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 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of CBOE. 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–CBOE–2012–036 and should be submitted on or before May 8, 2012.8

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.
Kevin M. O’Neill,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations: The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend Rule 4751

April 11, 2012.

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 April 5, 2012, The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC (“NASDAQ” or the “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by NASDAQ. 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

NASDAQ is filing this proposed rule change to amend the definition of “Directed Orders” in Rule 4751(f)(9).

The text of the proposed rule change is below. Proposed new language is italicized; proposed deletions are in brackets.3

4751. Definitions
(a)–(e) No change.
(f) The term “Order Type” shall mean the unique processing prescribed for designated orders that are eligible for entry into the System, and shall include: (1)–(8) No change.
(9) “Directed Orders” are orders that are directed to an exchange other than Nasdaq as directed by the entering party without checking the Nasdaq book. If unexecuted, the order (or unexecuted portion thereof) shall be returned to the entering party. [This option may only be used for orders with time-in-force parameters of IOC.]

Directed Orders may be designated as intermarket sweep orders by the entering party to execute against the full displayed size of any protected bid or offer (as defined in Rule 600(b) of Regulation NMS under the Act). A broker-dealer that designates an order as an intermarket sweep order has the responsibility of complying with Rules 610 and 611 of Regulation NMS. Directed Orders marked as intermarket sweep may only be used with time-in-force parameters of IOC.

Directed Orders may not be directed to a facility of an exchange that is an affiliate of Nasdaq except for Directed Orders directed to the NASDAQ OMX BX Equities Market or to the NASDAQ OMX PSX facility of NASDAQ OMX PHLX.

(10)–(13) No change.
(g)–(i) No change.

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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

1. Purpose

Rule 4751(f)(9) defines a “Directed Order” as an order that is directed to an exchange other than NASDAQ as directed by the entering party without checking the NASDAQ book and, if unexecuted, the order (or unexecuted portion thereof) must be returned to the entering party. Currently, however, this option is only available for Directed Orders with time-in-force (“Time-in-Force”) parameters of immediate or cancel (“IOC”).

NASDAQ proposes to modify Rule 4751(f)(9) by removing the above restriction. The elimination of this restriction would then allow the Nasdaq Market Center (“System”) via its broker-dealer, NASDAQ Execution Services (“NES”), to direct customer orders that would post liquidity to particular away markets. This would further enable members to specify the maximum length of time to allow these orders to remain booked in accordance with any applicable rules of the away market. The proposed rule change would enhance order execution opportunities for market participants by increasing the mobility of liquidity, augmenting liquidity at less liquid venues and generally increasing the interconnectedness of the exchanges.

Additionally, Rule 4751(f)(9) would be clarified to specifically state that a Directed Order that is marked as an intermarket sweep order must be marked as IOC. By making this clarification, NASDAQ will prevent its routing broker from locking or crossing an away market because of customer instructions.

The proposed rule change, in essence, makes the Exchange’s Directed Order similar to the BATS Exchange’s “Modified Destination Specific Order.”5 The remaining difference

2 Time-in-Force denotes the period of time that the Nasdaq Market Center will hold an order for potential execution. See NASDAQ Rule 4751(h).
between the two order types is that for the BATS Modified Destination Specific Order, orders that are not executed in full are returned to the exchange, while for NASDAQ Directed Orders, orders that are not executed in full would be returned to the customer.

The only reason initially for the inclusion of this restrictive clause in Rule 4751(f)(9) was to accurately reflect the configuration of the Direct Order router. Since NASDAQ now intends to provide all Directed Orders with the option of being directed to away markets to post liquidity, the configuration of the System must be similarly updated to reflect this change.

The elimination of this restriction also serves to increase investor choice. Specifically, Directed Order types that do not include an IOC instruction would now provide investors with an additional method of connecting to another exchange for the purpose of providing liquidity. Users of NASDAQ’s router would be able to, for example, post two-sided quotes on any exchange without having to establish connectivity to these exchanges separately. The proposed rule change also would improve the competitive landscape by creating a means by which NASDAQ customers could post liquidity at away markets and, thereby, remove barriers to participation on these markets.

