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Amend the Definitions of Class and Series

Contact Information

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

Date 12/20/2024 (Title *)

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Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change *

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Exhibit 1A - Notice of Proposed Rule Change, Security-Based Swap Submission, or Advanced Notice by Clearing Agencies *

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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 Options 1, Section 1, Definitions, to amend the definitions of “class” and “series”.

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:

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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 Options 1, Section 1, Definitions. The Exchange also proposes certain technical amendments in Options 3, Section 7, Types of Orders and Order and Quote Protocols, and Options 3, Section 15, Risk Protections.

Options 1, Section 1

The Exchange proposes to amend the definition of class at Options 1, Section 1(a)(15) to align the definition of class which currently states,

The term “class” means, when applied to options, all option contracts of the same type and style covering the same underlying interest; provided, however, that OTC options and listed options that would otherwise constitute a single class of options shall constitute separate classes. When applied to futures, the term "class" means all futures covering the same underlying interest.

The Exchange proposes to amend the defined term “class” to “class of options” and align the defined term to the description of “class of options” on Nasdaq ISE, LLC (“ISE”), Nasdaq GEMX, LLC (“GEMX”), and Nasdaq MRX, LLC (“MRX”) at Options 1, Section 1(a)(15). As proposed, a “class of options” means all options contracts covering the same underlying security.

The current definition of class corresponds to the definition as used when options trading began on the Exchange in the 1970s. However, as options trading grew, the term class became understood to include both puts and calls. This is consistent with current industry use of the term “class” and use of the term class throughout the Exchange’s Rules. Because a class is generally understood to include both puts and calls, which are types of series, not separate classes, the current definition of class is outdated. As

described above, options with the same exercise price and expiration date that are puts constitute one series, and options with the same exercise price and expiration date that are calls constitute another series. This is also the case for options classes with different styles (i.e., American or European).³ Options with different styles are considered to be one class. The proposed definition is a more accurate definition of what options constitute a class today on the Exchange.

Additionally, the Exchange notes that the rule text related to OTC options and listed options which provides, "...provided, however, that OTC options⁴ and listed options that would otherwise constitute a single class of options shall constitute separate classes" is being removed because the Exchange's options rules apply to listed options only. The Exchange's options rules do not mention OTC options. There is no necessity to describe OTC options in the definition of class as the Exchange's listing and trading and other options rules apply to listed options only which overlie securities. Further, the Exchange notes that the rule text related to futures which provides, "[w]hen applied to futures, the term "class" means all futures covering the same underlying interest" is being removed because the Exchange's options rules do not apply to futures. While futures are mentioned in contexts that apply to related instruments, BX's listing and trading and

³ The term "American-style option" means an options contract that, subject to the provisions of Options 6B, Section 1 of these BX Options Rules (relating to the cutoff time for exercise instructions) and to the Rules of the Clearing Corporation, may be exercised at any time from its commencement time until its expiration. See BX Options 1, Section 1(a)(4). The term "European-style option" means an options contract that, subject to the provisions of Options 6B, Section 1 of these Rules (relating to the cutoff time for exercise instructions) and to the Rules of the Clearing Corporation, can be exercised only on the business day of expiration, or, in the case of option contracts expiring on a day that is not a business day, the last business day prior to its expiration date. See BX Options 1, Section 1(a)(25).

⁴ An OTC option contract is defined as an option contract that is not listed on a National Securities Exchange or cleared at The Options Clearing Corporation.

other options rules apply to listed options only which overlie securities. The Exchange believes there is no necessity to retain this language.

This proposed rule change would harmonize BX's definition to ISE, GEMX and MRX.⁵ Further, the Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC ("MIAX"), MEMX LLC ("MEMX"), Cboe Exchange, Inc. ("Cboe"), and NYSE Arca, Inc. ("NYSE Arca") all have definitions for class of options that are substantially similar.⁶

The Exchange also proposes to amend the definition of series at Options 1, Section 1(a)(56) to align the definition of series which currently states,

The term "series," when used in respect of options, means all option contracts of the same class and having otherwise identical terms including exercise price (or, in the case of delayed start option contracts that do not yet have a set exercise price, the same exercise price setting formula and exercise price setting date), expiration date, unit of trading and, in the case of futures options or commodity options, series marker if any; and when used in respect of futures, means all futures of the same class having identical terms, including the same maturity date and series marker, if any.

