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The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Register Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all references to the federal securities laws must include the corresponding cite to the United States Code in a footnote. All references to SEC rules must include the corresponding cite to the Code of Federal Regulations in a footnote. All references to Securities Exchange Act Releases must include the release number, release date, Federal Register cite, Federal Register date, and corresponding file number (e.g., SR-[SRO] -xx-xx). A material failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the proposed rule change being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3)

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The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed changes to rule text in place of providing it in Item I and which may otherwise be more easily readable if provided separately from Form 19b-4. Exhibit 5 shall be considered part of the proposed rule change.

Partial Amendment

If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy proposed rule change, it may, with the Commission's permission, file only those portions of the text of the proposed rule change in which changes are being made if the filing (i.e. partial amendment) is clearly understandable on its face. Such partial amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.

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1. <u>Text of the Proposed Rule Change</u>

(a) Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC ("MIAX" or "Exchange"), pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² proposes to amend its Rules to harmonize the language of MIAX Rule 1107, Arbitration, with that of another options exchange.

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the <u>Federal Register</u> is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 1</u>, and a copy of the amended rule text is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 5</u>.

- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.

2. <u>Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization</u>

The proposed rule change was approved by senior management of the Exchange pursuant to authority delegated by the MIAX Board of Directors on December 12, 2013. Exchange staff will advise the Board of Directors of any action taken pursuant to delegated authority. No other action by the Exchange is necessary for the filing of the proposed rule change.

Questions and comments on the proposed rule change may be directed to Brian O'Neill, Vice President and Senior Counsel, at 609-897-1434.

3. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis</u> for, the Proposed Rule Change

a. <u>Purpose</u>

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 1107 to harmonize the language with the rules of another options exchange, in order to reference the use of the arbitration rules of FINRA.³ The

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

See ISE Rule 1800.

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current Rule 1107 is based off of ISE Rule 1800 but references the use of the arbitration rules of CBOE; which was appropriate when the Exchange maintained a Regulatory Service Agreement ("RSA") with CBOE. However, the Exchange recently entered into a RSA with FINRA that became effective October 1st. The Exchange believes the proposed changes to reference the arbitration rules of FINRA are consistent with this recent change in regulatory service providers.

The Exchange proposes to replace references to CBOE arbitration rules in Rule 1107, Arbitration, with references to the corresponding rules of FINRA.⁴ The proposed changes will align our Rule with the arbitration rule of ISE. As proposed, the Rule 12000 Series and Rule 13000 Series of the FINRA Manual (Code of Arbitration Procedures for Customer Disputes and Code of Arbitration Procedures for Industry Disputes) (the "FINRA Code of Arbitration"), as the same may be in effect from time to time, shall govern Exchange arbitrations except as may be specified in this Rule 1107. Definitions in the FINRA Code of Arbitration shall have the same meaning as that prescribed therein, and procedures contained in the FINRA Code of Arbitration shall have the same application as toward Exchange arbitrations. Any dispute, claim, or controversy arising out of or in connection with the business of any Member of the Exchange, or arising out of the employment or termination of employment of associated person(s) with any Member may be arbitrated under this Rule 1107 except that: (1) a dispute, claim, or controversy alleging employment discrimination (including a sexual harassment claim) in violation of a statue may only be arbitrated if the parties have agreed to arbitrate it after the dispute arose; and (2) any type of dispute, claim, or controversy that is not permitted to be arbitrated under the FINRA Code of Arbitration (such as class action claims) shall not be eligible for arbitration under this Rule 1107. The requirements of FINRA Rule 2268 shall apply to predispute

See Proposed Rule 1107. See also ISE Rule 1800.

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arbitration agreements between Members and their customers. If any matter comes to the attention of an arbitrator during and in connection with the arbitrator's participation in a proceeding, either from the record of the proceeding or from material or communications related to the proceeding, that the arbitrator has reason to believe may constitute a violation of the Exchange's Rules or the federal securities laws, the arbitrator may initiate a referral of the matter to the Exchange for disciplinary investigation; provided, however, that any such referral should only be initiated by an arbitrator after the matter before him has been settled or otherwise disposed of, or after an award finally disposing of the matter has been rendered pursuant to Rule 12904 or Rule 13904 (as applicable) of the FINRA Code of Arbitration.

The Exchange believes that the proposed changes will provide a clear framework to handle arbitrations in a manner that is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, and to promote the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange notes that the principle structure of its Arbitration Rule will remain the same as it is today, except that it will reference the applicable FINRA arbitration rules in lieu of CBOE. The Exchange also notes that the proposed changes will also bring the Exchange's Rule more closely aligned with that of another exchange. The Exchange believes that the proposed rule will provide detailed guidelines and framework in a manner that is easily understood and enforced by not only Members, but also FINRA, with whom the Exchange recently entered into a RSA with.

b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposed rule changes are consistent with Section $6(b)^6$ of the Act, in general, and furthers the objectives of Section $6(b)(5)^7$ of the Act in particular, in that

See Proposed Rule 1107. See also ISE Rule 1800.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanisms of a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

In particular, the Exchange believes that the proposed changes will provide a clear framework to handle arbitrations in a manner that is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, and to promote the protection of investors and the public interest. Further, the proposed rule changes provide greater harmonization between Exchange Rules and the rules of similar substance and purpose of FINRA resulting in less burdensome and more efficient regulatory compliance for dual members. As such, the proposed rule change will foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities and will remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system.

4. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

MIAX does not believe that the proposed rule changes will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed rule change is not designed to address any competitive issues but rather is designed to provide greater harmonization between Exchange and FINRA rules of similar purpose, resulting in less burdensome and more efficient regulatory compliance for dual members.

5. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others</u>

No written comments were either solicited or received.

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Extension of Time Period for Commission Action
 Not applicable.

7. <u>Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)</u>

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁸ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)⁹ thereunder, MIAX has designated this proposal as one that effects a change that: (i) does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) by its terms, does not become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.

The Exchange believes this proposal is non-controversial because it designed to conform to the approved rules of another exchange. The proposed changes promote the protection of investors and the public interest by providing greater harmonization between the Exchange and FINRA rules of similar purpose, resulting in greater uniformity and less burdensome and more efficient regulatory compliance. Additionally, the proposed rule change does not raise any new policy issues not previously considered by the Commission nor impose any significant burden on competition because it would result in less burdensome and more efficient regulatory compliance for common members. Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. Furthermore, a proposed rule change filed pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6) under the Act normally does not become operative for 30 days after the date of its filing. However,

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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Rule 19b-4(f)(6) permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange respectfully requests that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay. Waiver of the operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because it will provide for greater harmonization of the Exchange's Rules with the rules FINRA resulting in less burdensome and more efficient regulatory compliance for common members.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

- 8. <u>Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization or of the Commission</u>
 - The proposal is based on the rules of another exchange. 10
- Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act
 Not applicable.
- 10. Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act

Not applicable.

11. Exhibits

- 1. Notice of proposed rule for publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>.
- 5. Text of the proposed rule change.

^{10 &}lt;u>See</u> ISE Rule 1800.

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EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-; File No. SR-MIAX-2014-52)

October ___, 2014

Self-Regulatory Organizations: Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change by Miami International Securities Exchange LLC to Amend Exchange Rule 1107

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on October 2, 2014, Miami International Securities Exchange LLC ("MIAX" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") a proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed</u>
Rule Change

The Exchange is filing a proposal to amend its Rules to harmonize the language of MIAX Rule 1107, Arbitration, with that of another options exchange.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at http://www.miaxoptions.com/filter/wotitle/rule_filing, at MIAX's principal office, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

II. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change</u>

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory</u> <u>Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change</u>

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 1107 to harmonize the language with the rules of another options exchange, in order to reference the use of the arbitration rules of FINRA.³ The current Rule 1107 is based off of ISE Rule 1800 but references the use of the arbitration rules of CBOE; which was appropriate when the Exchange maintained a Regulatory Service Agreement ("RSA") with CBOE. However, the Exchange recently entered into a RSA with FINRA that became effective October 1st. The Exchange believes the proposed changes to reference the arbitration rules of FINRA are consistent with this recent change in regulatory service providers.

The Exchange proposes to replace references to CBOE arbitration rules in Rule 1107, Arbitration, with references to the corresponding rules of FINRA.⁴ The proposed changes will align our Rule with the arbitration rule of ISE. As proposed, the Rule 12000 Series and Rule 13000 Series of the FINRA Manual (Code of Arbitration Procedures for Customer Disputes and Code of Arbitration Procedures for Industry Disputes) (the "FINRA Code of Arbitration"), as the same may be in effect from time to time, shall govern Exchange arbitrations except as may be specified in this Rule 1107. Definitions in the FINRA Code of Arbitration shall have the same meaning as that prescribed therein, and procedures contained in the FINRA Code of Arbitration shall have the same application as toward Exchange arbitrations. Any dispute, claim, or controversy arising out of or in connection with the business of any Member of the Exchange, or arising out of the employment or termination of employment of associated person(s) with any

³ See ISE Rule 1800.

See Proposed Rule 1107. See also ISE Rule 1800.

