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amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.

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1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

(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 Exchange Rule 1308, Supervision of Accounts, to temporarily extend the filing requirements for certain supervision-related reports, currently given an extension to June 1, 2020, to June 30, 2020.

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. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

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 January 29, 2020. 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 Chris Solgan, Vice President and Senior Counsel, at (609) 897-8494.

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

a. <u>Purpose</u>

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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Given current market conditions, the Exchange proposes to provide its members temporary relief from filing certain supervision-related reports pursuant to Exchange Rule 1308 (Supervision of Accounts).³

The Exchange has been closely monitoring the current situation regarding the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") pandemic. The Exchange understands COVID-19 has placed stress on market participants' information technology infrastructure and the required deployment of significant resources, including to implement and continuously adapt business continuity plans. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic.⁴ To slow the spread of the disease, federal and state officials implemented social-distancing measures, placed significant limitations on large gatherings, limited travel, and closed non-essential businesses, all of which are largely still in place for the foreseeable future. The Exchange also notes that in response to COVID-19, the Financial Industry Reporting Authority ("FINRA") recently reissued temporary relief for member firms by, among other things, extending the deadline for submitting their supervision-related reports (FINRA Rule 3120 Report and FINRA Rule 3130 certification) from their initial extension deadlines of June 1, 2020⁵ to

The Exchange notes that MIAX Rule 1308 is incorporated by reference into the rulebooks of MIAX PEARL, LLC ("PEARL") and MIAX Emerald, LLC ("Emerald"). As such, the amendments to MIAX Rule 1308 proposed herein will also impact PEARL and Emerald Rules 1308. The Exchange initially filed the proposal on June 1, 2020 (SR-MIAX-2020-14). On June 4, 2020, the Exchange withdrew that filing and submitted this filing.

^{4 &}lt;u>See</u> WHO Director-General's Opening Remarks at the Media Briefing on COVID-19 (March 11, 2020), available at https://www.who.int/dg/speeches/detail/who-director-general-s-opening-remarksat-the-media-briefing-on-covid-19---11-march-2020.

⁵ <u>See</u> FINRA Regulatory Notice 20-08 (March 9, 2020) available at https://www.finra.org/rules-guidance/notices/20-08.

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June 30, 2020.⁶ The Exchange notes, too, that other options exchanges that had previously extended the supervisory report deadlines from April 1 to June 1 for their members, ⁷ also plan to submit similar filings to, again, extend their deadlines through June 30, 2020.

By way of background, Exchange Rule 1308(g) requires each Exchange member that conducts a non-member customer business to submit to the Exchange a written report on the member's supervision and compliance effort during the preceding year and on the adequacy of the member's ongoing compliance processes and procedures. Each member that conducts a public customer options business is also required to specifically include its options compliance program in the report. The Exchange Rule 1308(g) report is due on April 1 of each year. Exchange Rule 1308(h) requires that each member submit, by April 1 of each year, a copy of the Rule 1308(g) report to one or more control persons or, if the member has no control person, to the audit committee of its board of directors or its equivalent committee or group.

Rule 1308 currently provides relief to members and their employees by extending these deadlines to June 1, 2020.¹⁰ However, as COVID-19 remains an ongoing pandemic, to meet the current June 1 deadlines in Rule 1308, member personnel would have to divide their efforts and resources that are otherwise necessary to address continued disruptions and stresses as a result of

See FINRA Regulatory Notice 20-08, FAQs, Supervision (May 19, 2020) available at https://www.finra.org/rules-guidance/key-topics/covid-19/faq#supe.

See SR-CBOE-2020-049 (May 29, 2020). See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 88524 (March 31, 2020), 85 FR 19198 (April 6, 2020) (SR-ISE-2020-14); and 88527 (March 31, 2020), 85 FR 19190 (April 6, 2020) (SR-Phlx-2020-16).

The report shall include, but not be limited to, the information set out in Exchange Rule 1308(g)(1) - (6).

See Exchange Rule 1308(h) for the meaning of the term "control person" and requirements in the case of a control person that is an organization.

