



Cboe Announces Harmonization of Quoting Obligations and Market Maker Registration/Class Appointments for BZX Options Exchange

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Overview

Effective October 1, 2019, Cboe Global Markets will introduce harmonized Market Maker quoting obligations on the BZX Options ("BZX") Exchange. Additionally, updated registration/class appointment procedures on BZX will be implemented. These enhancements align with those made to the EDGX Options and C2 Options Exchanges in May 2019.

Technical Details

Adjustment to Market Maker Quoting Obligations

Upon the effective date, Market Makers on BZX will be required to provide two sided quotations in 60% of the cumulative number of seconds for which a Market Maker's appointed classes (see "Changes to Registration" below) are open for trading, excluding any adjusted series, any intra-day add-on series on the day during which such series are added for trading, any Quarterly Option Series, and any series with an expiration of greater than 270 days.

Changes to Market Maker Registration

BZX Options Market Makers are currently able to register for series in which they wish to quote by using the Market Maker tool within the Cboe Customer Web Portal and Secure Web API. Upon the effective date, the Market Maker tool will be updated to support registration **by class only rather than by series on BZX**. Further, in this context, the term "registration" will be changed to "class appointment". Under a class appointment, a Market Maker obtains Market Maker treatment by agreeing to satisfy obligations in an appointed class. This change aligns the BZX Options Exchange with current EDGX and C2 Options Exchange procedures and terminology.

Please be advised that all existing BZX Market Maker series registrations, including any registrations uploaded on September 30, will be deleted overnight prior to the effective date. Accordingly, any Market Makers wishing to be appointed in any underlyings on October 1 will be required to upload new class appointments via the Cboe Customer Web Portal or Secure Web API on the morning of October 1 between the hours of 2am ET and 9am ET.

Certification Testing Opportunities

Effective September 10, 2019, this new functionality will be available in the BZX certification environment. In the certification environment, the web registration interface will be updated to use the new process, allowing users to make appointments by class. Please note existing BZX Market Maker registrations will be removed in the certification environment at the close of trading on September 9, 2019. To test the new functionality, Market Makers will be required to upload new class appointments in the certification environments via the Cboe Customer Web Portal or Secure Web API.

Additional Information

For additional information on the Market Maker Registration Tool, refer to the following technical specifications and Regulatory Circular RC19-022.

- [US Customer Web Portal Specification](#)
- [Secure Web API](#)

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