Finally, NASDAQ already permits order types that allow for the posting of liquidity at away markets. In particular, the DOTI strategy has the ability to post to the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"). DOTI is a routing option for orders that the entering firm wishes to direct to NYSE or NYSE Amex without returning to the System. DOTI orders check the System for available shares and then are sent to destinations on the System routing table before being sent to NYSE or NYSE Amex, as appropriate. DOTI orders do not return to the System after routing. The entering firm may alternatively elect to have DOTI orders check the System for available shares and thereafter be directly sent to NYSE or NYSE Amex as appropriate.

2. Statutory Basis

NASDAQ believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act, in general, and with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act, in particular, in that the proposal is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, 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.

Specifically, by eliminating the restriction which permits only Directed Orders with Time-in-Force parameters of IOC, as well as by clarifying that a Directed Order that is marked as an intermarket sweep order must also be marked as IOC, NASDAQ believes that the proposed rule change will enhance the interconnectedness of the national market system, increase investor choice, and improve order execution opportunities for market participants by increasing the mobility of liquidity, removing barriers to participation, and augmenting liquidity at less liquid venues. Thus, the proposed rule change will directly foster cooperation and will remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market, and is fully consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.

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

NASDAQ 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, as amended. NASDAQ believes that the proposed rule change will serve to increase the interconnectedness of the national market system and also serves to increase investor choice by allowing the System via NES to direct customer orders that would post liquidity to particular away markets. The changes will also enhance NASDAQ’s competitive stance vis-à-vis the Modified Destination Specific Order of the BATS Exchange.

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 Act and Rule 19b–4(f)(6) thereunder.

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–NASDAQ–2012–049 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR–NASDAQ–2012–049. 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

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6 See NASDAQ Rule 4758(a)(1)(A).
SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Public Availability of U.S. Small Business Administration FY 2010 Service Contract Inventory

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.


SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 743 of Division C of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111–17), the Small Business Administration is publishing this notice to advise the public of the availability of the FY 2011 Service Contract inventory. This inventory provides information on service, contract actions over $25,000 that were made in FY 2011. The information is organized by function to show how contracted resources are distributed throughout the agency. The inventory has been developed in accordance with guidance issued on November 5, 2010 by the Office of Management and Budget’s Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP). OFPP’s guidance is available at http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/procurement/memo/service-contract-inventories-guidance-11052010.pdf. The Small Business Administration has posted its inventory and a summary of the inventory on the Small Business Administration homepage at the following link: http://www.sba.gov/content/service-contract-inventory.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions regarding the service contract inventory should be directed to William Cody in the Procurement Division at (303) 844–3499 or William.Cody@sba.gov.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Emergency Clearance Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages requiring clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law 104–13, the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. This notice includes requests for expedited emergency clearance of a new collection and a revision of an existing OMB-approved information collection.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency’s burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility, and clarity; and ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Mail, email, or fax your comments and recommendations on the information collection(s) to the OMB Desk Officer and SSA Reports Clearance Director at the following addresses or fax numbers.

OMB, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA, Fax: 202–395–6974, mail address: OIRA Submission@omb.eop.gov.

SSA, Social Security Administration, DCRDP, Attn: Reports Clearance Officer, 107 Altmyer Building, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235, Fax: 410–966–2830, Email address: OPLM.RCO@ssa.gov.

SSA submitted the information collections below to OMB for Emergency Clearance. SSA is requesting Emergency Clearance from OMB no later than May 17, 2012. Your comments regarding the information collections would be most useful if OMB and SSA receive them within 30 days from the date of this publication. To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than May 17, 2012. Individuals can obtain copies of the collection instruments by contacting the SSA Reports Clearance Director at the above fax number or email address.

1. Protecting the Public and Our Personnel To Ensure Operational Effectiveness (RIN 0960–AH35), Regulation 3729F—20 CFR 422.905, 422.906—0960—NEW

Background

When members of the public demonstrate disruptive, violent, or threatening actions or behavior toward SSA employees, the agency will take measures to ensure the safety of everyone involved, including banning such individuals from appearing in person at any of our field offices. In lieu of in-person office visits, the agency provides services to banned individuals through alternate methods, including our 800 number, online applications, mail services, or, in limited circumstances, face-to-face services by appointment with additional security present.

On September 2, 2011, the agency published regulations and notifications...