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Section 806(e)(1) * Section 806(e)(2) *
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Security-Based Swap Submission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
Section 3C(b)(2) *
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Description
Provide a brief description of the action (limit 250 characters, required when Initial is checked *).

A proposal to modify an aspect of the implementation of Rule 4626b3, as previously described in SR-NASDAQ-2013-152, and to make a related amendment to the text of Rule 4626b3E.

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 Act of 1934,

has duly caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date 12/24/2013 Executive Vice President and General Counsel
By Edward S. Knight

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| Form 19b-4 Information * | The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the proposal is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act. |
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| Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change * | The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Register Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all references to the federal securities laws must include the corresponding cite to the United States Code in a footnote. All references to SEC rules must include the corresponding cite to the Code of Federal Regulations in a footnote. All references to Securities Exchange Act Releases must include the release number, release date, Federal Register cite, Federal Register date, and corresponding file number (e.g., SR-[SRO] -xx-xx). A material failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the proposed rule change being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3) |
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| Exhibit 2 - Notices, Written Comments, Transcripts, Other Communications | Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction F, they shall be filed in accordance with Instruction G. |
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| Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire | 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 4 - Marked Copies | The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit the staff to identify immediately the changes made from the text of the rule with which it has been working. |
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| Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text | 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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| Partial Amendment | If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy proposed rule change, it may, with the Commission's permission, file only those portions of the text of the proposed rule change in which changes are being made if the filing (i.e. partial amendment) is clearly understandable on its face. Such partial amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions. |
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1. **Text of the Proposed Rule Change**

   (a) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")\(^1\) and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,\(^2\) The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq" or "Exchange") is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") a proposal to modify an aspect of the implementation of Rule 4626(b)(3), as previously described in SR-NASDAQ-2013-152,\(^3\) and to make a related amendment to the text of Rule 4626(b)(3)(E).

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

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   **Rule 4626. Limitation of Liability**

   (a) No change.

   (b) Nasdaq, subject to the express limits set forth below, may compensate users of the Nasdaq Market Center for losses directly resulting from the systems’ actual failure to correctly process an order, Quote/Order, message, or other data, provided the Nasdaq Market Center has acknowledged receipt of the order, Quote/Order, message, or data.

   (1) – (2) No change.

   (3) Notwithstanding subsections (b)(1) and (2) above, for the aggregate of all claims alleged by all market participants related to errors in the Nasdaq Halt and Imbalance Cross Process in connection with the initial public offering of Facebook, Inc. (the "Cross"), including any delay in delivery of confirmations of orders in Facebook, Inc. stock on May 18, 2012, the total amount of Nasdaq’s payment shall not exceed $62 million. Eligibility of claims for payment shall be determined in accordance with the following procedures:

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(A) – (D) No change.

(E) FINRA shall provide to the Nasdaq Board of Directors and the Board of Directors of The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc. an analysis of the total value of eligible claims submitted under this subsection (b)(3). Nasdaq will thereafter file with the Securities and Exchange Commission a rule proposal setting forth the amount of eligible claims under the standards set forth in this Rule and the amount proposed to be paid to members by Nasdaq. In no event shall Nasdaq make any payments on claims pursuant to this subsection (b)(3) until the rule proposal setting forth the amount of eligible claims becomes effective [and final]. All payments shall be made in cash.

(F) –(H) No change.

(4) – (6) No change.

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(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

The proposed rule change was approved by senior management of NASDAQ pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors of NASDAQ on July 17, 2013. NASDAQ staff will advise the Board of Directors of NASDAQ of any action taken pursuant to delegated authority. No other action by NASDAQ is necessary for the filing of the rule change.

Questions and comments on the proposed rule change may be directed to John Yetter, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, The NASDAQ OMX Group (“NASDAQ OMX”), at (301) 978-8400.

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

a. Purpose

Rule 4626(b)(3) established a one-time, voluntary accommodation policy for claims arising from system difficulties that Nasdaq experienced during the initial public
offering ("IPO") of Facebook, Inc. ("Facebook" or "FB") on May 18, 2012.\footnote{See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 69216 (March 22, 2013), 78 FR 19040 (March 28, 2013) (SR-NASDAQ-2012-090) (order approving Nasdaq proposal to adopt Rule 4626(b)(3) (the “Approval Order”)); 67507 (July 26, 2012), 77 FR 45706 (August 1, 2012) (SR-NASDAQ-2012-090) (proposal to adopt Rule 4626(b)(3)).} The rule describes the methodology for submission, evaluation, and payment of such claims. Among other things, Rule 4626(b)(3)(E) provides that “Nasdaq will … file with the Securities and Exchange Commission a rule proposal setting forth the amount of eligible claims under the standards set forth in this Rule and the amount proposed to be paid to members by Nasdaq.” On December 9, 2013, Nasdaq submitted SR-NASDAQ-2013-152 to satisfy this requirement.

