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Amend the Definition of Short Term Option Series

Contact Information

Provide the name, telephone number, and e-mail address of the person on the staff of the self-regulatory organization prepared to respond to questions and comments on the action.

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Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange of 1934, NASDAQ BX, Inc. has duty caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duty authorized.

Date 11/22/2022

(Title *)

By John Zecca

EVP and Chief Legal Officer

(Name *)

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Copies of any form, report, or questionnaire that the self-regulatory organization proposes to use to help implement or operate the proposed rule change, or that is referred to by the proposed rule change.

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Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text

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The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed changes to rule text in place of providing it in Item I and which may otherwise be more easily readable if provided separately from Form 19b-4. Exhibit 5 shall be considered part of the proposed rule change

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1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

(a) Nasdaq BX, Inc. (“BX” or “Exchange”), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) a proposal to amend certain rule text within General 2, Organization and Administration; Equity 2. Market Participants; Options 1, General Provisions; Options 4A, Options Index Rules; and Options 10, Doing Business with the Public.

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the Federal Register is attached as Exhibit 1.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

The proposed rule change was approved by senior management of the Exchange pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors (the “Board”). Exchange staff will advise the Board of any action taken pursuant to delegated authority. No other action is necessary for the filing of the rule change.

Questions and comments on the proposed rule change may be directed to:

Angela Saccomandi Dunn
Principal Associate General Counsel
Nasdaq, Inc.
(215) 496-5692

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

a. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend the description of the term “Short Term Option Series” within Options 1, Section 1, Definitions, to conform the term to Nasdaq ISE, LLC’s (“ISE”) term of Short Term Option Series which was recently amended.³ The Exchange also proposes to amend certain rule text within Options 4A, Section 12, Terms of Index Options Contracts, related to the Short Term Option Series Program. Finally, the Exchange propose certain other non-substantive amendments. Each change is described below.

Short Term Option Series

Options 1, Section 1(a)(58) describes the term “Short Term Option Series” as follows:

The term “Short Term Option Series” means a series in an option class that is approved for listing and trading on the Exchange in which the series is opened for trading on any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday that is a business day and that expires on the Monday, Wednesday or Friday of the next business week, or, in the case of a series that is listed on a Friday and expires on a Monday, is listed one business week and one business day prior to that expiration. If a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday is not a business day, the series may be opened (or shall expire) on the first business day immediately prior to that Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, respectively. For a series listed pursuant to this Rule for Monday expiration, if a Monday is not a business day, the series shall expire on the first business day immediately following that Monday.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 96281 (November 9, 2022), 87 FR 68769 (November 16, 2022) (SR-ISE-2022-18) (Order Granting Approval of a Proposed Rule Change to Amend the Short Term Option Series Program). BX’s Options 4 Rules are incorporated by reference to ISE’s Options 4 Rules and therefore the approval of ISE’s Options 4 rules permit the listing and trading of options series with Tuesday and Thursday expirations for options on SPY and QQQ on BX.

ISE's Options 4 rules were recently amended to expand the Short Term Option Series Program to permit the listing and trading of options series with Tuesday and Thursday expirations for options on SPY and QQQ listed pursuant to the Short Term Option Series Program.⁴ In conjunction with that change, ISE amended its definition of Short Term Option Series, within Options 1, Section 1(a)(49), to accommodate the listing of options series that expire on Tuesdays and Thursdays.⁵ Specifically, the Exchange added Tuesday and Thursday to the permitted expiration days, which currently include Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, that it may open a series for trading.

At this time, the Exchange proposes to amend the term "Short Term Option Series" at Options 1, Section 1(a)(58) to provide,

The term "Short Term Option Series" means a series in an option class that is approved for listing and trading on the Exchange in which the series is opened for trading on any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday that is a business day and that expires on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday of the next business week, or, in the case of a series that is listed on a Friday and expires on a Monday, is listed one business week and one business day prior to that expiration. If a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday is not a business day, the series may be opened (or shall expire) on the first business day immediately prior to that Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, respectively. For a series listed pursuant to this Rule for Monday expiration, if a Monday is not a business day, the series shall expire on the first business day immediately following that Monday.

