

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Amending the NYSE Arca Options Fee Schedule

March 14, 2016.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)¹ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”)² and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,³ notice is hereby given that, on March 8, 2016, NYSE Arca, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “NYSE Arca”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III 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 amend the NYSE Arca Options Fee Schedule (“Fee Schedule”) to remove reference and information relating to Mini Options. The Exchange proposes to implement the fee change effective March 8, 2016. The proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site 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 remove reference and information relating to Mini Options, as the Exchange no longer lists or trades Mini Options and has no current plans to do so.

The Exchange added rules relating to the listing of Mini Options (options overlying 10 shares of stock) in 2012⁴ and later changed its Fee Schedule to address the treatment of Mini Options, including establishing transactions fees for these products.⁵ However, the Exchange no longer lists or trades Mini Option series, and has no current plans to do so.

Thus, the Exchange proposes to strip references, and charges related to, Mini Options from the Fee Schedule.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,⁶ in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4) and (5) of the Act,⁷ 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 Exchange believes the proposed change is reasonable, equitable, and not unfairly discriminatory, as the Exchange no longer lists or trades Mini-option series and has no intention to do so at this time. Thus, removing outmoded references on the Fee Schedule would alleviate potential investor confusion and improve the clarity and transparency of the Fee Schedule. The proposed change is also reasonable, equitable and not unfairly discriminatory as it applies to all market participants.

For these reasons, the Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with the Act.

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 67948 (September 28, 2012), 77 FR 60735 (October 4, 2012) (SR-NYSEArca-2012-64; SR-ISE-2012-58).

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 69246 (March 27, 2013), 78 FR 19784 (April 2, 2013) (SR-NYSEArca-2013-25).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

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

In accordance with Section 6(b)(8) of the Act,⁸ the Exchange 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. As noted above, the proposed change is non-competitive and is designed to provide additional clarity and greater transparency regarding the Exchange's fees.

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

The foregoing rule change is effective upon filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)⁹ of the Act and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4¹⁰ thereunder, because it establishes a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange.

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. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings under Section 19(b)(2)(B)¹¹ of the Act to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or 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. 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 email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(8).

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

²⁵ U.S.C. 78a.

¹⁷ CFR 240.19b-4.

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Paper Comments

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR–NYSEArca–2016–39. 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 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 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will 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 Number SR–NYSEArca–2016–39 and should be submitted on or before April 8, 2016.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE MKT LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Extend the Deadline for Implementing Rule 967.1NY(a)(2) and (3)

March 14, 2016.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) ¹ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”) ² and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,³ notice is hereby given that on March 4, 2016, NYSE MKT LLC (the “Exchange” or “NYSE MKT”) 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 extend the deadline for implementing Rule 967.1NY(a)(2) and (3) until July 31, 2016. The proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site 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 Exchange is proposing to extend the deadline for implementing Rule 967.1NY(a)(2) and (3) until July 31,

2016. The current implementation deadline is March 4, 2016.

In March 2015, the Commission approved Rule 967.1NY, which provides a price protection risk mechanism for Market Maker quotes.⁴ Rule 967.1NY provides two layers of price protection to incoming Market Maker quotes, rejecting those Market Maker quotes that exceed certain parameters, as a risk mitigation tool.⁵ The Exchange has implemented the first layer of price protection (the NBBO Reasonability Check) and has until one year from the date of the Approval Order to implement the second layer of protection (the Underlying Stock Price/Strike Price Check) pursuant to Commentary .01 to Rule 967.1NY, which is March 4, 2016 (the “March 4th Deadline”).⁶

Because the Exchange has not yet implemented the Underlying Stock Price/Strike Price Check, the Exchange proposes to modify Commentary .01 to Rule 967.1NY to extend the March 4th Deadline to implement Rule 967.1NY(a)(2) and (3) until July 31, 2016. The Exchange has finalized the technology related to this aspect of the Rule and will be filing with the Commission a separate proposed rule change to modify the Rule as it relates to the Underlying Stock Price/Strike Price Check. The Exchange believes the proposed extension would provide the Exchange with sufficient time to review the proposed modifications with the Commission prior to implementing the rule, as modified.

Finally, the Exchange believes that because the Underlying Stock Price/Strike Price Check is an approved rule of the Exchange, providing the Exchange with additional time to implement the Rule would ensure that

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 74440 (March 4, 2015), 80 FR 12687 (March 10, 2015) (SR–NYSEMKT–2014–116) (Approval Order); see also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 74017 (January 8, 2015), 80 FR 1979 (January 14, 2015) (SR–NYSEMKT–2014–116) (Notice).

⁵ The first layer of price protection assesses incoming sell quotes against the NBB and incoming buy quotes against the NBO (the “NBBO Price Reasonability Check”). Specifically, per Rule 967.1NY(a)(1), provided that an NBBO is available, a Market Maker quote would be rejected if it is priced a specified dollar amount or percentage through the contra-side NBBO. The second layer of price protection assesses the price of call or put bids against a specified benchmark (the “Underlying Stock Price/Strike Price Check”), per Rule 967.1NY(a)(2) and (3). This second layer of protection applies to bids in call options or put options when (1) there is no NBBO available, for example, during pre-opening or prior to conducting a re-opening after a trading halt, or (2) if the NBBO is so wide as to not reflect an appropriate price for the respective options series.

⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 75151 (June 11, 2015), 80 FR 34770 (June 17, 2015) (SR–NYSEMKT–2015–42).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

¹² 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).