In SR-NASDAQ-2013-152, Nasdaq described, among other things, the scope of Rule 4626(b)(3), the process used to evaluate claims, the results of that process, and the process for payment of claims. With regard to the latter aspect of the filing, Nasdaq stated that it would pay all valid claims in accordance with the payment instructions provided by the claimant, “immediately upon the expiration of the 60-day time period during which [SR-NASDAQ-2013-152] is subject to suspension by the Commission.” Moreover, Rule 4626(b)(3)(E) provides that “[i]n no event shall Nasdaq make any payments on claims pursuant to this subsection (b)(3) until the rule proposal setting forth the amount of eligible claims becomes effective and final” (emphasis added).

Nasdaq believes that it would be consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest to pay claimants sooner. Accordingly, Nasdaq is submitting this proposed rule change to modify this aspect of the implementation of Rule 4626(b)(3) by deleting the word “final” from Rule 4626(b)(3)(E). In order to implement this
modification as quickly as possible, Nasdaq is requesting that the Commission waive the
operative delay requirement provided for by Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii). If such waiver is
granted, Nasdaq intends to pay all valid claims as soon as practicable thereafter.

b. **Statutory Basis**

Nasdaq believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of
the Act in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act in particular,
because the proposal 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. In the
Approval Order, the Commission found that Rule 4626(b)(3) is consistent with Act
because it “sets forth objective and transparent processes to determine eligible claims and
how such claims would be paid to Nasdaq members that elect to participate in the
accommodation plan.” The Commission further determined that providing compensation
pursuant to the rule would be in the public interest and that the rule would encourage
members to compensate their customers. Similarly, Nasdaq believes that this proposed

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6 15 U.S.C. § 78f(b) (setting forth the prerequisites for registration as a national
    securities exchange).
7 15 U.S.C. § 78f(b)(5) (requiring that an exchange’s rules be “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; and not [be] designed to
    permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers, or to
    regulate by virtue of any authority conferred by this chapter matters not related to
    the purposes of this chapter or the administration of the exchange”).
rule change is consistent with the Act because it will allow Nasdaq to accomplish the approved objectives of the Rule 4626(b)(3) through final payment of eligible claims without further delay.

4. **Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Burden on Competition**

   Nasdaq believes that the proposed rule change will not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. Specifically, the proposed rule change does not relate to the provision of goods or services, nor does it impose regulatory restrictions on the ability of members to compete. Accordingly, the change does not affect competition in any respect.

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

   Not applicable.

6. **Extension of Time Period for Commission Action**

   Nasdaq 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 proposed rule change is effective upon filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act\(^8\) and paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder,\(^9\) in that the proposed rule change: (i) does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) does not become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing, or such shorter time as the Commission

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may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest; provided the self-regulatory organization has given 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.

Nasdaq believes that the proposed rule change does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest and does not impose any significant burden on competition. Specifically, the proposed rule change allows Nasdaq to implement with greater speed a rule that the Commission has already determined to be in the public interest, and does not affect competition in any respect. Accordingly, Nasdaq requests that the Commission waive the operative delay requirement of Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii)\(^\text{10}\) in order to allow payment without further delay. If such waiver is granted, Nasdaq intends to pay all valid claims as soon as practicable thereafter.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

11. Exhibits

1. Completed notice of proposed rule change for publication in the Federal Register.
Self-Regulatory Organizations; The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Modify an Aspect of the Implementation of Rule 4626(b)(3)

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 December 24, 2013, The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("NASDAQ" 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 is filing a proposal to modify an aspect of the implementation of Rule 4626(b)(3), as previously described in SR-NASDAQ-2013-152,\(^3\) and to make a related amendment to the text of Rule 4626(b)(3)(E). The text of the proposed rule change is below. Proposed new language is underlined; proposed deletions are in brackets.