Today, ISE's listing rules, which BX incorporates by reference, permit the listing and trading of options series with Tuesday and Thursday expirations for options on SPY and QQQ listed pursuant to the Short Term Option Series Program.

⁴ See note 3 above. BX's Options 4 Rules are incorporated by reference to ISE's Options 4 Rules.

⁵ See note 3 above.

Options 4A, Section 12

In 2014, BX amended the Short Term Option Series Program for equity options within Chapter IV, Section 6 (currently Supplementary Material .03 to Options 4, Section 5) to change the number of currently listed option classes on which Short Term Option Series may be opened on any Short Term Option Opening Date from thirty to fifty options classes.⁶ Further, BX also amended the number of Short Term Option Series that the Exchange may open for each expiration date in that class from twenty to thirty.⁷ At that time, the Exchange neglected to update the index options rules to make similar changes to the Short Term Option Series Program given that the amount of options classes that may participate in the Short Term Option Series Program is aggregated between equity options and index options instead of between equity and index options.

Today, Options 4A, Section 12(h)(1)(i) provides,

The Exchange may select up to thirty (30) currently listed option classes on which Short Term Option Series may be opened on any Short Term Option Opening Date. In addition to the 30 option class restriction, the Exchange may also list Short Term Option Series on any option classes that are selected by other securities exchanges that employ a similar program under their respective rules. For each index option class eligible for participation in the Short Term Option Series Program, the Exchange may open up to 20 Short Term Option Series on index options for each expiration date in that class. The Exchange may also open Short Term Option Series that are opened by other securities exchanges in option classes selected by such exchanges under their respective short term option rules.

At this time, the Exchange proposes to amend Options 4A, Section 12(h)(1)(i) to increase the number of currently listed options classes on which Short Term Option Series may be

⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 72700 (July 29, 2014), 79 FR 45515 (August 5, 2014) (SR-BX-2014-038) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Short Term Options Series).

⁷ Id.

opened on any Short Term Option Opening Date from thirty to fifty options classes for index options. Additionally, the Exchange proposes to amend the number of Short Term Option Series the Exchange may open on index options for each expiration date in that class from twenty to thirty. These amendments would align the limitations within Options 4A, Section 12(h)(1)(i) with those currently within Supplementary .03 to Options 4, Section 5. The Exchange also proposes to add certain titles before Options 4A, Section 12(h)(1)(i) – (v) to indicate the subject matter of the paragraphs. Those amendments are non-substantive amendments intended to bring clarity to the rule text.

As noted above, this amendment will not result in a greater number of listings in the Short Term Option Series Program because the amount of options classes that may participate in the Short Term Option Series Program is aggregated between equity options and index options instead of apportioned between equity and index options. Amending Options 4A, Section 12(h)(1)(i) to conform to the limitations provided within Supplementary .03 to Options 4, Section 5 will avoid confusion by making clear the aggregate limitations within equity and index options for listing Short Term Option Series. Today, ISE, Nasdaq Phlx LLC (“Phlx”) and Cboe Exchange, Inc. (“Cboe”) have similar limitations within their equity and index Short Term Option Series Program.⁸

Other Non-Substantive Amendments

The Exchange proposes to remove and reserve Equity 2, Section 3, “Nasdaq BX Market Participant Registration.” The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (“Nasdaq”) recently

⁸ See ISE and Phlx Options 4A, Section 12(b)(4) and Cboe Exchange, Inc. Rules 4.5 and 4.13. See also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 95077 (June 9, 2022), 87 FR 36188 (June 15, 2022) (SR-Phlx-2022-25) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend Options 4A, Section 12, Terms of Index Options Contracts).

filed to relocate a similar Nasdaq Rule into General 3, Rule 1032.⁹ BX's General 3 is incorporated by reference to Nasdaq's General 3, therefore the rule within Equity 2, Section 3 is not necessary as an identical rule exists within BX General 3, Rule 1000 Series.

The Exchange proposes to make other amendments to reserve certain sections of the Rulebook. These sections contain content in other Nasdaq affiliated rulebooks. To harmonize the section numbers across the Nasdaq affiliated markets, the Exchange proposes to reserve General 2, Sections 23 and 24 as well as Options 10, Sections 26 and 27.¹⁰ These amendments are non-substantive.

b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,¹¹ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,¹² in particular, in that it is designed 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.