The Exchange proposes to amend the defined term "series" to "series of options" and align the defined term to the description of "series of options" on ISE at Options 1, Section 1(a)(47), GEMX and MRX at Options 1, Section 1(a)(46). As proposed, a "series of options" means all options contracts of the same class having the same exercise price and expiration date. Series of options consists of options of the same type. This is consistent with current industry use of the term "series" and use of the term series

⁵ See ISE, GEMX and MRX Options 1, Section 1(a)(8).

⁶ MIAX's Rule 100 provides that the terms "class of options" or "option class" mean all option contracts covering the same underlying security. MEMX Rule 16.1 provides that the terms "class" or "class of options" mean all options contracts with the same unit of trading covering the same underlying security or index. Cboe Rule 1.1 provides that the term "class" means all option contracts with the same unit of trading covering the same underlying security or index. NYSE Arca Rule 1.1 provides that the term "class of options" or "class" means all series of options, both puts and calls, overlying the same underlying security.

throughout the Exchange's Rules. The proposed text would create a more accurate definition of what options constitute a series today on the Exchange.

Additionally, the Exchange is removing the reference to delayed start option contracts in the rule text which provides, "... (or, in the case of delayed start option contracts that do not yet have a set exercise price, the same exercise price setting formula and exercise price setting date)" as that language is not relevant. Today, BX's options rules do not reference delayed start option contracts. The Exchange notes that OCC's By-Laws defines the term "delayed start option" to mean "an option that at the commencement of trading does not have an exercise price but instead has an exercise price setting formula pursuant to which the exercise price will be fixed on the exercise price setting date for the series of delayed start option" at Article 1, Section 1 of the OCC's By-Laws. BX does not define a similar term in its options rules or utilizing such options. For these reasons, that parenthetical is being eliminated.

This proposed rule change would harmonize BX's definition to ISE at Options 1, Section 1(a)(47), GEMX and MRX at Options 1, Section 1(a)(46). The proposed change would be similar to definitions for series of options at MIAX, MEMX, Cboe, and NYSE Arca.⁷

Technical Amendments

The Exchange proposes to amend Options 3, Section 7, Types of Orders and

⁷ MIAX's Rule 100 provides that the term "series of options" means all option contracts of the same class having the same exercise price and expiration date. MEMX Rule 16.1 provides that the terms "series" or "series of options" mean all options contracts of the same class that are the same type of options and have the same exercise price and expiration date. Cboe Rule 1.1 provides that the terms "series" and "series of options" mean all option contracts of the same class that are the same type of option and have the same exercise price and expiration date. NYSE Arca Rule 1.1 provides that the term "series of options," "options series," or "series" means all options contracts of the same class of options having the same expiration date and expiration price, and the same unit of trading.

Order and Quote Protocols, and Options 3, Section 15, Risk Protections, to capitalize certain defined terms such as “Limit Order,” defined at Options 3, Section 7(a)(3), “Market Order” defined at Options 3, Section 7(a)(2), and “Opening Cross,” is defined at Options 3, Section 8. These amendments are non-substantive.

b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,⁸ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁹ 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.

Options 1, Section 1

Amending the definition of “class” at Options 1, Section 1(a)(15) and the definition of “series” at Options 1, Section 1(a)(56) is consistent with the Act as the new terms will provide a more accurate description of these terms that is consistent with current industry use and use of the terms throughout the Exchange’s Rules. A class is generally understood to include both puts and calls, which are types of series, not separate classes, the current definition of class is outdated. Also, options with different styles are considered to be the same class. Removing references to OTC is consistent with the Act because the Exchange’s rules apply to listed options only. The Exchange’s rules do not mention OTC options. There is no necessity to describe OTC options in the definition of class as the Exchange’s listing and trading and other rules apply to listed

