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#### Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change \*

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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 filling 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)

**Exhibit 1A- Notice of Proposed Rule** Change, Security-Based Swap Submission, or Advance Notice by Clearing Agencies

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the staff to identify immediately the changes made from the text of the rule with which

Copies of any form, report, or questionnaire that the self-regulatory organization proposes to use to help implement or operate the proposed rule change, or that is

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# **Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text**

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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")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, 2 proposes to amend Rule 807 to correspond with Section 17(f)(2) of the Act. 3

Notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the <u>Federal Register</u> is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 1</u> and the text of the proposed rule change 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 the Chief Executive Officer 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 James C. Morgan, Associate Counsel and Assistant Vice President, at (609) 897-1484.

# 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 807 (Fingerprint-Based Background Checks of Exchange Employees and Independent Contractors) in order to mirror the language of Section

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q(f)(2).

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17(f)(2) of the Act. Section 17(f)(2) of the Act explicitly directs the Attorney General of the United States (i.e., the Federal Bureau of Investigation) to provide SROs designated by the Commission with access to criminal history record information. Access to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's ("FBI") (the fingerprint processing arm of the Office of the Attorney General of the United States) database of fingerprint-based records is permitted only when authorized by law. The Exchange recently changed its procedure with regard to Rule 807, replacing manual fingerprinting via fingerprinting cards with a Live-Scan electronic fingerprinting system. As part of this transition and at the specific request of the FBI, the Exchange now seeks to amend the language of Rule 807 to mirror Section 17(f)(2) of the Act.

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 807 to apply to all partners, directors, officers, and employees of the Exchange in order to more closely align with the requirements for national securities exchanges as provided in Section 17(f)(2) of the Act. Currently, Rule 807(a) applies to (1) all prospective and current Exchange employees, (2) all prospective and current independent contractors who have or are anticipated to have access to the facilities of the Exchange for ten (10) business days or longer, and (3) all prospective and current temporary employees who have or are anticipated to have access to facilities of the Exchange for ten (10) business days or longer. Section 17(f)(2) of the Act does not specifically apply to independent contractors nor temporary employees, but instead references "partners, directors, officers, and employees" of the Exchange. Thus, the Exchange proposes to amend Rule 807 to delete

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q(f)(2).

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 72600 (July 11, 2014) 79 FR 41717 (July 17, 2014) (SR-MIAX-2014-38).

<sup>6 15</sup> U.S.C. 78q(f)(2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q(f)(2).

<sup>8</sup> See Rule 807(a).

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references to independent contractors and temporary employees in order to mirror the requirements of Section 17(f)(2) of the Act. In addition, in order to enhance the physical security of the facilities, systems, data, and information of the Exchange, it shall be the policy of the Exchange, outside of Rule 807, to conduct a non-fingerprint-based background check of all prospective and current independent contractors and all prospective and current temporary employees who have or are anticipated to have access to the facilities of the Exchange for ten (10) business days or longer. The Exchange further proposes related technical changes to Rule 807(c) and 807(d).

### b. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with the Act<sup>10</sup> and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act. Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed change to Rule 807 is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)<sup>11</sup> requirements that the rules of an exchange be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism 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 the proposed change to Rule 807 is consistent with the foregoing requirements of Section 6(b)(5) in that it will allow MIAX to remain compliant with applicable federal law – specifically, Section 17(f)(2) of the Act. <sup>12</sup> Running fingerprint-based background checks is imperative for the Exchange as they help MIAX identify and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> <u>See</u> 15 U.S.C. 78q(f)(2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>15</sup> U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>15</sup> U.S.C. 78q(f)(2).

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exclude persons with felony or misdemeanor conviction records that may pose a threat to the safety of Exchange personnel or the security of facilities and records, thereby enhancing business continuity, workplace safety and the security of the Exchange's operations and helping to protect investors and the public interest.

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

MIAX does not believe that the proposed change to Rule 807 will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in the furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed change under the rule would maintain the security of the Exchange's facilities and records without adding any burden on market participants and allow the Exchange continued compliance with its fingerprinting rules and with Section 17(f)(2) of the Act as amended by the Dodd-Frank Act.<sup>13</sup>

# 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.

# 6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

The Exchange does not consent to an extension of the time period specified in Section 19(b)(2) of the Act.

# 7. Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) 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

See Section 929S of the Dodd-Frank Act.

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filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.

Additionally, the Exchange has given the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of 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 believes that this proposed rule change is necessary in order to ensure the Exchange's continued compliance with applicable federal law. As such, the Exchange does not see the proposed language affecting the protection of investors or the public interest or imposing any significant burden on competition. Also as such, the Exchange does not believe that the proposed change presents any new, unique or substantive issues.

For the foregoing reasons, this rule filing qualifies as a "non-controversial" rule change under Rule 19b-4(f)(6), which renders the proposed rule change effective upon filing with the Commission. At any time within 60 days of the filing of this 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 will institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved. The Exchange respectfully requests that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay period after which a proposed rule change under Rule 19b-4(f)(6) becomes effective. The Exchange requests that the Commission waive that requirement so that the Exchange's Rule 807 can more closely align with applicable federal law.

<sup>15</sup> U.S.C. 78q(f)(2); 17 CFR 240.17f- 2(c).

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In addition, the proposed change comes at the request of the FBI. A waiver would assist in the Exchange's transition from a manual fingerprinting process to an electronic one.

- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Not applicable.

## 8. <u>Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization</u> or of the Commission

The proposed rule change is based on Section 17(f)(2) of the Act as amended by the Dodd-Frank Act. 15

9. 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 Federal Register.
- 5. Text of proposed rule change.