Short Term Option Series

The Exchange's proposal to amend the term "Short Term Option Series" at

⁹ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 96132 (October 24, 2022), 87 FR 65272 (October 28, 2022) (SR-NASDAQ-2022-058) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Relocate Equity 2, Section 3).

¹⁰ Phlx has rules within General 2, Sections 23 and 24. ISE, Nasdaq GEMX, LLC ("GEMX") and Nasdaq MRX, LLC ("MRX") have rules within Options 10, Section 26 and 27.

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

Options 1, Section 1(a)(58) to reflect the recent change¹³ to ISE's listing rules, which BX incorporates by reference, to permit the listing and trading of options series with Tuesday and Thursday expirations for options on SPY and QQQ listed pursuant to the Short Term Option Series Program is consistent with the Exchange Act. This proposal will align the description of Short Term Option Series within Options 1, Section 1(a)(58) to the expirations permitted within the Short Term Option Series Program within Supplementary .03 to Options 4, Section 5.

Options 4A, Section 12

In 2014, BX amended the Short Term Option Series Program for equity options within Chapter IV, Section 6 (currently Options 4, Section 5) to change the number of currently listed option classes on which Short Term Option Series may be opened on any Short Term Option Opening Date from thirty to fifty options classes.¹⁴ Further, BX also amended the number of Short Term Option Series that the Exchange may open for each expiration date in that class from twenty to thirty.¹⁵ At that time, the Exchange neglected to update the index options rules to make similar changes to the Short Term Option Series Program given that the amount of options classes that may participate in the Short Term Option Series Program is aggregated between equity options and index options instead of between equity and index options. Amending Options 4A, Section 12(h)(1)(i) to conform to the limitations provided within Supplementary .03 to Options 4, Section 5 will avoid confusion by making clear the aggregate limitations within equity and index

¹³ See note 3 above.

¹⁴ See note 6 above.

¹⁵ See note 6 above.

options for listing Short Term Option Series. Also, aligning the limitations within Options 4A, Section 12(h)(1)(i) with those currently within Supplementary .03 to Options 4, Section 5 will not result in a greater number of listings in the Short Term Option Series Program because the amount of options classes that may participate in the Short Term Option Series Program is aggregated between equity options and index options instead of between equity and index options. Today, ISE, Phlx and Cboe have similar limitations within their equity and index Short Term Option Series Program.¹⁶

Other Non-Substantive Amendments

The Exchange's proposal to remove and reserve Equity 2, Section 3, "Nasdaq BX Market Participant Registration" represents a non-substantive amendment. Nasdaq recently filed to relocate a similar Nasdaq Rule into General 3, Rule 1032.¹⁷ BX's General 3 is incorporated by reference to Nasdaq's General 3, therefore the rule within Equity 2, Section 3 is not necessary as an identical rule exists within BX General 3, Rule 1000 Series.

The Exchange's proposal to make other amendments to reserve certain sections of the Rulebook, namely General 2, Sections 23 and 24 as well as Options 10, Sections 26 and 27, to harmonize section numbers across the Nasdaq affiliated markets are non-substantive.¹⁸

4. 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.

¹⁶ See note 8 above.

¹⁷ See note 9 above.

¹⁸ See note 10 above.

Short Term Option Series

The Exchange's proposal to amend the term "Short Term Option Series" at Options 1, Section 1(a)(58) to reflect the recent change¹⁹ to ISE's listing rules, which BX incorporates by reference, to permit the listing and trading of options series with Tuesday and Thursday expirations for options on SPY and QQQ listed pursuant to the Short Term Option Series Program does not impose an undue burden on competition, rather this proposal will align the description of Short Term Option Series within Options 1, Section 1(a)(58) to the expirations permitted within the Short Term Option Series Program within Supplementary .03 to Options 4, Section 5.