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

options only which overlie securities. Further, removing references to futures is consistent with the Act because the Exchange's rules do not apply to futures. While futures are mentioned in contexts that apply to related instruments, BX's listing and trading and other rules apply to listed options only which overlie securities. The Exchange believes there is no necessity to retain this language. This proposed rule change would harmonize BX's definition to ISE, GEMX and MRX.¹⁰ Further, MIAX, MEMX, Cboe, and NYSE Arca all have definitions for class of options that are substantially similar.¹¹

The Exchange proposes to amend the defined term "series" to "series of options" and align the defined term to the description of "series of options" on ISE at Options 1, Section 1(a)(47), GEMX and MRX at Options 1, Section 1(a)(46) is consistent with the Act. As proposed, a "series of options" means all options contracts of the same class having the same exercise price and expiration date. Series of options consists of options of the same type. This is consistent with current industry use of the term "series" and use of the term series throughout the Exchange's Rules. The proposed text would create a more accurate definition of what options constitute a series today on the Exchange. Removing references to delayed start option contracts in the rule text is consistent with the Act because that language is not relevant. Today, BX's rules do not reference delayed start option contracts. The Exchange notes that OCC's By-Laws defines the term

¹⁰ See ISE, GEMX and MRX Options 1, Section 1(a)(8).

¹¹ MIAX's Rule 100 provides that the terms "class of options" or "option class" mean all option contracts covering the same underlying security. MEMX Rule 16.1 provides that the terms "class" or "class of options" mean all options contracts with the same unit of trading covering the same underlying security or index. Cboe Rule 1.1 provides that the term "class" means all option contracts with the same unit of trading covering the same underlying security or index. NYSE Arca Rule 1.1 provides that the term "class of options" or "class" means all series of options, both puts and calls, overlying the same underlying security.

“delayed start option” to mean “an option that at the commencement of trading does not have an exercise price but instead has an exercise price setting formula pursuant to which the exercise price will be fixed on the exercise price setting date for the series of delayed start option” at Article 1, Section 1 of the OCC’s By-Laws. BX does not define a similar term in its rules or utilizing such options. For these reasons, that parenthetical is being eliminated. This proposed rule change would harmonize BX’s definition to ISE at Options 1, Section 1(a)(47), GEMX and MRX at Options 1, Section 1(a)(46). The proposed change would be similar to definitions for series of options at MIAX, MEMX, Cboe, and NYSE Arca.¹²

Technical Amendments

The Exchange’s proposal to amend Options 3, Section 7, Types of Orders and Order and Quote Protocols, and Options 3, Section 15, Risk Protections, to capitalize certain defined terms such as “Limit Order,” defined at Options 3, Section 7(a)(3), “Market Order” defined at Options 3, Section 7(a)(2), and “Opening Cross,” is defined at Options 3, Section 8 are non-substantive.

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.

¹² MIAX’s Rule 100 provides that the term “series of options” means all option contracts of the same class having the same exercise price and expiration date. MEMX Rule 16.1 provides that the terms “series” or “series of options” mean all options contracts of the same class that are the same type of options and have the same exercise price and expiration date. Cboe Rule 1.1 provides that the terms “series” and “series of options” mean all option contracts of the same class that are the same type of option and have the same exercise price and expiration date. NYSE Arca Rule 1.1 provides that the term “series of options,” “options series,” or “series” means all options contracts of the same class of options having the same expiration date and expiration price, and the same unit of trading.

Options 1, Section 1

The Exchange's proposal to amend the definition of "class" at Options 1, Section 1(a)(15) and the definition of "series" at Options 1, Section 1(a)(56) do not impose an undue burden on intra-market competition as the use of these terms would apply uniformly to all BX Participants.¹³

The Exchange's proposal to amend the definition of "class" at Options 1, Section 1(a)(15) does not impose an undue burden on intermarket competition as other exchanges have similar definitions.¹⁴ The Exchange's proposal to amend the definition of "series" at Options 1, Section 1(a)(56) does not impose an undue burden on intermarket competition as other exchanges have similar definitions.¹⁵

¹³ The term "Options Participant" or "Participant" mean a firm, or organization that is registered with the Exchange pursuant to Options 2A of these Rules for purposes of participating in options trading on BX Options as a "BX Options Order Entry Firm" or "BX Options Market Maker." See Options 1, Section 1(a)(40).