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 88543 (April 2, 2020), 85 FR 19788 (April 8, 2020) (SR-MIAX-2020-06).

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the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, the Exchange proposes to extend the filing deadline through June 30, 2020, thus allowing member personnel that are tasked with organizing, compiling and filing such reports, but are also tasked with maintaining critical operations and sustainable business continuity plans, and otherwise adjusting the member's trading operations in line with evolving market conditions and initiatives to address such conditions to focus their attention on those immediate needs.

b. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that its proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act¹¹ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act¹² 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 regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, 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.

Additionally, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)¹³ requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

In particular, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule will foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities. The proposed rule change will allow the

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

^{13 &}lt;u>Id</u>.

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Exchange to extend temporary relief to its members by issuing another extension of certain supervisory reporting deadlines from June 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020 in light of the ongoing COVID-19 crisis. The Exchange understands this pandemic has caused, and continues to cause, stress on market participants' information technology infrastructure and the deployment of significant resources to address ongoing disruptions and continued stresses. By allowing the Exchange to re-extend the deadlines for filing certain supervision related reports in Rule 1308, the Exchange believes the proposed rule will allow member personnel, who would normally be tasked with organizing and compiling such reports, to focus their attention on maintaining critical operations and sustainable business continuity plans, and otherwise adjusting their trading operations in line with evolving market conditions and initiatives in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The Exchange also believes the proposed rule change removes impediments to and perfects the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system because, as noted above, FINRA has also re-extended the time for their members to file supervision-related reports from June 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020. ¹⁴ Additionally, as indicated above, other options exchanges that had previously extended the supervisory report deadlines from April 1 to June 1 for their members, ¹⁵ plan to submit similar filings to re-extend their deadlines through June 30, 2020.

4. <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 that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed rule change is not intended to address competitive issues. The Exchange does not

See supra note 6.

See <u>supra</u> note 7.

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believe the proposed rule would impose any burden on intramarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the Act, because the additional June 30, 2020 extension for supervision-related reports in Rule 1308 will apply equally to all members. The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change would impose any burden on intermarket competition because it relates only to the extension of the filing deadline for supervision-related reports. Additionally, and as stated above, FINRA has recently notified its members that the filing deadline for their supervision-related reports has again been extended from June 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020, ¹⁶ and other options exchanges plan to file for the same relief through June 30, 2020, as well.

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.

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 Act¹⁷ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)¹⁸ thereunder, the Exchange 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

See supra note 6.

¹⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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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 does not believe that the proposed rule change will significantly affect investors or the public interest. Instead, it is specifically designed to protect investors and the public interest by ensuring that the Exchange may grant relief to its members by continuing the extension of the deadline for members to submit supervision-related reports from June 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020 in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. In particular, upon its adoption, the proposed rule will protect investors and the public interest by allowing member personnel, who would otherwise be tasked with organizing and compiling certain reports currently due on June 1, to focus their resources and efforts on maintaining critical operations and sustaining business continuity plans, and otherwise adjusting their operations in response to the continued COVID-19 pandemic. The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any significant burden on competition because the June 30, 2020 extension for supervision related reports in Rule 1308 will apply equally to all members. Further, the proposed rule change is not intended to address competitive issues but is rather concerned with the extension of the deadline for supervision-related reports in response to the ongoing COVID-19 situation. In addition to this, the Exchange notes that FINRA has recently granted the same relief and extended the deadline for their members' supervision-related reports from its initial June 1, 2020 extension through June 30, 2020, and other options exchanges intend to file for the same reextensions of their supervisory deadlines, as well. 19 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.

See supra notes 6 and 7.

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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.