Options 4A, Section 12

Amending Options 4A, Section 12(h)(1)(i) to conform to the limitations provided within Supplementary .03 to Options 4, Section 5 will avoid confusion by making clear the aggregate limitations within equity and index options for listing Short Term Option Series. Also, aligning the limitations within Options 4A, Section 12(h)(1)(i) with those currently within Supplementary .03 to Options 4, Section 5 will not result in a greater number of listings in the Short Term Option Series Program because the amount of options classes that may participate in the Short Term Option Series Program is aggregated between equity options and index options instead of between equity and index options. Today, ISE, Phlx and Cboe has similar limitations within its equity and index Short Term Option Series Program.²⁰

Other Non-Substantive Amendments

¹⁹ See note 3 above.

²⁰ See note 8 above.

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The Exchange's proposal to make other amendments to reserve certain sections of the Rulebook, namely General 2, Sections 23 and 24 as well as Options 10, Sections 26 and 27, to harmonize section numbers across the Nasdaq affiliated markets are non-substantive.²²

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

The Exchange does not consent to an extension of the time period for Commission action.

7. Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii)²³ of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder²⁴ in that it effects a change that: (i) does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii)

²¹ See note 9 above.

²² See note 10 above.

²³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

²⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) by its terms, does not become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.

The Exchange believes that the proposal does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest nor does the proposal impose any significant burden on competition. Amending the term “Short Term Option Series” at Options 1, Section 1(a)(58) to reflect the recent change²⁵ to ISE’s listing rules, which BX incorporates by reference, to permit the listing and trading of options series with Tuesday and Thursday expirations for options on SPY and QQQ listed pursuant to the Short Term Option Series Program will align the description of Short Term Option Series within Options 1, Section 1(a)(58) to the expirations permitted within the Short Term Option Series Program within Supplementary .03 to Options 4, Section 5. Amending Options 4A, Section 12(h)(1)(i) to conform to the limitations provided within Supplementary .03 to Options 4, Section 5 will avoid confusion by making clear the aggregate limitations within equity and index options for listing Short Term Option Series. Also, aligning the limitations within Options 4A, Section 12(h)(1)(i) with those currently within Supplementary .03 to Options 4, Section 5 will not result in a greater number of listings in the Short Term Option Series Program because the amount of options classes that may participate in the Short Term Option Series Program is aggregated between equity options and index options instead of between equity and index options. Today, ISE, Phlx and Cboe have similar limitations within their equity and index Short Term Option Series

²⁵ See note 3 above.

Program,²⁶ and therefore, this proposal does not raise any novel regulatory concerns. The remainder of the amendments are non-substantive.

Amending the term “Short Term Option Series” at Options 1, Section 1(a)(58) to reflect the recent change²⁷ to ISE’s listing rules, which BX incorporates by reference, to permit the listing and trading of options series with Tuesday and Thursday expirations for options on SPY and QQQ listed pursuant to the Short Term Option Series Program will make clear the expirations permitted pursuant to Short Term Option Series Program. Aligning the limitations within Options 4A, Section 12(h)(1)(i) with those currently within Supplementary .03 to Options 4, Section 5 does not raise any novel regulatory issues nor does it impose any significant burden on competition because it will not result in a greater number of listings in the Short Term Option Series Program because the amount of options classes that may participate in the Short Term Option Series Program is aggregated between equity options and index options instead of between equity and index options. The remainder of the amendments are non-substantive.

Furthermore, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii)²⁸ requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file a proposed rule change under that subsection at least five business days prior to the date of filing, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has provided such notice.

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

²⁶ See note 8 above.

²⁷ See note 3 above.

²⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

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 should be approved or disapproved.

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6) normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of filing. Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii), however, permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange requests that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay contained in Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) so that BX may immediately amend the definition of Short Term Option Series Program to conform the definition of a Short Term Option Series to the Options 4 listing rules. This change could immediately benefit market participants by avoiding confusion as the BX Options 4 rules are incorporated to ISE's Options 4 rules which permit the listing and trading of options series with Tuesday and Thursday expirations for options on SPY and QQQ listed pursuant to the Short Term Option Series Program.²⁹

8. Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization or of the Commission

ISE, Phlx and Cboe have similar limitations within their equity and index Short Term Option Series Program.³⁰

9. Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act

Not Applicable.

²⁹ See note 3 above.

³⁰ See note 8 above.

10. Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act

Not Applicable.

11. Exhibits

1. Notice of Proposed Rule Change for publication in the Federal Register.
5. Text of the proposed rule change.

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
(Release No. _____ ; File No. SR-BX-2022-024)

November __, 2022

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq BX, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Amend the Definition of Short Term Option Series

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on November 22, 2022, Nasdaq BX, Inc. (“BX” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “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 Exchange proposes to amend certain rule text within General 2, Organization and Administration; Equity 2. Market Participants; Options 1, General Provisions; Options 4A, Options Index Rules; and Options 10, Doing Business with the Public.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s Website at <https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/bx/rules>, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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 Exchange proposes to amend the description of the term “Short Term Option Series” within Options 1, Section 1, Definitions, to conform the term to Nasdaq ISE, LLC’s (“ISE”) term of Short Term Option Series which was recently amended.³ The Exchange also proposes to amend certain rule text within Options 4A, Section 12, Terms of Index Options Contracts, related to the Short Term Option Series Program. Finally, the Exchange propose certain other non-substantive amendments. Each change is described below.

Short Term Option Series

Options 1, Section 1(a)(58) describes the term “Short Term Option Series” as follows:

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⁵ See note 3 above.

opened (or shall expire) on the first business day immediately prior to that Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, respectively. For a series listed pursuant to this Rule for Monday expiration, if a Monday is not a business day, the series shall expire on the first business day immediately following that Monday.

Today, ISE's listing rules, which BX incorporates by reference, permit the listing and trading of options series with Tuesday and Thursday expirations for options on SPY and QQQ listed pursuant to the Short Term Option Series Program.

Options 4A, Section 12

In 2014, BX amended the Short Term Option Series Program for equity options within Chapter IV, Section 6 (currently Supplementary Material .03 to Options 4, Section 5) to change the number of currently listed option classes on which Short Term Option Series may be opened on any Short Term Option Opening Date from thirty to fifty options classes.⁶ Further, BX also amended the number of Short Term Option Series that the Exchange may open for each expiration date in that class from twenty to thirty.⁷ At that time, the Exchange neglected to update the index options rules to make similar changes to the Short Term Option Series Program given that the amount of options classes that may participate in the Short Term Option Series Program is aggregated between equity options and index options instead of between equity and index options.

Today, Options 4A, Section 12(h)(1)(i) provides,

The Exchange may select up to thirty (30) currently listed option classes on which Short Term Option Series may be opened on any Short Term Option Opening Date. In addition to the 30 option class restriction, the Exchange may also list Short Term Option Series on any option classes

⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 72700 (July 29, 2014), 79 FR 45515 (August 5, 2014) (SR-BX-2014-038) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Short Term Options Series).

⁷ Id.

that are selected by other securities exchanges that employ a similar program under their respective rules. For each index option class eligible for participation in the Short Term Option Series Program, the Exchange may open up to 20 Short Term Option Series on index options for each expiration date in that class. The Exchange may also open Short Term Option Series that are opened by other securities exchanges in option classes selected by such exchanges under their respective short term option rules.

At this time, the Exchange proposes to amend Options 4A, Section 12(h)(1)(i) to increase the number of currently listed options classes on which Short Term Option Series may be opened on any Short Term Option Opening Date from thirty to fifty options classes for index options. Additionally, the Exchange proposes to amend the number of Short Term Option Series the Exchange may open on index options for each expiration date in that class from twenty to thirty. These amendments would align the limitations within Options 4A, Section 12(h)(1)(i) with those currently within Supplementary .03 to Options 4, Section 5. The Exchange also proposes to add certain titles before Options 4A, Section 12(h)(1)(i) – (v) to indicate the subject matter of the paragraphs. Those amendments are non-substantive amendments intended to bring clarity to the rule text.