¹⁴ ISE, GEMX and MRX definitions of "class of options" at Options 1, Section 1(a)(8) are identical. Also, MIAX, MEMX, Cboe, and NYSE Arca, Inc. all have definitions for class of options that are substantially similar. MIAX's Rule 100 provides that the terms "class of options" or "option class" mean all option contracts covering the same underlying security. MEMX Rule 16.1 provides that the terms "class" or "class of options" mean all options contracts with the same unit of trading covering the same underlying security or index. Cboe Rule 1.1 provides that the term "class" means all option contracts with the same unit of trading covering the same underlying security or index. NYSE Arca Rule 1.1 provides that the term "class of options" or "class" means all series of options, both puts and calls, overlying the same underlying security.

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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

Not applicable.

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)¹⁶ of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder¹⁷ in that it effects a change that: (i) does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) 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's proposal does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest, because amending the definition of "class" at Options 1, Section

¹⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

¹⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

1(a)(15) and the definition of “series” at Options 1, Section 1(a)(56) will provide a more accurate description of these terms that is consistent with current industry use and use of the terms throughout the Exchange’s Rules. A class is generally understood to include both puts and calls, which are types of series, not separate classes, the current definition of class is outdated. Removing references to OTC is consistent with the Act because the Exchange’s rules apply to listed options only. The Exchange’s rules do not mention OTC options. There is no necessity to describe OTC options in the definition of class as the Exchange’s listing and trading and other rules apply to listed options only which overlie securities. Further, removing references to futures is consistent with the Act because the Exchange’s rules do not apply to futures. While futures are mentioned in contexts that apply to related instruments, BX’s listing and trading and other rules apply to listed options only which overlie securities. The Exchange believes there is no necessity to retain this language. This proposed rule change would harmonize BX’s definition to ISE, GEMX and MRX.¹⁸ Further, MIAX, MEMX, Cboe, and NYSE Arca all have definitions for class of options that are substantially similar.¹⁹ The Exchange proposes to amend the defined term “series” to “series of options” and align the defined term to the description of “series of options” on ISE at Options 1, Section 1(a)(47), GEMX and MRX at Options 1, Section 1(a)(46) does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest. As proposed, a “series of options” means all options contracts of the same class

¹⁸ See ISE, GEMX and MRX Options 1, Section 1(a)(8).

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Removing references to delayed start option contracts in the rule text is consistent with the Act because that language is not relevant. Today, BX’s rules do not reference delayed start option contracts. The Exchange notes that OCC’s By-Laws defines the term “delayed start option” to mean “an option that at the commencement of trading does not have an exercise price but instead has an exercise price setting formula pursuant to which the exercise price will be fixed on the exercise price setting date for the series of delayed start option” at Article 1, Section 1 of the OCC’s By-Laws. BX does not define a similar term in its rules or utilizing such options. For these reasons, that parenthetical is being eliminated. This proposed rule change would harmonize Phlx’s definition to ISE at Options 1, Section 1(a)(47), GEMX and MRX at Options 1, Section 1(a)(46). The proposed change would be similar to definitions for series of options at MIAX, MEMX, Cboe, and NYSE Arca.²⁰ The Exchange’s proposal does not impose an undue burden on competition as the definitions of “series of options” and “class of options” would apply uniformly to all Participants.

²⁰ MIAX’s Rule 100 provides that the term “series of options” means all option contracts of the same class having the same exercise price and expiration date. MEMX Rule 16.1 provides that the terms “series” or “series of options” mean all options contracts of the same class that are the same type of options and have the same exercise price and expiration date. Cboe Rule 1.1 provides that the terms “series” and “series of options” mean all option contracts of the same class that are the same type of option and have the same exercise price and expiration date. NYSE Arca Rule 1.1 provides that the term “series of options,” “options series,” or “series” means all options contracts of the same class of options having the same expiration date and expiration price, and the same unit of trading.