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6) normally does not become operative before 30 days after the date of filing. Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii), however, 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 contained in Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) so that this temporary relief can take effect immediately, removing any uncertainty for members that would benefit from the relief. As stated above, the proposed rule change is intended to free up member resources in order for them to best address ongoing disruptions and new stresses as a result of COVID-19. Particularly, the Exchange believes that putting the proposed rule change into operation as soon as possible would assist in providing immediate relief for members by allowing the Exchange to immediately extend the June 1 deadline in Rule 1308 for reports in connection with supervision and ongoing compliance processes and procedures. Additionally, other options exchanges recently extended the same supervision-related reporting deadlines for their members. Given the extenuating circumstances, and for the reasons described above, the Exchange believes that is appropriate for the Commission to waive the operative delay.

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Furthermore, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii)²⁰ requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file a proposed rule change under that subsection at least five business days before the date of filing, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. In light of the immediate nature of the relief requested, the Exchange respectfully requests that the Commission waive the five business day notice of the Exchange's intent to file this proposed rule change.

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

The proposed rule change is based on SR-CBOE-2020-049.

9. Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act Not applicable.

10. <u>Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act</u>

Not applicable.

11. Exhibits

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

²⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

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EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND	EXCHANGE COMMISSION
(Release No. 34-	; File No. SR-MIAX-2020-15)
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Self-Regulatory Organizations: Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change by Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC to Temporarily Extend Certain Filing Requirements

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______, 2020, Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC ("MIAX Options" or the "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> <u>Rule Change</u>

The Exchange is filing a proposal to amend Exchange Rule 1308, Supervision of Accounts, to temporarily extend the filing requirements for certain supervision-related reports, currently given an extension to June 1, 2020, to June 30, 2020.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at http://www.miaxoptions.com/rule-filings/ at MIAX Options' 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>

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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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 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 Basis</u> for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

Given current market conditions, the Exchange proposes to provide its members temporary relief from filing certain supervision-related reports pursuant to Exchange Rule 1308 (Supervision of Accounts).³

The Exchange has been closely monitoring the current situation regarding the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") pandemic. The Exchange understands COVID-19 has placed stress on market participants' information technology infrastructure and the required deployment of significant resources, including to implement and continuously adapt business continuity plans. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic.⁴ To slow the spread of the disease, federal and state officials implemented social-distancing measures, placed significant limitations on large gatherings, limited travel, and closed non-essential businesses, all of which are largely still in place for the foreseeable future. The

The Exchange notes that MIAX Rule 1308 is incorporated by reference into the rulebooks of MIAX PEARL, LLC ("PEARL") and MIAX Emerald, LLC ("Emerald"). As such, the amendments to MIAX Rule 1308 proposed herein will also impact PEARL and Emerald Rules 1308. The Exchange initially filed the proposal on June 1, 2020 (SR-MIAX-2020-14). On June 4, 2020, the Exchange withdrew that filing and submitted this filing.

⁴ <u>See WHO Director-General's Opening Remarks at the Media Briefing on COVID-19 (March 11, 2020), available at https://www.who.int/dg/speeches/detail/who-director-general-s-opening-remarksat-the-media-briefing-on-covid-19---11-march-2020.</u>

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Exchange also notes that in response to COVID-19, the Financial Industry Reporting Authority ("FINRA") recently reissued temporary relief for member firms by, among other things, extending the deadline for submitting their supervision-related reports (FINRA Rule 3120 Report and FINRA Rule 3130 certification) from their initial extension deadlines of June 1, 2020⁵ to June 30, 2020.⁶ The Exchange notes, too, that other options exchanges that had previously extended the supervisory report deadlines from April 1 to June 1 for their members, ⁷ also plan to submit similar filings to, again, extend their deadlines through June 30, 2020.

By way of background, Exchange Rule 1308(g) requires each Exchange member that conducts a non-member customer business to submit to the Exchange a written report on the member's supervision and compliance effort during the preceding year and on the adequacy of the member's ongoing compliance processes and procedures. Each member that conducts a public customer options business is also required to specifically include its options compliance program in the report. The Exchange Rule 1308(g) report is due on April 1 of each year. Exchange Rule 1308(h) requires that each member submit, by April 1 of each year, a copy of the Rule 1308(g) report to one or more control persons or, if the member has no control person, to the audit committee of its board of directors or its equivalent committee or group.

