



DATE: March 5, 2020

TO: MIAX Exchange Members

FROM: MIAX Exchange Regulatory Department

RE: **FINRA Arbitration Rule Change: Order Approving a Proposed Rule Change To Amend FINRA Rule 12000 Series To Expand Options Available to Customers if a Firm or Associated Person Is or Becomes Inactive**

The Securities and Exchange Commission has approved the proposal to amend FINRA Rules 12100, 12202, 12214, 12309, 12400, 12601, 12702, 12801, and 12900 of the Code of Arbitration Procedure for Customer Disputes (“Customer Code” or “Code”) to expand a customer’s options to withdraw an arbitration claim if a member or an associated person becomes inactive before a claim is filed or during a pending arbitration. In addition, the proposed amendments would allow customers to amend pleadings, postpone hearings, request default proceedings and receive a refund of filing fees in these situations.

The Federal Register Notice for this approved rule change can be found at the following location:
<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-02-26/pdf/2020-03771.pdf>.

MIAX Exchanges are required by rule to inform Members of rule changes to FINRA’s arbitration rules published by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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