Request for Comments

AGENCY: Postal Service TM.

ACTION: Proposed change.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service is updating and consolidating the product submission procedures for Postage Evidencing Systems (PES). This involves the replacement of the current Information-Based Indicia Performance Criteria (IBI PC) with new Intelligent Mail Indicia Performance Criteria (IMI PC).

DATES: Copies of the proposed IMI PC will be available effective March 30, 2012. Comments on the proposed IMI PC must be received on or before May 30, 2012.

ADDRESS: To receive a copy of the proposed IMI PC, mail or deliver written requests to: USPS Payment Technology/Attn: Marlo Kay Ivey, 475 L’Enfant Plaza SW., Room 3660, Washington, DC 20260–4110. To comment on the proposed IMI PC, mail or deliver written comments to the Manager, Payment Technology, USPS, 475 L’Enfant Plaza SW., Room 3436, Washington, DC 20260–4110. Copies of all written comments will be available, by appointment, for inspection and photocopying between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Payment Technology office.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Current product submission procedures and the IBI PC are approximately 10 years old and have had little or no substantive updates since being initially provided to the PES (postage meter and PC Postage®) industry. The PES environment has changed substantially with availability of new technology to offer new PES products designed to meet new customer needs for access to postage. In addition, changes within the United States Postal Service® (USPS®) infrastructure have taken place to provide enhanced opportunities for PES providers to propose new concepts, methods, and processes to enable customers to print pre-paid evidence of postage while improving the efficiency and effectiveness of Postal Service operations.

The Postal Service proposes to replace the current PES product submission procedures and the IBI PC with the proposed IMI PC Document (the “Document”). This Document is comprised of four volumes to support the USPS PES Test and Evaluation Program (the “Program”). The intent is for the volumes to fully support each other but not be redundant in content.

Volume I—PES Requirements. Provides the PES industry and test laboratories with the information, requirements, and guidance necessary to develop new PES, and provides reference for guidance for current approved PES for interim changes, as determined necessary, to maintain interoperability with the USPS systems and processes.

Volume II—IMI Requirements. Provides the minimum required information, both human- and machine-readable, for all pre-paid evidence of postage produced by a PES. Also provides the reporting requirements for all supporting data systems used by USPS to manage the program.

Volume III—Test and Evaluation Requirements. Provides for laboratories certified by National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to perform Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 140–X testing, and provides PES testing entities with guidance on test and evaluation procedures that a PES system must undergo to receive USPS approval.

Volume IV—PES Test and Evaluation Program Requirements. Provides the Program and logistical processes that are required for a PES to obtain approval from USPS, as well as the requirements for the evaluation and submission of changes and updates to a previously approved PES.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; EDGA Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Clarifying That Rule Change in Connection With Proposed Combination Between NYSE Euronext and Deutsche Börse AG Will Not Become Effective

March 26, 2012.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act” or “Act”),2 and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,3 notice is hereby given that on March 19, 2012, the EDGA Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “EDGA”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) a proposal...
Exchange Commission (the "Commission") the proposed rule change (the "Proposed Rule Change") as described in Items I and II 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 previously submitted a proposed rule change 4 (the "Holdco Proposal") in connection with the proposed business combination (the "Combination") of NYSE Euronext, a Delaware corporation, and Deutsche Börse AG, an Aktiengesellschaft organized under the laws of the Federal Republic of Germany ("Deutsche Börse"). The Holdco Proposal was conditionally approved by the Commission.5 The Exchange is submitting this Proposed Rule Change in order to clarify that the Holdco Proposal will not become effective. The text of the Proposed Rule Change is available on the Exchange’s Web site www.directedge.com, 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 has included statements concerning the purpose of, and basis for, 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 clarify that the Combination contemplated by the Holdco Proposal will not be completed and, therefore, the Holdco Proposal conditionally approved by the Commission will not become effective.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that this filing is consistent with Section 6(b) 6 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) 7 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, and to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system. Specifically, the Exchange believes that the Proposed Rule Change will clarify the corporate structure of the Exchange, which will promote just and equitable principles of trade and help 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 that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Exchange Act.

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

The Exchange has neither solicited nor received written comments on the Proposed Rule Change.

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

Because the foregoing proposed rule change: (1) Does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (2) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (3) by its terms, does not become operative for 30 days after the date of this filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, the proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act 10 and Rule 19b–4(f)(6) therunder.11

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 Exchange Act.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission’s Internet comment form (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR–EDGA–2012–11 on the subject line.

6 Id.
7 See supra note 4.
9 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b–4(f)(6)(iii) requires a self-regulatory organization to provide the Commission with 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. The Exchange has fulfilled this requirement.
11 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b–4(f)(6)(iii) requires a self-regulatory organization to provide the Commission with 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. The Exchange has fulfilled this requirement.
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Mercantile Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of Proposed Rule Change To Comply With Revisions to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s Part 190 Regulations

March 26, 2012.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”) and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, notice is hereby given that on March 12, 2012, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. (“CME”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change described in Items I and II below, which items have been prepared primarily by CME. The Commission is publishing this Notice and Order to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons and to approve the proposed rule change on an accelerated basis.

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

CME proposes to amend certain of its rules to comply with pending revisions to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s (“CFTC”) Part 190 Regulations.

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

In its filing with the Commission, CME included statements concerning the purpose 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 III below. CME 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 Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

CME is registered as a derivatives clearing organization (“DCO”) with the CFTC and operates a substantial business clearing futures and swaps contracts subject to the jurisdiction of the CFTC. CME is also registered as a clearing agency with the Commission. CME proposes to amend certain of its rules to comply with pending amendments to the CFTC’s Part 190 Bankruptcy Regulations that will become effective on April 9, 2012.

The Part 190 amendments were made in connection with the CFTC’s final rules for customer swaps segregation. Those revisions include creating a “cleared swap” customer account class for purposes of futures commission merchant and DCO bankruptcies and replacing the defined term “cleared OTC derivatives,” which is incorporated by reference into several CME rules, with the new defined term “cleared swaps.” In order to reflect the removal of the defined term “cleared OTC derivatives” from Part 190, CME will amend CME Rules 930.N, 8F100, and 8F12 and CME definitions of “Cleared OTC Derivatives Customers” and “Funds of Cleared OTC Derivatives Customers.” The amendments comport with CFTC DCO Core Principle C (Participant and Product Eligibility) and Core Principle F (Treatment of Funds).

The text of the CME’s proposed rule amendments was attached as Exhibit 5 to this proposed rule change filing, which filing can be viewed at the CME Web site at http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/files/SEC_19b-4_x12-08x.pdf. CME also made a filing, CME Submission 12–066, with its primary regulator, the CFTC, with respect to this proposed rule change.

CME believes the proposed changes are consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations issued thereunder. CME, a DCO, is required to implement the proposed changes to comply with recent changes to CFTC regulations. CME notes that the policies of the Commodity Exchange Act with respect to clearing are comparable to a number of the policies underlying the Act, such as promoting market transparency for derivatives markets, promoting the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of transactions, and protecting investors and the public interest.

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

CME does not believe that the proposed rule change will have any impact, or impose any burden, on competition.

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

CME has not solicited, and does not intend to solicit, comments regarding

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3 The Commission has modified the text of the summaries prepared by CME.

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