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

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-82456; File No. SR-BOX-2017-33]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; BOX Options Exchange LLC; Order Approving a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the Minimum Order Size for the Floor Broker Guarantee Provided in BOX Rule 7600(f)

January 8, 2018.

I. Introduction

On November 6, 2017, BOX Options Exchange LLC (the "Exchange" or "BOX") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² a proposed rule change to amend the minimum eligible order size from 500 contracts to 50 contracts to qualify for the Floor Broker guarantee described in BOX Rule 7600(f). The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on November 24, 2017.³ The Commission received no comments on the proposed rule change.

This order approves the proposed rule change.

II. Description of the Proposed Rule Change⁴

Currently, BOX Rule 7600(f) provides that a Floor Broker holding an order of the eligible order size or greater is entitled to cross, after all equal or better priced Public Customer bids or offers on the BOX Book and any non-Public Customer bids or offers that are ranked ahead of such Public Customer bids or offers are filled, 40% of the remaining contracts in the order with other orders he is holding.⁵ Under the current rule, the Exchange may determine, on an option by option basis, the eligible order size for an order that may be transacted pursuant to BOX Rule 7600(f), but the minimum eligible order size may not be less than 500 contracts.⁶ Under the proposed rule change, the Exchange proposes to reduce the minimum eligible order size from 500 contracts to 50 contracts.⁷

III. Discussion and Commission Findings

After careful review, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange.⁸ In particular, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁹ which requires, among other things, that the Exchange's rules be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, 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.

The Commission notes that the proposed rule change does not modify the size of the Floor Broker guarantee, but rather modifies the size of the order necessary in order to receive the guarantee. Orders submitted by Floor Brokers for execution must execute at a price equal to or better than the NBBO and (1) may not trade through any equal or better priced Public Customer bids or

offers on the BOX Book¹⁰ or any non-Public Customer bids or offers on the BOX Book that are ranked ahead of such equal or better priced Public Customer bids or offers, and (2) may not trade through any non-Public Customer bids or offers on the BOX Book that are priced better than the proposed execution price.¹¹ In addition, the Commission notes that the proposed change is similar to the rules of other options exchanges¹² and therefore, the Commission does not believe that the reduction in the minimum order size requirement raises any new regulatory issues.

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act¹³ and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange.

IV. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,¹⁴ that the proposed rule change (SR-BOX-2017-33), be, and it hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁵

Eduardo A. Aleman,
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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No: SSA-2017-0069]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request and Comment 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 of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. This notice includes revisions of OMB-approved information collections.

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

⁴ For a more detailed description of the proposed rule change, see Notice, *supra* note 3.

⁵ See BOX Rule 7600(f).

⁶ See BOX Rule 7600(f)(2). Pursuant to BOX Rule 7600(f)(2), the Exchange is required to communicate any changes to the eligible order size to Participants via circular.

⁷ See proposed BOX Rule 7600(f)(2).

⁸ In approving this proposed rule change, the Commission notes that it has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹⁰ See BOX Rule 100(a)(10) (defining BOX Book).

¹¹ See BOX Rule 7600(c).

¹² See Cboe Options Rule 6.74(d) and NYSE Arca Inc. Rule 6.47-O(b)(1).

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

¹⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

²⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 82112 (November 17, 2017), 82 FR 55895 ("Notice").

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 Officer at the following addresses or fax numbers. (OMB), Office of Management and Budget, *Attn:* Desk Officer for SSA, Fax: 202-395-6974, *Email address:* *OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov*. (SSA), Social Security Administration, OLCA, *Attn:* Reports Clearance Director, 3100 West High Rise, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235, Fax: 410-966-2830, *Email address:* *OR.Reports.Clearance@ssa.gov*.

Or you may submit your comments online through www.regulations.gov, referencing Docket ID Number [SSA-2017-0069].

I. The information collections below are pending at SSA. SSA will submit them to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than March 13, 2018.

Individuals can obtain copies of the collection instruments by writing to the above email address.