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Member may be arbitrated under this Rule 1107 except that: (1) a dispute, claim, or controversy alleging employment discrimination (including a sexual harassment claim) in violation of a statue may only be arbitrated if the parties have agreed to arbitrate it after the dispute arose; and (2) any type of dispute, claim, or controversy that is not permitted to be arbitrated under the FINRA Code of Arbitration (such as class action claims) shall not be eligible for arbitration under this Rule 1107. The requirements of FINRA Rule 2268 shall apply to predispute arbitration agreements between Members and their customers. If any matter comes to the attention of an arbitrator during and in connection with the arbitrator's participation in a proceeding, either from the record of the proceeding or from material or communications related to the proceeding, that the arbitrator has reason to believe may constitute a violation of the Exchange's Rules or the federal securities laws, the arbitrator may initiate a referral of the matter to the Exchange for disciplinary investigation; provided, however, that any such referral should only be initiated by an arbitrator after the matter before him has been settled or otherwise disposed of, or after an award finally disposing of the matter has been rendered pursuant to Rule 12904 or Rule 13904 (as applicable) of the FINRA Code of Arbitration.

The Exchange believes that the proposed changes will provide a clear framework to handle arbitrations in a manner that is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, and to promote the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange notes that the principle structure of its Arbitration Rule will remain the same as it is today, except that it will reference the applicable FINRA arbitration rules in lieu of CBOE. The Exchange also notes that the proposed changes will also bring the Exchange's Rule more closely aligned with that of another exchange.⁵ The Exchange believes that the proposed rule will provide detailed guidelines and framework in a manner that is easily understood and enforced by not only

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Members, but also FINRA, with whom the Exchange recently entered into a RSA with.

2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that its proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)⁶ of the Act in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5)⁷ of the Act in particular, in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanisms of a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

In particular, the Exchange believes that the proposed changes will provide a clear framework to handle arbitrations in a manner that is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, and to promote the protection of investors and the public interest. Further, the proposed rule changes provide greater harmonization between Exchange Rules and the rules of similar substance and purpose of FINRA resulting in less burdensome and more efficient regulatory compliance for dual members. As such, the proposed rule change will foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities and will remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system.

B. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed rule change is not designed to address any competitive issues but rather is designed to provide

^{6 15} U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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greater harmonization between Exchange and FINRA rules of similar purpose, resulting in less burdensome and more efficient regulatory compliance for dual members.

C. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule</u>
<u>Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others</u>

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (i) Significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁸ and Rule $19b-4(f)(6)^9$ thereunder.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁷ CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

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Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act.

Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic comments:

- ☐ Use the Commission's Internet comment form (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- □ Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-MIAX-2014-52 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-MIAX-2014-52. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml).

Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the

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Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-MIAX-2014-52 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>]. For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁰

Kevin M. O'Neill Deputy Secretary

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EXHIBIT 5

New text is <u>underlined</u>; Deleted text is in [brackets]

MIAMI INTERNATIONAL SECURITIES EXCHANGE, LLC

Rule 1107. Arbitration

- (a) General. [Any arbitration under this Rule 1107 shall be handled by the Chicago Board Options Exchange ("CBOE"). Chapter XVIII of the CBOE rules ("CBOE Arbitration Rules")]

 The Rule 12000 Series and Rule 13000 Series of the FINRA Manual (Code of Arbitration Procedures for Customer Disputes and Code of Arbitration Procedures for Industry Disputes)

 (the "FINRA Code of Arbitration"), as the same may be in effect from time to time, shall govern Exchange arbitrations except as may be specified in this Rule 1107. Definitions in the [CBOE Arbitration Rules]FINRA Code of Arbitration shall have the same meaning as that prescribed therein, and procedures contained in the [CBOE Arbitration Rules]FINRA Code of Arbitration shall have the same application as toward Exchange arbitrations.
- (b) Jurisdiction. Any dispute, claim, or controversy arising out of or in connection with the business of any Member of the Exchange, or arising out of the employment or termination of employment of associated person(s) with any Member may be arbitrated under this Rule 1107 except that:
- (1) a dispute, claim, or controversy alleging employment discrimination (including a sexual harassment claim) in violation of a statue may only be arbitrated if the parties have agreed to arbitrate it after the dispute arose; and
- (2) any type of dispute, claim, or controversy that is not permitted to be arbitrated under the [CBOE Arbitration Rules] FINRA Code of Arbitration (such as class action claims) shall not be eligible for arbitration under this Rule 1107.
- (c) Predispute Arbitration Agreements. The requirements of [CBOE Rule 18.35]FINRA Rule 2268 shall apply to predispute arbitration agreements between Members and their customers.
- (d) Referrals. If any matter comes to the attention of an arbitrator during and in connection with the arbitrator's participation in a proceeding, either from the record of the proceeding or from material or communications related to the proceeding, that the arbitrator has reason to believe may constitute a violation of the Exchange's Rules or the federal securities laws, the arbitrator may initiate a referral of the matter to the Exchange for disciplinary investigation; provided, however, that any such referral should only be initiated by an arbitrator after the matter before him has been settled or otherwise disposed of, or after an award finally disposing of the matter has been rendered pursuant to [Rule 18.31 of the CBOE Arbitration Rules]Rule 12904 or Rule 13904 (as applicable) of the FINRA Code of Arbitration.

(e) - (f) No Change.
