

## **Regulatory Circular 25-007**

Date:	April 24, 2025
Exchanges: Cboe Options, C2 Options, BZX Options and EDGX Options	
Markets:	Options
То:	Trading Permit Holders and Members
Re:	Acceptable Use of IOC Quotes and IOC Orders

## Related to Regulatory Circular <u>RC24-007</u>

As announced in <u>Exchange Notice C20205041104</u>, Cboe Options, C2 Options, BZX Options, and EDGX Options (collectively the "Exchanges") will limit the number of IOC quotes per *Quote Update* message to one. The Exchanges are issuing this circular as a reminder to Market Makers of the acceptable use of IOC quotes and to all Trading Permit Holders/Members of the acceptable use of IOC orders (*see Regulatory Circular RC24-007*).

IOC quotes and IOC orders are intended to remove resting interest in the book.<sup>1</sup> For example, submission of IOC quotes and/or IOC orders that are anticipatory in nature (e.g., sent in anticipation that an order may be booked) would not be consistent with this purpose. Use of IOC quotes and/or IOC orders for purposes other than to remove resting interest in the book or excessive use of IOC quotes and/or IOC orders and/or IOC orders may be considered a violation of the Exchanges Rules regarding, among others, obligations of Market Makers (with respect to Market Makers) and just and equitable principles of trade.

## Additional Information

For additional information on IOC Quotes, please refer to the following technical specification:

- Cboe Titanium US Options BOE Specification
- <u>Cboe Titanium US Options BOEv3 Specification</u>

Please also see the *Book Only* order instruction and *IOC* time-in-force values under Cboe Options/C2 Options Rules 5.5(c)(3) and 5.6(c) and (d), and BZX Options/EDGX Options Rule 21.1(d)(7) and (f)(2). For additional information on Market Maker obligations and quoting requirements, as well as just and equitable principles of trade, see Cboe Options/C2 Options Rules 5.51, 5.52 and 8.1,<sup>2</sup> and BZX Options/EDGX Options Rules 22.5, 22.6 and 3.1.

For technical assistance related to use of IOC quotes, please contact the Trade Desk at <u>tradedesk@cboe.com</u> or 913.815.7001. For any rules-related questions, please contact Regulatory Interpretations at <u>reginterps@cboe.com</u> or 312.786.8141.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Exchanges introduced Immediate-or-Cancel BOE Quote Update Messages ("IOC Quotes") in December 2021 to simplify the way in which Market Makers remove displayed interest resting in the Book. *See, e.g.,* Release No. <u>34-92988</u> (September 15, 2021), SR-CBOE-2021-053 (September 9, 2021)(immediately effective notice to amend rules in connection with time-in-force instructions available for bulk messages for the account of a Market Maker).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Rule 8.1 of the Cboe Options Rulebook is incorporated by reference into Chapter 8 of the C2 Options Rulebook.