1. *Certification by Religious Group—20 CFR 404.1075—0960-0093.* SSA is responsible for determining whether

religious groups meet the qualifications exempting certain members and sects from payment of Self-Employment Contribution Act taxes under the Internal Revenue Code, Section 1402(g). SSA sends Form SSA-1458, Certification by Religious Group, to a group's authorized spokesperson to complete and verify organizational members meet or continue to meet the criteria for exemption. The respondents are spokespersons for religious groups or sects.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)
SSA-1458	180	1	15	45

2. *Claim for Amounts Due in the Case of a Deceased Beneficiary—20 CFR 404.503(b)—0960-0101.* Section 204(d) of the Social Security Act (Act) provides that if an individual dies before payment under Title II is complete, SSA will pay the amount due (including the amount of any check not negotiated) to individuals meeting specified qualifications. When a Social Security payment was due to a deceased beneficiary at the time of death, and

there is insufficient information in the file to identify the individual(s) entitled to the payment or the individual's address, SSA asks the surviving spouse; next of kin; or legal representative of the estate to complete Form SSA-1724, Claim for Amounts Due in the Case of a Deceased Social Security Recipient. SSA collects the information when a surviving child(ren), parent(s), or spouse is not already entitled to a monthly benefit on the same earnings

record, or is not filing for a lump-sum death payment as a former spouse. SSA uses the information Form SSA-1724 provides to ensure proper payment of an underpayment due to a deceased beneficiary. The respondents are applicants for underpayments owed to deceased beneficiaries.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)
SSA-1724	250,000	1	10	41,667

3. *Prohibition of Payment of SSI Benefits to Fugitive Felons and Parole/ Probation Violators—20 CFR 416.708(o)—0960-0617.* Section 1611(e)(4) of the Act precludes eligibility for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments for certain fugitives and parole or probation violators. Regulations at 20 CFR

416.708(o) of the Code of Federal Regulations require individuals applying for, or receiving, SSI to report to SSA that: (1) They are fleeing to avoid prosecution for a crime; (2) they are fleeing to avoid custody or confinement after conviction of a crime; or (3) they are violating a condition of probation or parole. SSA uses the information we

receive to deny eligibility, or suspend recipients' SSI payments. The respondents are SSI applicants and recipients, or representative payees of SSI applicants and recipients, who are reporting their status as a fugitive felon or probation or parole violator.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)
SSI Claim System Screens	1,000	1	1	17

4. *Identifying Information for Possible Direct Payment of Authorized Fees—0960-0730.* SSA collects information from claimants' appointed representatives on Form SSA-1695 to:

(1) Process and facilitate direct payment of authorized fees; (2) issue a Form 1099-MISC, if applicable; and (3) establish a link between each claim for benefits and the data we collect on the

SSA-1699 for our appointed representative database. The respondents are attorneys and other individuals who represent claimants for benefits before SSA.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB approved information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Number of responses	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)
SSA-1695	10,000	40	40,000	10	66,667

II. SSA submitted the information collections below to OMB for clearance. Your comments regarding these information collections would be most useful if OMB and SSA receive them 30 days from the date of this publication. To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than March 13, 2018. Individuals can obtain

copies of the OMB clearance packages by writing to *OR.Reports.Clearance@ssa.gov*.

1. *Letter to Employer Requesting Wage Information—0960-0138*. SSA must establish and verify wage information for SSI applicants and recipients when determining SSI eligibility and payment amounts. SSA collects wage data from

employers on Form SSA-L4201 to determine eligibility and proper payment amounts for SSI applicants and recipients. The respondents are employers of SSI applicants and recipients.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB approved information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)
SSA-L4201	133,000	1	30	66,500

2. *Request for Review of Hearing Decision/Order—20 CFR 404.967-404.981, 416.1467-416.1481—0960-0277*. Claimants have a statutory right under the Act and current regulations to request review of an administrative law judge's (ALJ) hearing decision or dismissal of a hearing request on Title II and Title XVI claims. Claimants may request Appeals Council review by filing a written request using paper

Form HA-520, or the internet application, i520. SSA uses the information we collect to establish the claimant filed the request for review within the prescribed time, and to ensure the claimant completed the requisite steps permitting the Appeals Council review. The Appeals Council then uses the information to: (1) Document the claimant's reason(s) for disagreeing with the ALJ's decision or

dismissal; (2) determine whether the claimant has additional evidence to submit; and (3) determine whether the claimant has a representative or wants to appoint one. The respondents are claimants requesting review of an ALJ's decision or dismissal of hearing.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)
HA-520—Paper	105,000	1	10	17,500
i520—Internet	70,000	1	15	17,500
Totals	175,000	.....	.....	35,000