As noted above, this amendment will not result in a greater number of listings in the Short Term Option Series Program because the amount of options classes that may participate in the Short Term Option Series Program is aggregated between equity options and index options instead of apportioned between equity and index options. Amending Options 4A, Section 12(h)(1)(i) to conform to the limitations provided within Supplementary .03 to Options 4, Section 5 will avoid confusion by making clear the aggregate limitations within equity and index options for listing Short Term Option

Series. Today, ISE, Nasdaq Phlx LLC (“Phlx”) and Cboe Exchange, Inc. (“Cboe”) have similar limitations within their equity and index Short Term Option Series Program.⁸

Other Non-Substantive Amendments

The Exchange proposes to remove and reserve Equity 2, Section 3, “Nasdaq BX Market Participant Registration.” The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (“Nasdaq”) recently filed to relocate a similar Nasdaq Rule into General 3, Rule 1032.⁹ BX’s General 3 is incorporated by reference to Nasdaq’s General 3, therefore the rule within Equity 2, Section 3 is not necessary as an identical rule exists within BX General 3, Rule 1000 Series.

The Exchange proposes to make other amendments to reserve certain sections of the Rulebook. These sections contain content in other Nasdaq affiliated rulebooks. To harmonize the section numbers across the Nasdaq affiliated markets, the Exchange proposes to reserve General 2, Sections 23 and 24 as well as Options 10, Sections 26 and 27.¹⁰ These amendments are non-substantive.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the

⁸ See ISE and Phlx Options 4A, Section 12(b)(4) and Cboe Exchange, Inc. Rules 4.5 and 4.13. See also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 95077 (June 9, 2022), 87 FR 36188 (June 15, 2022) (SR-Phlx-2022-25) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend Options 4A, Section 12, Terms of Index Options Contracts).

⁹ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 96132 (October 24, 2022), 87 FR 65272 (October 28, 2022) (SR-NASDAQ-2022-058) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Relocate Equity 2, Section 3).

¹⁰ Phlx has rules within General 2, Sections 23 and 24. ISE, Nasdaq GEMX, LLC (“GEMX”) and Nasdaq MRX, LLC (“MRX”) have rules within Options 10, Section 26 and 27.

Act,¹¹ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,¹² in particular, in that it is designed 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.

Short Term Option Series

The Exchange's proposal to amend the term "Short Term Option Series" at Options 1, Section 1(a)(58) to reflect the recent change¹³ to ISE's listing rules, which BX incorporates by reference, to permit the listing and trading of options series with Tuesday and Thursday expirations for options on SPY and QQQ listed pursuant to the Short Term Option Series Program is consistent with the Exchange Act. This proposal will align the description of Short Term Option Series within Options 1, Section 1(a)(58) to the expirations permitted within the Short Term Option Series Program within Supplementary .03 to Options 4, Section 5.

Options 4A, Section 12

In 2014, BX amended the Short Term Option Series Program for equity options within Chapter IV, Section 6 (currently Options 4, Section 5) to change the number of currently listed option classes on which Short Term Option Series may be opened on any Short Term Option Opening Date from thirty to fifty options classes.¹⁴ Further, BX also amended the number of Short Term Option Series that the Exchange may open for each

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹³ See note 3 above.

¹⁴ See note 6 above.

expiration date in that class from twenty to thirty.¹⁵ At that time, the Exchange neglected to update the index options rules to make similar changes to the Short Term Option Series Program given that the amount of options classes that may participate in the Short Term Option Series Program is aggregated between equity options and index options instead of between equity and index options. Amending Options 4A, Section 12(h)(1)(i) to conform to the limitations provided within Supplementary .03 to Options 4, Section 5 will avoid confusion by making clear the aggregate limitations within equity and index options for listing Short Term Option Series. Also, aligning the limitations within Options 4A, Section 12(h)(1)(i) with those currently within Supplementary .03 to Options 4, Section 5 will not result in a greater number of listings in the Short Term Option Series Program because the amount of options classes that may participate in the Short Term Option Series Program is aggregated between equity options and index options instead of between equity and index options. Today, ISE, Phlx and Cboe have similar limitations within their equity and index Short Term Option Series Program.¹⁶

Other Non-Substantive Amendments

The Exchange's proposal to remove and reserve Equity 2, Section 3, "Nasdaq BX Market Participant Registration" represents a non-substantive amendment. Nasdaq recently filed to relocate a similar Nasdaq Rule into General 3, Rule 1032.¹⁷ BX's General 3 is incorporated by reference to Nasdaq's General 3, therefore the rule within Equity 2, Section 3 is not necessary as an identical rule exists within BX General 3, Rule 1000 Series.

