

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 its Participant Fee Schedule to suspend specialist transaction charges for the trading of Nasdaq-100 Index Tracking Stock® ("QQQQ"), retroactively from July 1, 2005 through July 17, 2005. On August 12, 2005, the Exchange filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.³ The proposed rule change, as amended, was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on August 23, 2005.⁴ The Commission received no comments on the proposal.

The Commission finds that the proposed rule change, as amended, is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange.⁵ In particular, the Commission believes that the proposal is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act⁶ in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members.

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁷ that the proposed rule change (File No. SR-Amex-2005-078), as amended, be, and it hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁸

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

[FR Doc. E5-5454 Filed 10-4-05; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 8010-01-P

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-52526; File No. SR-NASD-2005-057]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.; Order Approving Proposed Rule Change Relating to Summary Orders in the Nasdaq Market Center

September 29, 2005.

On April 22, 2005, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD"), through its subsidiary, The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. ("Nasdaq"), 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 relating to Summary Orders in the Nasdaq Market Center. Nasdaq has proposed to allow all participants in the Nasdaq Market Center to enter attributable and non-attributable Summary Orders, and to make Summary Orders available for transactions in exchange-listed securities. Currently, the use of Summary Orders is restricted to Nasdaq Order-Delivery ECNs for transactions in Nasdaq-listed securities.

The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on August 25, 2005.³ The Commission received no comments on the proposal.

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 self-regulatory organization.⁴ In particular, the Commission believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 15A(b)(6) of the Act⁵ in that it is 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 Summary Orders permit an order entering party to receive a warning if the price of the order would lock or cross the best prices then displayed in the Nasdaq Market

Center by rejecting the order back to such order entering party.⁶ The Commission notes that Summary Orders give the order entering party the choice of either immediately executing against the available trading interest or providing liquidity through a posted order. The Commission notes that Nasdaq has stated that the significance of having such a choice lies in the potential for having reduced transaction costs as a liquidity provider.⁷ The Commission notes that Summary Orders are currently only available to Nasdaq Order-Delivery ECNs. The Commission notes that the proposal would extend the ability to enter Summary Orders, on either an attributable or non-attributable basis, to all Nasdaq Market Center participants. The Commission also notes that the proposal would extend the usage of Summary Orders to transactions in exchange-listed securities, in addition to Nasdaq-listed securities.

The Commission believes that the proposal, by extending the availability of Summary Orders to all participants in the Nasdaq Market Center entering into transactions in Nasdaq-listed or exchange-listed securities, should increase the level of control Nasdaq Market Center participants have over the processing of their orders and allow them potentially to enter into more economically efficient transactions.

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁸ that the proposed rule change (File No. SR-NASD-2005-057) be, and hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁹

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

[FR Doc. E5-5450 Filed 10-4-05; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 8010-01-P

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Data Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Small Business Administration's intentions to request

⁶ If the order does not lock or cross the best price, the system retains it for normal processing.

⁷ Nasdaq has stated that liquidity providers may, in some cases, receive an execution fee rebate, thus reducing their transaction costs. See Notice.

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ In Amendment No. 1, Amex made minor technical changes to the proposed rule text and provided further discussion on how the proposal is consistent with the requirement under Section 6(b)(4) of the Act to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members and issuers and other persons using its facilities. See 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 52273 (August 16, 2005), 70 FR 49339.

⁵ 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).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁸ 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. 52303 (August 18, 2005), 70 FR 49957 ("Notice").

⁴ The Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(b)(6).

approval on a new and/or currently approved information collection.

DATES: Submit comments on or before December 5, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments regarding whether this information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, whether the burden estimates are accurate, and if there are ways to minimize the estimated burden and enhance the quality of the collection, to Joseph Sobota, Assistant Advocate, Office of Advocacy, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Suite 7800, Washington, DC 20416

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph Sobota, Assistant Advocate, 202-205-6952, Joseph.sobota@sba.gov. Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, 202-205-7030, curtis.rich@sba.sba.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: "Veterans Business Ownership Survey".

Description of Respondents: The general veteran population, veterans business owners and veterans who have a service connected disability.

Form No: N/A.

Annual Responses: 1.

Annual Burden: 400.

Send all comments regarding whether this information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, whether the burden estimates are accurate, and if there are ways to minimize the estimated burden and enhance the quality of the collection, to Randy Christopherson, Director, Denver Finance Center, Small Business Administration, 721 19th Street, Denver, CO 80202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randy Christopherson, Director, 313-844-0054, Randy.christopherson@sba.gov. Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, 202-205-7030, curtis.rich@sba.sba.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: "Transaction Report Loans Serviced by Lenders".

Description of Respondents: Small Business Administration Participating Lenders.

Form No: 172.

Annual Responses: 18,637.

Annual Burden: 3,089.

Jacqueline White,

Chief, Administrative Information Branch.

[FR Doc. 05-19974 Filed 10-4-05; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 8025-01-P

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Interest Rates; Quarterly Determinations

The Small Business Administration publishes an interest rate called the optional "peg" rate (13 CFR 120.214) on a quarterly basis. This rate is a weighted average cost of money to the government for maturities similar to the average SBA direct loan. This rate may be used as a base rate for guaranteed fluctuating interest rate SBA loans. This rate will be 4.500 (4½) percent for the October-December quarter of FY 2006.

James E. Rivera,

Associate Administrator for Financial Assistance.

[FR Doc. 05-19975 Filed 10-4-05; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 8025-01-P

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Region II Buffalo District Advisory Council; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration Region II Advisory Council located in the geographical area of Buffalo, New York, will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, October 12, 2005, starting at 10 a.m. eastern standard time. The meeting will take place at the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, One M&T Plaza, Buffalo, New York to discuss such matters that may be presented by members and staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or others present.

Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation to the Board must contact Franklin J. Sciortino, District Director, Buffalo District Office, in writing by letter or fax no later than Friday, October 7, 2005 in order to be put on the agenda. Franklin J. Sciortino, District Director, Buffalo District Office, U.S. Small Business Administration, Niagara Center, 130 S. Elmwood, Suite 540, Buffalo, New York 14202; telephone (716) 551-4301 or fax (716) 551-4418.

Matthew K. Becker,

Committee Management Officer.

[FR Doc. 05-19979 Filed 10-4-05; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 8025-01-P

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

National Small Business Development Center Program Advisory Board; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Small Business Development Centers, National

Advisory Board will be hosting a public meeting via conference call to discuss such matters that may be presented by members, and the staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or interested others. The conference call will be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2006 at 1 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation to the Board must contact Erika Fischer, Senior Program Analyst, U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Small Business Development Centers, 409 3rd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20416, telephone (202) 205-7045 or fax (202) 481-0681.

Matthew K. Becker,

Committee Management Officer.

[FR Doc. 05-19976 Filed 10-4-05; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 8025-01-P

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

National Small Business Development Center Advisory Board; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Small Business Development Centers, National Advisory Board will be hosting a public meeting via conference call to discuss such matters that may be presented by members, and the staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or interested others. The conference call will be on Tuesday, December 20, 2005 at 1 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation to the Board must contact Erika Fischer, Senior Program Analyst, U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Small Business Development Centers, 409 3rd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20416, telephone (202) 205-7045 or fax (202) 481-0681.

Matthew K. Becker,

Committee Management Officer.

[FR Doc. 05-19977 Filed 10-4-05; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 8025-01-P

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

National Small Business Development Center Advisory Board; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Small Business Development Centers, National Advisory Board will be hosting a public meeting via conference call to discuss such matters that may be presented by members, and the staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or interested others. The conference call will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2005 at 1 p.m. eastern standard time.