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Furthermore, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii)²¹ 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.

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

The Exchange’s proposal to amend the definition of “class” at Options 1, Section 1(a)(15) would align the rule text identically to ISE, GEMX and MRX definitions of “class of options” at Options 1, Section 1(a)(8). The Exchange’s proposal to amend the definition of “series” at Options 1, Section 1(a)(56) would align the rule text identically to ISE, GEMX and MRX definitions of “series of options” at ISE at Options 1, Section 1(a)(47), GEMX and MRX at Options 1, Section 1(a)(46).

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

Not Applicable.

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

Not Applicable.

²¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

11. Exhibits

1. Notice of Proposed Rule Change for publication in the Federal Register.
5. Rule text of proposed rules.

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
(Release No. _____ ; File No. SR-BX-2024-060)

December __, 2024

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq BX, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Amend the Definitions of “Class” and “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 December 20, 2024, 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 Options 1, Section 1, Definitions, to amend the definitions of “class” and “series”.

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

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

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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 Options 1, Section 1, Definitions. The Exchange also proposes certain technical amendments in Options 3, Section 7, Types of Orders and Order and Quote Protocols, and Options 3, Section 15, Risk Protections.

Options 1, Section 1

The Exchange proposes to amend the definition of class at Options 1, Section 1(a)(15) to align the definition of class which currently states,

The term "class" means, when applied to options, all option contracts of the same type and style covering the same underlying interest; provided, however, that OTC options and listed options that would otherwise constitute a single class of options shall constitute separate classes. When applied to futures, the term "class" means all futures covering the same underlying interest.

The Exchange proposes to amend the defined term "class" to "class of options" and align the defined term to the description of "class of options" on Nasdaq ISE, LLC ("ISE"), Nasdaq GEMX, LLC ("GEMX"), and Nasdaq MRX, LLC ("MRX") at Options 1, Section 1(a)(15). As proposed, a "class of options" means all options contracts covering the same underlying security.

The current definition of class corresponds to the definition as used when options trading began on the Exchange in the 1970s. However, as options trading grew, the term class became understood to include both puts and calls. This is consistent with current industry use of the term "class" and use of the term class throughout the Exchange's

Rules. Because a class is generally understood to include both puts and calls, which are types of series, not separate classes, the current definition of class is outdated. As described above, options with the same exercise price and expiration date that are puts constitute one series, and options with the same exercise price and expiration date that are calls constitute another series. This is also the case for options classes with different styles (i.e., American or European).³ Options with different styles are considered to be one class. The proposed definition is a more accurate definition of what options constitute a class today on the Exchange.

Additionally, the Exchange notes that the rule text related to OTC options and listed options which provides, "...provided, however, that OTC options⁴ and listed options that would otherwise constitute a single class of options shall constitute separate classes" is being removed because the Exchange's options rules apply to listed options only. The Exchange's options rules do not mention OTC options. There is no necessity to describe OTC options in the definition of class as the Exchange's listing and trading and other options rules apply to listed options only which overlie securities. Further, the Exchange notes that the rule text related to futures which provides, "[w]hen applied to futures, the term "class" means all futures covering the same underlying interest" is being

³ The term "American-style option" means an options contract that, subject to the provisions of Options 6B, Section 1 of these BX Options Rules (relating to the cutoff time for exercise instructions) and to the Rules of the Clearing Corporation, may be exercised at any time from its commencement time until its expiration. See BX Options 1, Section 1(a)(4). The term "European-style option" means an options contract that, subject to the provisions of Options 6B, Section 1 of these Rules (relating to the cutoff time for exercise instructions) and to the Rules of the Clearing Corporation, can be exercised only on the business day of expiration, or, in the case of option contracts expiring on a day that is not a business day, the last business day prior to its expiration date. See BX Options 1, Section 1(a)(25).