¹⁵ See note 6 above.

¹⁶ See note 8 above.

¹⁷ See note 9 above.

The Exchange's proposal to make other amendments to reserve certain sections of the Rulebook, namely General 2, Sections 23 and 24 as well as Options 10, Sections 26 and 27, to harmonize section numbers across the Nasdaq affiliated markets are non-substantive.¹⁸

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.

Short Term Option Series

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Options 4A, Section 12

Amending Options 4A, Section 12(h)(1)(i) to conform to the limitations provided within Supplementary .03 to Options 4, Section 5 will avoid confusion by making clear the aggregate limitations within equity and index options for listing Short Term Option Series. Also, aligning the limitations within Options 4A, Section 12(h)(1)(i) with those currently within Supplementary .03 to Options 4, Section 5 will not result in a greater

¹⁸ See note 10 above.

¹⁹ See note 3 above.

number of listings in the Short Term Option Series Program because the amount of options classes that may participate in the Short Term Option Series Program is aggregated between equity options and index options instead of between equity and index options. Today, ISE, Phlx and Cboe has similar limitations within its equity and index Short Term Option Series Program.²⁰

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The Exchange's proposal to make other amendments to reserve certain sections of the Rulebook, namely General 2, Sections 23 and 24 as well as Options 10, Sections 26 and 27, to harmonize section numbers across the Nasdaq affiliated markets are non-substantive.²²

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

²⁰ See note 8 above.

²¹ See note 9 above.

²² See note 10 above.

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)(iii) of the Act²³ and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.²⁴

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 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:

²³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

²⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file 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 Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

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. Please include File Number SR-BX-2022-024 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-BX-2022-024. 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 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; 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-BX-2022-024 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.²⁵

J. Matthew DeLesDernier
Assistant Secretary

²⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

EXHIBIT 5

New text is underlined; deleted text is in brackets.

Nasdaq BX, Inc. Rules

General Equity and Options Rules

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General 2 Organization and Administration

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Section 23. Reserved

Section 24. Reserved

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Equity Rules

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Equity 2 Market Participants

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Section 3. Reserved[Nasdaq BX Market Participant Registration

(a) Participation in the Nasdaq BX Market as a BX Market Maker, BX ECN or Order Entry Firm requires current registration as such with the Exchange. Such registration shall be conditioned upon the participant's initial and continuing compliance with the following requirements:

- (1) execution of applicable agreements with the Exchange;
- (2) membership in, or access arrangement with a participant of, a clearing agency registered with the Commission which maintains facilities through which Nasdaq BX Market compared trades may be settled;
- (3) compliance with all applicable rules and operating procedures of the Exchange and the Commission in their use of the System;
- (4) maintenance of the physical security of the equipment located on the premises of the BX Market Maker, BX ECN or Order Entry Firm to prevent the improper use or access to Exchange systems, including unauthorized entry of information into the Nasdaq BX Market;
- (5) acceptance and settlement of each Nasdaq BX Market trade that the Nasdaq BX Market identifies as having been effected by such participant, or if settlement is to be made through another clearing member, guarantee of the acceptance and settlement of such identified

Nasdaq BX Market trade by the clearing member on the regularly scheduled settlement date;
and

(6) input of accurate information into the System, including, but not limited to, whether the member acted in a principal, agent, or riskless principal capacity.

A member's registration shall become effective upon receipt by the member of notice of an approval of registration by the Exchange. The registration required hereunder will apply solely to the qualification of a Participant to participate in the System. Such registration shall not be conditioned upon registration in any particular Nasdaq BX Market securities.

(b) Each BX Market Maker, BX ECN or Order Entry Firm shall be under a continuing obligation to inform the Exchange of noncompliance with any of the registration requirements set forth above.

(c) The Exchange may impose upon any BX Market Maker, BX ECN or Order Entry Firm such temporary restrictions upon the automated entry or updating of orders or Quotes/Orders as the Exchange may determine to be necessary to protect the integrity of the Exchange's systems. For example, such temporary restrictions may be necessary to address a system problem at a particular BX Market Maker, BX ECN or Order Entry Firm or at the Exchange, or an unexpected period of extremely high message traffic. The scope of any such restrictions shall be communicated to the affected BX Market Maker, BX ECN or Order Entry Firm in writing.]