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(a) No change.

(b) Nasdaq, subject to the express limits set forth below, may compensate users of the Nasdaq Market Center for losses directly resulting from the systems’ actual failure to correctly process an order, Quote/Order, message, or other data, provided the Nasdaq Market Center has acknowledged receipt of the order, Quote/Order, message, or data. (1) – (2) No change.

(3) Notwithstanding subsections (b)(1) and (2) above, for the aggregate of all claims alleged by all market participants related to errors in the Nasdaq Halt and Imbalance Cross Process in connection with the initial public offering of Facebook, Inc. (the “Cross”), including any delay in delivery of confirmations of orders in Facebook, Inc. stock on May 18, 2012, the total amount of Nasdaq’s payment shall not exceed $62 million. Eligibility of claims for payment shall be determined in accordance with the following procedures:

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(F) –(H) No change.
(4) – (6) 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 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

Rule 4626(b)(3) established a one-time, voluntary accommodation policy for claims arising from system difficulties that Nasdaq experienced during the initial public offering (“IPO”) of Facebook, Inc. (“Facebook” or “FB”) on May 18, 2012. The rule describes the methodology for submission, evaluation, and payment of such claims. Among other things, Rule 4626(b)(3)(E) provides that “Nasdaq will … file with the Securities and Exchange Commission a rule proposal setting forth the amount of eligible claims under the standards set forth in this Rule and the amount proposed to be paid to

members by Nasdaq.” On December 9, 2013, Nasdaq submitted SR-NASDAQ-2013-152 to satisfy this requirement.

In SR-NASDAQ-2013-152, Nasdaq described, among other things, the scope of Rule 4626(b)(3), the process used to evaluate claims, the results of that process, and the process for payment of claims. With regard to the latter aspect of the filing, Nasdaq stated that it would pay all valid claims in accordance with the payment instructions provided by the claimant, “immediately upon the expiration of the 60-day time period during which [SR-NASDAQ-2013-152] is subject to suspension by the Commission.”

Moreover, Rule 4626(b)(3)(E) provides that “[i]n no event shall Nasdaq make any payments on claims pursuant to this subsection (b)(3) until the rule proposal setting forth the amount of eligible claims becomes effective and final” (emphasis added).

Nasdaq believes that it would be consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest to pay claimants sooner. Accordingly, Nasdaq is submitting this proposed rule change to modify this aspect of the implementation of Rule 4626(b)(3) by deleting the word “final” from Rule 4626(b)(3)(E). In order to implement this modification as quickly as possible, Nasdaq is requesting that the Commission waive the operative delay requirement provided for by Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii). If such waiver is granted, Nasdaq intends to pay all valid claims as soon as practicable thereafter.

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2. Statutory Basis

Nasdaq believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act\textsuperscript{6} in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act\textsuperscript{7} in particular, because the proposal 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. In the Approval Order, the Commission found that Rule 4626(b)(3) is consistent with Act because it “sets forth objective and transparent processes to determine eligible claims and how such claims would be paid to Nasdaq members that elect to participate in the accommodation plan.” The Commission further determined that providing compensation pursuant to the rule would be in the public interest and that the rule would encourage members to compensate their customers. Similarly, Nasdaq believes that this proposed rule change is consistent with the Act because it will allow Nasdaq to accomplish the approved objectives of the Rule 4626(b)(3) through final payment of eligible claims without further delay.

\textsuperscript{6} 15 U.S.C. § 78f(b) (setting forth the prerequisites for registration as a national securities exchange).

\textsuperscript{7} 15 U.S.C. § 78f(b)(5) (requiring that an exchange’s rules be “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; and not [be] designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers, or to regulate by virtue of any authority conferred by this chapter matters not related to the purposes of this chapter or the administration of the exchange”).
B. **Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition**

Nasdaq believes that the proposed rule change will not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. Specifically, the proposed rule change does not relate to the provision of goods or services, nor does it impose regulatory restrictions on the ability of members to compete. Accordingly, the change does not affect competition in any respect.

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.

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)(ii) of the Act\(^8\) and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.\(^9\) 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: (i) necessary or appropriate in the public interest; (ii) for the protection of investors; or (iii) 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.

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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 e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-NASDAQ-2013-165 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-2013-165. 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-NASDAQ-2013-165 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.  

Kevin M O’Neill  
Deputy Secretary

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