⁴ An OTC option contract is defined as an option contract that is not listed on a National Securities Exchange or cleared at The Options Clearing Corporation.

removed because the Exchange's options rules do not apply to futures. While futures are mentioned in contexts that apply to related instruments, BX's listing and trading and other options rules apply to listed options only which overlie securities. The Exchange believes there is no necessity to retain this language.

This proposed rule change would harmonize BX's definition to ISE, GEMX and MRX.⁵ Further, the Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC ("MIAX"), MEMX LLC ("MEMX"), Cboe Exchange, Inc. ("Cboe"), and NYSE Arca, Inc. ("NYSE Arca") all have definitions for class of options that are substantially similar.⁶

The Exchange also proposes to amend the definition of series at Options 1, Section 1(a)(56) to align the definition of series which currently states,

The term "series," when used in respect of options, means all option contracts of the same class and having otherwise identical terms including exercise price (or, in the case of delayed start option contracts that do not yet have a set exercise price, the same exercise price setting formula and exercise price setting date), expiration date, unit of trading and, in the case of futures options or commodity options, series marker if any; and when used in respect of futures, means all futures of the same class having identical terms, including the same maturity date and series marker, if any.

The Exchange proposes to amend the defined term "series" to "series of options" and align the defined term to the description of "series of options" on ISE at Options 1, Section 1(a)(47), GEMX and MRX at Options 1, Section 1(a)(46). As proposed, a "series of options" means all options contracts of the same class having the same exercise

⁵ See ISE, GEMX and MRX Options 1, Section 1(a)(8).

⁶ MIAX's Rule 100 provides that the terms "class of options" or "option class" mean all option contracts covering the same underlying security. MEMX Rule 16.1 provides that the terms "class" or "class of options" mean all options contracts with the same unit of trading covering the same underlying security or index. Cboe Rule 1.1 provides that the term "class" means all option contracts with the same unit of trading covering the same underlying security or index. NYSE Arca Rule 1.1 provides that the term "class of options" or "class" means all series of options, both puts and calls, overlying the same underlying security.

price and expiration date. Series of options consists of options of the same type. This is consistent with current industry use of the term “series” and use of the term series throughout the Exchange’s Rules. The proposed text would create a more accurate definition of what options constitute a series today on the Exchange.

Additionally, the Exchange is removing the reference to delayed start option contracts in the rule text which provides, “...(or, in the case of delayed start option contracts that do not yet have a set exercise price, the same exercise price setting formula and exercise price setting date)” as that language is not relevant. Today, BX’s options rules do not reference delayed start option contracts. The Exchange notes that OCC’s By-Laws defines the term “delayed start option” to mean “an option that at the commencement of trading does not have an exercise price but instead has an exercise price setting formula pursuant to which the exercise price will be fixed on the exercise price setting date for the series of delayed start option” at Article 1, Section 1 of the OCC’s By-Laws. BX does not define a similar term in its options rules or utilizing such options. For these reasons, that parenthetical is being eliminated.

This proposed rule change would harmonize BX’s definition to ISE at Options 1, Section 1(a)(47), GEMX and MRX at Options 1, Section 1(a)(46). The proposed change would be similar to definitions for series of options at MIAX, MEMX, Cboe, and NYSE Arca.⁷

⁷ MIAX’s Rule 100 provides that the term “series of options” means all option contracts of the same class having the same exercise price and expiration date. MEMX Rule 16.1 provides that the terms “series” or “series of options” mean all options contracts of the same class that are the same type of options and have the same exercise price and expiration date. Cboe Rule 1.1 provides that the terms “series” and “series of options” mean all option contracts of the same class that are the same type of option and have the same exercise price and expiration date. NYSE Arca Rule 1.1 provides that the term “series of options,” “options series,” or “series” means all options contracts of the same class of options having the same expiration date and expiration price, and the same unit of trading.

