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Informational Circular

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TO: BOX Options Participants
FROM: BOX Market Operations Center
SUBJECT: New Self-Trade Prevention Functionality
DATE: May 1, 2019

Effective **June 10, 2019**, BOX Exchange LLC ("BOX" or the "Exchange") will offer Self-Trade Prevention "STP" functionality that will allow BOX Participants to prevent their Market Maker or proprietary broker-dealer orders from trading with quotes or orders resting on the BOX Book with the same Participant ID.

Note: BOX Participants will not be required to perform any system changes. BOX Participants interested in activating the STP functionality must submit a written request to the BOX Market Operations Center at boxmoc@boxoptions.com. If a Participant elects one of the STP modifiers, all orders and quotes will be marked with the elected modifier, not on an order-by-order basis.

Overview

Participants may choose one of the three (3) types of STP modifiers:

- Cancel incoming order
- Cancel resting order or quote
- Cancel both, incoming order and resting order or quote

In addition, Participants may elect for their resting quotes or orders to be "skipped over". In choosing to have their resting interests "skipped over," incoming orders may trade with another eligible quote or order originating from any origin other than the same Participant ID.

The STP functionality and "skip over" option will not apply to the following:

- Directed Orders where a Guaranteed Directed Order is available.
- Inbound Intermarket Sweep orders.
- Orders in Auction Mechanisms (PIP, COPIP, Solicitation, Facilitation).
- Orders for account types other than Market Maker or Broker-Dealer.
- Incoming quotes.
- Qualified Contingent Cross Orders.
- Qualified Open Outcry Orders.
- During the market opening match process.

For more information, please see [SR-BOX-2019-12](#).

Test Environment for STP Functionality

Participants interested in testing STP functionality may do so in the BOX Test environment starting on May 6, 2019.

Contacts

Please contact the Market Operations Center at (866) 768-8845 or by e-mail at boxmoc@boxoptions.com should you require additional information.