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Options Rules

Options 1 General Provisions

Section 1. Definitions

(a) With respect to these BX Options Rules, the following terms shall have the meanings specified in this Rule. A term defined elsewhere in the Rules of the Exchange shall have the same meaning with respect to this Rule, unless otherwise defined below.

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(58) The term "Short Term Option Series" means a series in an option class that is approved for listing and trading on the Exchange in which the series is opened for trading on any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday that is a business day and that expires on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday of the next business week, or, in the case of a series that is listed on a Friday and expires on a Monday, is listed one business week and one business day prior to that expiration. If a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday is not a business day, the series may be opened (or shall expire) on the first business day immediately prior to that Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, respectively. For a series listed pursuant to this Rule for Monday expiration, if a Monday is not a business day, the series shall expire on the first business day immediately following that Monday.

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Options 4A Options Index Rules

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Section 12. Terms of Index Options Contracts

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(1) **Short Term Option Series Program.** After an index option class has been approved for listing and trading on the Exchange, the Exchange may open for trading on any Thursday or Friday that is a business day ("Short Term Option Opening Date") series of options on that class that expire on the Friday of the following business week that is a business day ("Short Term Option Expiration Date"). If the Exchange is not open for business on the respective Thursday or Friday, the Short Term Option Opening Date will be the first business day immediately prior to that respective Thursday or Friday. Similarly, if the Exchange is not open for business on the Friday of the following business week, the Short Term Option Expiration Date will be the first business day immediately prior to that Friday. Regarding Short Term Option Series:

(i) Classes. The Exchange may select up to [thirty (30)]fifty (50) currently listed option classes on which Short Term Option Series may be opened on any Short Term Option Opening Date. In addition to the [thirty-]fifty (50) option class restriction, the Exchange also may list Short Term Option Series on any option classes that are selected by other securities exchanges that employ a similar program under their respective rules. For each index option class eligible for participation in the Short Term Option Series Program, the Exchange may open up to [twenty (20)]thirty (30) Short Term Option Series on index options for each expiration date in that class. The Exchange may also open Short Term Option Series that are opened by other securities exchanges in option classes selected by such exchanges under their respective short term option rules.

(ii) Expiration. No Short Term Option Series on an index option class may expire in the same week during which any monthly option series on the same index class expire or, in the case of Quarterly Options Series, on an expiration that coincides with an expiration of Quarterly Option Series on the same index class.

(iii) Initial Series. The strike price of each Short Term Option Series will be fixed at a price per share, with approximately the same number of strike prices being opened above and below the calculated value of the underlying index at about the time that the Short Term Option Series are initially opened for trading on the Exchange (e.g., if seven (7) series are initially opened, there will be at least three (3) strike prices above and three (3) strike prices below the value of the underlying security or calculated index value). Any strike prices listed by the Exchange shall be within thirty percent (30%) above or below the current value of the underlying index.

(iv) Additional Series. If the Exchange has opened less than twenty (20) Short Term Option Series for a Short Term Option Expiration Date, additional series may be opened for trading on the Exchange when the Exchange deems it necessary to maintain an orderly market, to meet customer demand or when the current value of the underlying index moves substantially from the exercise price or prices of the series already opened. Any additional strike prices listed by the Exchange shall be within thirty percent (30%) above or below the current value of the underlying index. The Exchange may also open additional strike prices of Short Term Option Series that are more than 30% above or below the current value of the underlying index provided that demonstrated customer interest exists for such series, as expressed by institutional, corporate or individual customers or their brokers. Market-Makers trading for their own account shall not be considered when determining customer interest under this provision. The opening of the new Short Term Option Series shall not affect the series of options of the same class previously opened.

(v) Strike Interval. The interval between strike prices on Short Term Option Series shall be the same as the strike prices for series in that same index option class that expire in accordance with the normal monthly expiration cycle.

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Options 10 Doing Business With the Public

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Section 26. Reserved

Section 27. Reserved

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