Rule 19b–4(f)(6)(iii), the Commission may designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange has asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposed rule change may become operative immediately. The Exchange represents that the functionality of the proposed auction process is scheduled to become available on January 30, 2020. Furthermore, the Exchange states that the proposed auction process is virtually identical to the one used on the Cboe Affiliated Exchanges, and that waiver of the operative delay would enable the Exchange to continue its efforts to provide a technology offering consistent with those of the Cboe Affiliated Exchanges as promptly as possible. The Exchange believes that such consistency will simplify the technology changes and maintenance by Options Members of the Exchange that are also participants on Cboe Affiliated Exchanges. For these reasons, the Commission believes that waiver of the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. Accordingly, the Commission hereby waives the 30-day operative delay and designates the proposal operative upon filing.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the 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 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 Number SR–CboeBZX–2020–012 on the subject line.

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–CboeBZX–2020–012. 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/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 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 filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR–CboeBZX–2020–012, and should be submitted on or before February 25, 2020.

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

J. Matthew DeLesDernier,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Extend the Effective Date for Eliminating Computer-to-Computer Interface as a Technological Option for TRACE Reporting


Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”) 1 and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, notice is hereby given that on January 28, 2020, 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 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, 2 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 provide members with additional time to migrate their trade reporting processes to connect to TRACE through a permissible means other than Computer-to-Computer Interface (“CTCI”). The text of the proposed rule change is available on FINRA’s website 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, C, D, and E, of the text of these statements 


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

On October 4, 2018, the SEC approved SR–FINRA–2018–030 which amended FINRA Rule 7730 (Trade Reporting and Compliance Engine (TRACE)) to remove CTCI as a technological means of connectivity for reporting transactions to TRACE.4 Since filing SR–FINRA–2018–030 ("CTCI Elimination Filing"),5 FINRA has engaged in extensive outreach to industry participants in connection with eliminating CTCI as a means of connectivity, including direct outreach to the firms that used CTCI for reporting, either directly or via a service bureau.

FINRA recently has become aware that some firms have experienced trade rejects after migrating from CTCI to FIX. FINRA understands that the cause of these rejects is related to the validations done on a FIX port to prevent duplicate trade reports from being submitted to the system. These validations are specific to FIX messaging and, as such, were not anticipated by certain firms migrating from CTCI to FIX. FINRA understands that this issue is impacting the successful migration of member firms whose activity, in the aggregate, account for a significant percentage of TRACE reports (i.e., over 10 percent of monthly trade reports). As a result, FINRA is filing the proposed rule change to extend the effective date of the CTCI Elimination Filing until March 16, 2020, which will allow firms adequate time to perform the required coding changes and testing. FINRA will continue to work closely with all firms that have not yet successfully migrated from CTCI, and expects firms to ensure adequate testing and to continue to work expeditiously to migrate as soon as possible in advance of the March 16, 2020 date.

FINRA has filed the proposed rule change for immediate effectiveness and has requested that the SEC waive the requirement that the proposed rule change not become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing, so FINRA can implement the proposed rule change immediately. The new operative date of the amendments adopted by SR–FINRA–2018–030 will be March 16, 2020.

2. Statutory Basis

FINRA believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 15A(b)(6) of the Act,6 which requires, among other things, that FINRA rules must be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. Specifically, the proposed rule change provides additional time for members who have not yet successfully migrated to a permissible means of connectivity other than CTCI for reporting transactions to TRACE. The proposed rule change will allow members to continue to report transactions to TRACE through CTCI for a modest additional period of time, which FINRA believes is reasonable in light of technological difficulties identified recently. Thus, this extension will facilitate efficient and uninterrupted trade reporting as firms make coding refinements and complete a successful migration.

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

FINRA does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed rule change would provide additional time to all members who have not yet successfully migrated to a permissible means of connectivity other than CTCI for reporting transactions to TRACE. FINRA also notes that this extension does not impact or require any changes by firms that already successfully migrated to a permissible means of connectivity other than CTCI for reporting transactions to TRACE.

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

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) impose 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 Act7 and Rule 19b–4(f)(6) thereunder.8

FINRA has asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposal may become operative immediately upon filing. The Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. If the proposed rule change did not become operative immediately, certain member firms that currently report to TRACE using the CTCI protocol might be unable to report successfully if CTCI were decommissioned on February 3, 2020, as originally planned. This could result in significant degradation of the TRACE information available to regulators and the public. Allowing the proposal to become immediately operative will enable these firms to continue reporting using the CTCI protocol while the necessary technological changes continue to be made for them to fully transition to other reporting protocols. For these reasons, the Commission hereby waives the 30-day operative delay and designates the proposed rule change as operative upon filing.9

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the 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 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:

8 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b–4(f)(6)(iii) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Commission is waiving the requirement in this case.
9 For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission also has considered the proposed rule’s impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; New York Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Designation of Longer Period for Commission Action To Determine Whether To Approve or Disapprove a Proposed Rule Change To Amend NYSE’s Rules To Add New Rule 7.19 (Pre-Trade Risk Controls)


On November 27, 2019, New York Stock Exchange LLC (“NYSE” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”) 1 and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, 2 a proposed rule change to adopt NYSE Rule 7.19 to provide for optional pre-trade risk controls. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the Federal Register on December 17, 2019. 3 The Commission has received two comment letters. 4

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act 5 provides that, within 45 days of the publication of notice of the filing of a proposed rule change, or within such longer period up to 90 days as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate to publish and consider its reasons for so finding, or as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission shall either approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved. The 45th day after publication of the notice for this proposed rule change is January 31, 2020. The Commission is extending this 45-day time period.

The Commission finds it is appropriate to designate a longer period within which to take action on the proposed rule change so that it has sufficient time to consider the proposed rule change. Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, 6 designates March 16, 2020 as the date by which the Commission shall either approve or disapprove, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove, the proposed rule change [File No. SR–NYSE–2019–68].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority. 7

J. Matthew DeLesDernier,
Assistant Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #16259 and #16260; MISSISSIPPI Disaster Number MS–00118]

Administrative Declaration of a Disaster for the State of Mississippi

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of an Administrative declaration of a disaster for the State of Mississippi dated 01/28/2020.

Incident: Severe Weather and Tornado.

Incident Period: 12/16/2019.

DATES: Issued on 01/28/2020.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 03/30/2020.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 10/28/2020.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the Administrator’s disaster declaration, applications for disaster loans may be filed at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: Jones
Contiguous Counties: Mississippi: Covington, Forrest, Jasper, Perry, Smith, Wayne.

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