Technical Amendments

The Exchange proposes to amend Options 3, Section 7, Types of Orders and Order and Quote Protocols, and Options 3, Section 15, Risk Protections, to capitalize certain defined terms such as “Limit Order,” defined at Options 3, Section 7(a)(3), “Market Order” defined at Options 3, Section 7(a)(2), and “Opening Cross,” is defined at Options 3, Section 8. These amendments are non-substantive.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,⁸ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁹ 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.

Options 1, Section 1

Amending the definition of “class” at Options 1, Section 1(a)(15) and the definition of “series” at Options 1, Section 1(a)(56) is consistent with the Act as the new terms will provide a more accurate description of these terms that is consistent with current industry use and use of the terms throughout the Exchange’s Rules. A class is generally understood to include both puts and calls, which are types of series, not separate classes, the current definition of class is outdated. Also, options with different styles are considered to be the same class. Removing references to OTC is consistent with the Act because the Exchange’s rules apply to listed options only. The Exchange’s

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

rules do not mention OTC options. There is no necessity to describe OTC options in the definition of class as the Exchange's listing and trading and other rules apply to listed options only which overlie securities. Further, removing references to futures is consistent with the Act because the Exchange's rules do not apply to futures. While futures are mentioned in contexts that apply to related instruments, BX's listing and trading and other rules apply to listed options only which overlie securities. The Exchange believes there is no necessity to retain this language. This proposed rule change would harmonize BX's definition to ISE, GEMX and MRX.¹⁰ Further, MIAX, MEMX, Cboe, and NYSE Arca all have definitions for class of options that are substantially similar.¹¹

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¹⁰ See ISE, GEMX and MRX Options 1, Section 1(a)(8).

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the Act because that language is not relevant. Today, BX's rules do not reference delayed start option contracts. The Exchange notes that OCC's By-Laws defines the term "delayed start option" to mean "an option that at the commencement of trading does not have an exercise price but instead has an exercise price setting formula pursuant to which the exercise price will be fixed on the exercise price setting date for the series of delayed start option" at Article 1, Section 1 of the OCC's By-Laws. BX does not define a similar term in its rules or utilizing such options. For these reasons, that parenthetical is being eliminated. This proposed rule change would harmonize BX's definition to ISE at Options 1, Section 1(a)(47), GEMX and MRX at Options 1, Section 1(a)(46). The proposed change would be similar to definitions for series of options at MIAX, MEMX, Cboe, and NYSE Arca.¹²

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

The proposed rule change does not impose any burden on competition that is not

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necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

Options 1, Section 1

The Exchange's proposal to amend the definition of "class" at Options 1, Section 1(a)(15) and the definition of "series" at Options 1, Section 1(a)(56) do not impose an undue burden on intra-market competition as the use of these terms would apply uniformly to all BX Participants.¹³

The Exchange's proposal to amend the definition of "class" at Options 1, Section 1(a)(15) does not impose an undue burden on intermarket competition as other exchanges have similar definitions.¹⁴ The Exchange's proposal to amend the definition of "series" at Options 1, Section 1(a)(56) does not impose an undue burden on intermarket competition as other exchanges have similar definitions.¹⁵

¹³ The term "Options Participant" or "Participant" mean a firm, or organization that is registered with the Exchange pursuant to Options 2A of these Rules for purposes of participating in options trading on BX Options as a "BX Options Order Entry Firm" or "BX Options Market Maker." See Options 1, Section 1(a)(40).

¹⁴ ISE, GEMX and MRX definitions of "class of options" at Options 1, Section 1(a)(8) are identical. Also, MIAX, MEMX, Cboe, and NYSE Arca, Inc. all have definitions for class of options that are substantially similar. MIAX's Rule 100 provides that the terms "class of options" or "option class" mean all option contracts covering the same underlying security. MEMX Rule 16.1 provides that the terms "class" or "class of options" mean all options contracts with the same unit of trading covering the same underlying security or index. Cboe Rule 1.1 provides that the term "class" means all option contracts with the same unit of trading covering the same underlying security or index. NYSE Arca Rule 1.1 provides that the term "class of options" or "class" means all series of options, both puts and calls, overlying the same underlying security.

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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)(iii) of the Act¹⁶ and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.¹⁷

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

¹⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

¹⁷ 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.

