

match bids and offers displayed by other markets to prevent trade-throughs would also be deleted.

Amex Rule 132. Price Adjustment of Open Orders on "Ex-Date." This rule is proposed to be amended to substitute "one cent increment" for "MPV" and would delete reference to Amex Rule 127.

Amex Rule 134. Cash, Next Day and Seller's Option Transactions. This rule is proposed to be amended to delete reference to $\frac{1}{8}$ point and to Amex Rule 127.

Amex Rule 154. Orders Left with Specialist. This rule is proposed to be amended to delete reference to $\frac{1}{8}$ point or higher for securities quoting in fractions and reference to Amex Rule 127.

Amex Rule 1000. Portfolio Depositary Receipts. Commentary .03 to this rule is proposed to be amended to delete reference to minimum trading increment of $\frac{1}{64}$, replacing it with an MPV of one cent (\$.01).

Amex Rule 1000A. Index Fund Shares. Commentary .02 to this rule is proposed to be amended to delete reference to $\frac{1}{16}$, $\frac{1}{32}$, and $\frac{1}{64}$ minimum trading increments, and replace them with an MPV of one cent (\$.01).

Amex Rule 918. Trading Rotations, Halts and Suspensions; Amex Rule 952. MPVs;

Amex Rule 958. Options Transactions of Registered Traders; and Amex Rule 951C. Premium Bids and Offers. These rules are proposed to be amended to delete references to options series quoting in fractions and to the phase-in of decimals quoting under the Plan.

Amex Rule 903G. Terms of FLEX Options. This rule is proposed to be amended to clarify that exercise prices and premiums for FLEX options are to be rounded to the nearest MPV as set forth in Amex Rule 952.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,¹² in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,¹³ in particular, in that it 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 facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and to protect investors and the public interest.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition.

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

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Within 35 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding, or (ii) as to which the Exchange consents, the Commission will:

(A) by order approve such proposed rule change; or

(B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be 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. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549-0609. 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 inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of the filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal offices of the Exchange. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-Amex-2002-02 and should be submitted by May 29, 2002.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁴

J. Lynn Taylor,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change by American Stock Exchange LLC Relating to Proprietary Order Routing Facilities for Amex Listed Options

May 2, 2002.

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 16, 2002, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "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 Amex. Amex submitted Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change on April 30, 2002.³ The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change, as amended, from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

Amex proposes to permit members to use, on an interim basis, facilities that are not owned or operated by the Exchange ("Proprietary Facilities") to transmit orders electronically from the Amex floor to other exchanges and to receive orders transmitted electronically to the Amex floor from other exchanges for the purchase or sale of Amex listed options until the complete implementation of the permanent intermarket linkage in the options market ("Permanent Options Linkage").⁴ Below is the text of the

¹⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ In Amendment No. 1, the Exchange proposed Commentary .06 to Amex Rule 220. See letter from Geraldine M. Brindisi, Vice President and Corporate Secretary, Amex, to Nancy J. Sanow, Assistant Director, Division of Market Regulation, Commission, dated April 29, 2002 ("Amendment No. 1").

⁴ The Commission approved the Plan for the Purpose of Creating and Operating an Intermarket

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

proposed rule change. Proposed new language is italicized.

Communications to and on the Floor

Rule 220. (No change).

* * * Commentary

.01 through .05 (No change).

.06 *Proprietary Facilities for Routing Options Orders. With the prior written approval of the Exchange, a member or member organization may establish and maintain facilities that are not owned or operated by the Exchange ("Proprietary Facilities") to transmit orders electronically from the Amex Floor to other exchanges and to receive orders transmitted electronically to the Amex Floor from other exchanges for the purchase or sale of Amex listed options until the permanent Options Linkage is established. Such Proprietary Facilities may not be used for transmitting orders for listed equities and ETFs as the Intermarket Trading System serves as the mechanism for routing trading interest in these securities between exchanges.*

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

In its filing with the Commission, Amex 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. Amex 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 believes that until a Permanent Options Linkage is implemented, Amex should permit member firms to establish Proprietary Facilities to route orders in Amex listed options to and from the Exchange. This could facilitate member firm compliance with best execution obligations. Once the Permanent Options Linkage is implemented, however, the Exchange believes that, for reasons of regulatory oversight, a single mechanism for routing orders between options exchanges is preferable to a number of different proprietary systems.

Management, accordingly, is proposing to terminate the ability of members to use Proprietary Facilities to route orders in Amex listed options to and from the Exchange once the Options Linkage is implemented. The proposed Proprietary Facilities could not be used for listed equities and Exchange-Traded Funds as the Intermarket Trading System serves as the mechanism for routing trading interest in these securities between exchanges.

2. Statutory Basis

Amex believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,⁵ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b) of the Act,⁶ in particular, because it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, 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.

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

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change will impose no burden on competition.

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

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Within 35 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which Amex consents, the Commission will:

- (A) By order approve such proposed rule change, or
- (B) Institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and

arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposal, as amended, is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549-0609. 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 inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Amex. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-Amex-2002-33 and should be submitted by May 29, 2002.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁷

J. Lynn Taylor,

Assistant Secretary.

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Depository Trust Company; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Automated Corporation Action Program Applicable to the Exercise of Warrants, Conversions, and Put Option Privileges

May 2, 2002.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ notice is hereby given that on December 18, 2001, The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") 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 primarily by DTC. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested parties.

Options Linkage in July 2000. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 43086 (July 28, 2000), 65 FR 48023 (August 4, 2000).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).