See Section 929S of the Dodd-Frank Act.

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**EXHIBIT 1** 

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-; File No. SR-MIAX-2014-71)

December\_\_\_, 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 807

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on December 30, 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 Rule 807 to correspond with Section 17(f)(2) of the Act.<sup>3</sup>

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at <a href="http://www.miaxoptions.com/filter/wotitle/rule\_filing">http://www.miaxoptions.com/filter/wotitle/rule\_filing</a>, 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q(f)(2).

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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 807 (Fingerprint-Based Background Checks of Exchange Employees and Independent Contractors) in order to mirror the language of Section 17(f)(2) of the Act.<sup>4</sup> Section 17(f)(2) of the Act explicitly directs the Attorney General of the United States (i.e., the Federal Bureau of Investigation) to provide SROs designated by the Commission with access to criminal history record information. Access to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's ("FBI") (the fingerprint processing arm of the Office of the Attorney General of the United States) database of fingerprint-based records is permitted only when authorized by law. The Exchange recently changed its procedure with regard to Rule 807, replacing manual fingerprinting via fingerprinting cards with a Live-Scan electronic fingerprinting system.<sup>5</sup> As part of this transition and at the specific request of the FBI, the Exchange now seeks to amend the language of Rule 807 to mirror Section 17(f)(2) of the Act.<sup>6</sup>

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 807 to apply to all partners, directors, officers, and employees of the Exchange in order to more closely align with the requirements for national securities exchanges as provided in Section 17(f)(2) of the Act.<sup>7</sup> Currently, Rule 807(a) applies to (1) all prospective and current Exchange employees, (2) all prospective and current independent contractors who have or are anticipated to have access to the facilities of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q(f)(2).

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 72600 (July 11, 2014) 79 FR 41717 (July 17, 2014) (SR-MIAX-2014-38).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q(f)(2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q(f)(2).

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Exchange for ten (10) business days or longer, and (3) all prospective and current temporary employees who have or are anticipated to have access to facilities of the Exchange for ten (10) business days or longer. Section 17(f)(2) of the Act does not specifically apply to independent contractors nor temporary employees, but instead references "partners, directors, officers, and employees" of the Exchange. Thus, the Exchange proposes to amend Rule 807 to delete references to independent contractors and temporary employees in order to mirror the requirements of Section 17(f)(2) of the Act. In addition, in order to enhance the physical security of the facilities, systems, data, and information of the Exchange, it shall be the policy of the Exchange, outside of Rule 807, to conduct a non-fingerprint-based background check of all prospective and current independent contractors and all prospective and current temporary employees who have or are anticipated to have access to the facilities of the Exchange for ten (10) business days or longer. The Exchange further proposes related technical changes to Rule 807(c) and 807(d).

## 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act")<sup>10</sup> and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act. Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed change to Rule 807 is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)<sup>11</sup> requirements that the rules of an exchange be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the

<sup>8 &</sup>lt;u>See</u> Rule 807(a).

<sup>9 &</sup>lt;u>See</u> 15 U.S.C. 78q(f)(2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>15</sup> U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

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

MIAX does not believe that the proposed change to Rule 807 will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in the furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed change under the rule would maintain the security of the Exchange's facilities and records without adding any burden on market participants and allow the Exchange continued compliance with its fingerprinting rules and with Section 17(f)(2) of the Act as amended by the Dodd-Frank Act. <sup>13</sup>

C. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q(f)(2).

See Section 929S of the Dodd-Frank Act.

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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 Act<sup>14</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)<sup>15</sup> 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

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 (<a href="http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml">http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</a>); or
- □ Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-MIAX-2014-71 on the subject line.

<sup>15</sup> U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>17</sup> 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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## 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-2014-71. 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 (<a href="http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml">http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</a>).

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 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-2014-71 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. <sup>16</sup>

Kevin M. O'Neill Deputy Secretary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

**EXHIBIT 5** 

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## MIAMI INTERNATIONAL SECURITIES EXCHANGE, LLC Rules

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# Rule 807. Fingerprint-Based Background Checks[ of Exchange Employees and Independent Contractors]

- (a) In order to enhance the physical security of the facilities, systems, data, and information of the Exchange, it shall be the policy of the Exchange to conduct a fingerprint-based criminal records check of <u>all partners</u>, directors, officers, and employees of the Exchange.[:
  - (1) all prospective and current Exchange employees,
- (2) all prospective and current independent contractors who have or are anticipated to have access to the facilities of the Exchange for ten (10) business days or longer, and
- (3) all prospective and current temporary employees who have or are anticipated to have access to facilities of the Exchange for ten (10) business days or longer.]

The Exchange shall apply this policy in all circumstances where permitted by applicable law.

- (b) The Exchange shall submit fingerprints obtained pursuant to the foregoing policy to the Attorney General of the United States or his or her designee for identification and processing. The Exchange shall at all times maintain the security of fingerprints and information received from the Attorney General or his or her designee.
- (c) The Exchange shall evaluate information received from the Attorney General or his or her designee in accordance with the terms of a written fingerprint policy and provisions of applicable law. A felony or serious misdemeanor conviction will be a factor in considering whether to hire a prospective employee[, take adverse employment action with respect to a current employee or to deny prospective or current independent contractors or temporary employees access to facilities of the Exchange].
- (d) A prospective employee who refuses to submit to fingerprinting shall be denied employment by the Exchange[, and a prospective independent contractor or temporary employee who refuses to submit to fingerprinting shall be denied access to facilities of the Exchange]. A current employee[, independent contractor, or temporary employee] who refuses to submit to fingerprinting will be terminated following notice and being given three (3) opportunities to submit.

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