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:

Electronic Comments:

- Use the Commission's internet comment form (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR-BX-2024-060 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-2024-060. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (<https://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 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-BX-2024-060 and should be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 21 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁸

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

¹⁸ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

EXHIBIT 5

New text is underlined; deleted text is in brackets.

Nasdaq BX, Inc. Rules

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Options Rules

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Options 1 General Provisions

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Section 1. Definitions

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(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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(15) The term “class of options” means[, when applied to options,] all options contracts[of the same type and style] covering the same underlying security.[interest; provided, however, that OTC options and listed options that would otherwise constitute a single class of options shall constitute separate classes. When applied to futures, the term "class" means all futures covering the same underlying interest.]

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(56) The term “series of options[,]” [when used in respect of options,] means all options contracts of the same class [and]having [otherwise identical terms including]the same exercise price and expiration date.[(or, in the case of delayed start option contracts that do not yet have a set exercise price, the same exercise price setting formula and exercise price setting date), expiration date, unit of trading and, in the case of futures options or commodity options, series marker if any; and when used in respect of futures, means all futures of the same class having identical terms, including the same maturity date and series marker, if any.]

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Options 3 Options Trading Rules

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Section 7. Types of Orders and Order and Quote Protocols

The Exchange may determine to make certain order types and time-in-force, respectively, available on a class or System basis.

(a) The term “Order” shall mean a single order submitted to the System by a Participant that is eligible to submit such orders. The term "Order Type" shall mean the unique processing prescribed for designated orders that are eligible for entry into the System, and shall include:

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(3) “Limit Order” is an order to buy or sell an option at a specified price or better. A marketable [l]Limit [o]Order is a [l]Limit [o]Order to buy (sell) at or above (below) the best offer (bid) on the Exchange.

(4) “Minimum Quantity Order” is an order that requires that a specified minimum quantity of contracts be obtained, or the order is cancelled. Minimum Quantity Orders are treated as having a time-in-force designation of Immediate or Cancel. Minimum Quantity Orders received prior to the [o]Opening [cross]Process or after market close will be rejected.

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(7) “All-or-None Order” is a [m]Market or [l]Limit [o]Order which is to be executed in its entirety or not at all. All-or-None Orders are treated as having a time-in-force designation of Immediate or Cancel. All-or-None Orders received prior to the [o]Opening Process or after market close will be rejected.

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(12) An “Add Liquidity Order” is a [l]Limit [o]Order that is to be executed in whole or in part on the Exchange (i) only after being displayed on the Exchange’s [l]Limit [o]Order [b]Book; and (ii) without routing any portion of the order to another market center. Participants may specify whether an Add Liquidity Order shall be cancelled or re-priced to the minimum price variation above the national best bid price (for sell orders) or below the national best offer price (for buy orders) if, at the time of entry, the order (i) is executable on the Exchange; or (ii) the order is not executable on the Exchange but would lock or cross the national best bid or offer. If at the time of entry, an Add Liquidity Order would lock or cross one or more non-displayed orders or quotes on the Exchange, the Add Liquidity Order shall be cancelled or re-priced to the minimum price variation above the best non-displayed bid price (for sell orders) or below the best non-displayed offer price (for buy orders). Notwithstanding the aforementioned, if an Add Liquidity Order would not lock or cross an order or quote on the System but would lock or cross the NBBO, the order will be handled pursuant to Options 3, Section 5(d). An Add Liquidity Order will be ranked in the Exchange’s [l]Limit [o]Order [b]Book in accordance with Options 3, Section 10. Add Liquidity Orders may only be submitted when an options series is open for trading.

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Section 15. Risk Protections

(a) The following are order risk protections on BX:

(1) **Order Price Protection (“OPP”).** OPP is a feature of the System that prevents Limit Orders at prices outside of pre-set standard limits from being accepted by the System.

(A) OPP is operational each trading day after the Opening Process until the close of trading, except during trading halts. OPP may be temporarily deactivated on an intra-day basis at the Exchange’s discretion.

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