



INFORMATIONAL CIRCULAR IC-2011-003

TO: BOX Options Participants

FROM: BOX Market Operations Center

SUBJECT: **Amendment to BOX Trading Rules to add “Professional” Definition effective September 1, 2011**

DATE: **August 17, 2011**

Please be advised that the Exchange filed a proposal with the SEC to amend Chapter I, Section 1(a) (Definitions) of the BOX Trading Rules to adopt the definition of “Professional” below and require that all Professional orders be appropriately marked by BOX Options Participants.

The term “**Professional**” means any person or entity that (i) is not a broker or dealer in securities, and (ii) places more than 390 orders in listed options per day on average during a calendar month for its own beneficial account(s).

BOX Participants will be able to identify Professional orders submitted electronically by identifying them in the account type field. Additionally, BOX Participants will be required to conduct a quarterly review and make any appropriate changes to the way in which they are representing orders within five business days after the end of each calendar quarter. While Participants will only be required to review their accounts on a quarterly basis, if during a quarter the Exchange identifies a customer for which orders are being represented as other than Professional orders but that has averaged more than 390 orders per day during a month, the Exchange will notify the Participant and the Participant will be required to change the manner in which it is representing the customer’s orders within five business days. The Exchange will issue a Regulatory Circular to Participants providing more information regarding the quarterly review process.

This change will become effective on September 1, 2011, and will be reflected in the BOX Trading Rules, available on the BOX website at http://bostonoptions.com/boxrRules_en. Additionally, Professional customer accounts will be subject to trading fees as set forth in the BOX Fee Schedule, available at http://bostonoptions.com/pdf/BOX_Fee_Schedule.pdf.

Please review this information with your compliance department. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the BOX Market Operations Center at (866) 768-8845 or boxmoc@bostonoptions.com.