3. *You Can Make Your Payment by Credit Card—0960-0462*. Using information from Form SSA-4588 and its electronic application, Form SSA-4589, SSA updates individuals' Social Security records to reflect payments made on their overpayments. In addition, SSA uses this information to process payments through the appropriate credit card company. SSA

provides the SSA-4588 when we inform an individual that we detected an overpayment. Individuals may choose to make a one-time payment or recurring monthly payments by completing and submitting the SSA-4588. SSA uses the SSA-4589 electronic Intranet application only when individuals choose to telephone the Program Service Centers to make a one-time payment in

lieu of completing Form SSA-4588. An SSA debtor contact representative completes the SSA-4589 electronic Intranet application. Respondents are old age, survivors, and disability insurance (OASDI) beneficiaries and SSI recipients who have outstanding overpayments.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)
SSA-4588 (Paper)	16,500	1	10	2,750
SSA-4589 (Electronic intranet application)	258,500	1	5	21,542

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)
Totals	275,000	.....	.....	24,292

4. Modified Benefit Formula Questionnaire—Foreign Pension—0960–0561. SSA uses Form SSA–308 to determine exactly how much (if any) of a foreign pension we can use to reduce the amount of Title II Social Security retirement or disability benefits under the modified benefit formula. In addition, SSA agreed to pay the full amount of all reductions or refund the

full amount of all sums that SSA made to, or collected from, the Class member's of Social Security OASDI benefits payments (OASDI Benefits), due to the application of the Windfall Elimination Provision to those OASDI Benefits based on the receipt of Old Age Benefits from the National Institute of Israel, per the Greenberg, et al. v. Colvin case settlement. The respondents are

applicants for Title II Social Security retirement or disability benefits who have foreign pensions.

Correction Notice: SSA is updating the burden information for this collection, so it differs from the information we published at 82 FR 52088, on 11/9/17.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)
SSA–308	2,426	1	10	404
Greenberg Cases	283	1	60	283
Totals	2,709	.....	.....	687

5. Request to Show Cause for Failure to Appear—20 CFR 404.938, 20 CFR 416.1438, and 20 CFR 404.957(a)(ii)—0960–0794. When claimants who requested a hearing before an ALJ fail to appear at their scheduled hearing, the ALJ may reschedule the hearing if the claimants establish good cause for missing the hearings. To establish good cause, following: (1) SSA did not properly notify the claimant of the hearing, or (2) an unexpected event occurred without sufficient time for the claimant to request a postponement. The claimants can use paper Form HA–L90 or HA–L90–OP1 to provide their

reason for not appearing at their scheduled hearings; or the claimants' representatives can use Electronic Records Express (ERE), OMB Control No. 0960–0753, internet screens to submit the HA–L90 online. SSA uses the HA–L90 for new cases, and the HA–L90–OP1 for redeterminations cases. We need two versions of the paper form, as the ALJ follows different procedures when determining the good cause on redetermination cases (cases that have a prior decision and evidence on file), than they do for new cases (where we have no evidence on file). The ERE modality automatically adjusts for

redetermination cases, so we only need one version of the internet screens. If the ALJ determines the claimants established good cause for failure to appear at the hearing, the ALJ will schedule a supplemental hearing; if not, the ALJ will make a claims eligibility determination based on the claimants' evidence of record. Respondents are claimants, or their representatives, seeking to establish good cause for failure to appear at a scheduled hearing before an ALJ.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)
HA–L90	39,500	1	10	6,583
HA–L90–OP1	500	1	10	83
Totals	40,000	.....	.....	6,666

* We do not account for the Electronic Records Express internet screens here as we account for them under OMB Control No. 0960–0753.

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Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION **[Docket No. SSA 2017–0066]**

Penalty Inflation Adjustments for Civil Monetary Penalties

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.

ACTION: Notice announcing updated penalty inflation adjustments for civil monetary penalties for 2018.

SUMMARY: The Social Security Administration is giving notice of its

updated maximum civil monetary penalties. These amounts are effective from January 15, 2018 through January 14, 2019. These figures represent an annual adjustment for inflation. The updated figures and notification are required by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015.

DATES: The updated maximum amount of civil money penalties in this notice