



Reminder: BATS Auction Process Support Available in BZX Exchange Certification Environment Effective Immediately

Overview

This morning, the BZX Exchange Certification environment held its first Opening auction in BATS test symbols at 9:30:00AM ET. Support for Opening and Closing auctions as defined in the [BATS US Equities Auction Process](#) specification is available within the BZX Exchange Certification environment effective immediately. *Support for IPO and Halt Auctions are to be made available within the Certification environment effective Wednesday, September 7, 2011.*

Certification Environment Schedule

In order to allow Members time to test Day orders outside of regular market hours, the **Certification** environment is configured with an extended schedule as follows:

- **Extended Hours Open:** 6:00:00AM ET
- **Opening Auction Cut-off:** 9:28:00AM ET
- **Regular Market Open:** 9:30:00AM ET
- **Closing Auction Cut-off:** 5:55:00PM ET
- **Regular Market Close:** 6:00:00PM ET
- **Extended Hours Close:** 8:00:00PM ET

BATS Listings Overview

As previously announced, the BATS Listings launch has been scheduled to take place on **December 2, 2011** (pending SEC approval). BATS Listings will be quoted and printed to the SIAC Tape B data feed. To allow for future production testing of Tape B updates, BATS has reserved the **test** symbols ZBZX and ZTEST to for use as BATS listed test securities.

Auction Information

BATS has also released the [BATS Auction Feed \(BAF\)](#) specification and updated relevant technical specifications (FIX, TCP/Multicast PITCH) to include references to auction specific messaging. TCP/Multicast PITCH messages related to BZX auctions are immediately available within Certification and BAF availability will be coming soon.

For More Information

Refer to the following Technical Specifications:

- [Auction Process](#)
- [BATS Auction Feed Specification](#)
- [Multicast PITCH Specification](#)
- [TCP PITCH Specification](#)
- [BZX FIX Specification](#)

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