶ 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(34).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

⁴ See Fee Schedule, Sections I.F. and III.E.1 (providing, in relevant part, that Floor Broker credits paid for QCC trades and rebates paid through the Manual Billable Rebate Program shall not combine to exceed \$3,000,000 per month per Floor Broker firm).

⁵ The Exchange notes that, in January 2025, it increased the Cap from \$2,700,000 to \$3,000,000 in response to higher industry volumes. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 102241 (January 17, 2025), 90 FR 8071 (January 23, 2025) (SR–NYSEAMER–2025–04).

⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 102890 (April 18, 2025), 90 FR 17273 (April 24, 2025) (SR–NYSEAMER–2025–26).

⁷ See *id.*

⁸ See proposed Fee Schedule, Sections I.F. and III.E.1.

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).