^{5 &}lt;u>See</u> FINRA Regulatory Notice 20-08 (March 9, 2020) available at https://www.finra.org/rules-guidance/notices/20-08.

See FINRA Regulatory Notice 20-08, FAQs, Supervision (May 19, 2020) available at https://www.finra.org/rules-guidance/key-topics/covid-19/faq#supe.

See SR-CBOE-2020-049 (May 29, 2020). See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 88524 (March 31, 2020), 85 FR 19198 (April 6, 2020) (SR-ISE-2020-14); and 88527 (March 31, 2020), 85 FR 19190 (April 6, 2020) (SR-Phlx-2020-16).

The report shall include, but not be limited to, the information set out in Exchange Rule 1308(g)(1) - (6).

See Exchange Rule 1308(h) for the meaning of the term "control person" and requirements in the case of a control person that is an organization.

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Rule 1308 currently provides relief to members and their employees by extending these deadlines to June 1, 2020. ¹⁰ However, as COVID-19 remains an ongoing pandemic, to meet the current June 1 deadlines in Rule 1308, member personnel would have to divide their efforts and resources that are otherwise necessary to address continued disruptions and stresses as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, the Exchange proposes to extend the filing deadline through June 30, 2020, thus allowing member personnel that are tasked with organizing, compiling and filing such reports, but are also tasked with maintaining critical operations and sustainable business continuity plans, and otherwise adjusting the member's trading operations in line with evolving market conditions and initiatives to address such conditions to focus their attention on those immediate needs.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act¹¹ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act¹² 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 regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, 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.

Additionally, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 88543 (April 2, 2020), 85 FR 19788 (April 8, 2020) (SR-MIAX-2020-06).

^{11 15} U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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6(b)(5)¹³ requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

In particular, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule will foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities. The proposed rule change will allow the Exchange to extend temporary relief to its members by issuing another extension of certain supervisory reporting deadlines from June 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020 in light of the ongoing COVID-19 crisis. The Exchange understands this pandemic has caused, and continues to cause, stress on market participants' information technology infrastructure and the deployment of significant resources to address ongoing disruptions and continued stresses. By allowing the Exchange to re-extend the deadlines for filing certain supervision related reports in Rule 1308, the Exchange believes the proposed rule will allow member personnel, who would normally be tasked with organizing and compiling such reports, to focus their attention on maintaining critical operations and sustainable business continuity plans, and otherwise adjusting their trading operations in line with evolving market conditions and initiatives in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The Exchange also believes the proposed rule change removes impediments to and perfects the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system because, as noted above, FINRA has also re-extended the time for their members to file supervision-related reports from June 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020. ¹⁴ Additionally, as indicated above, other options exchanges that had previously extended the supervisory report deadlines

^{13 &}lt;u>Id</u>.

See supra note 6.

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from April 1 to June 1 for their members, ¹⁵ plan to submit similar filings to re-extend their deadlines through June 30, 2020.

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 that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed rule change is not intended to address competitive issues. The Exchange does not believe the proposed rule would impose any burden on intramarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the Act, because the additional June 30, 2020 extension for supervision-related reports in Rule 1308 will apply equally to all members. The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change would impose any burden on intermarket competition because it relates only to the extension of the filing deadline for supervision-related reports. Additionally, and as stated above, FINRA has recently notified its members that the filing deadline for their supervision-related reports has again been extended from June 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020, ¹⁶ and other options exchanges plan to file for the same relief through June 30, 2020, as well.

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

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

See supra note 7.

See supra note 6.

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Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹⁷ and Rule $19b-4(f)(6)^{18}$ 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

MIAX-2020-15 on the subject line

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-

Paper comments:

¹⁷ 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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□ Send paper comments in triplicate to Vanessa Countryman, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-MIAX-2020-15. 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 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-2020-15 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.¹⁹

Vanessa Countryman Secretary

^{9 17} CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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EXHIBIT 5

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MIAMI INTERNATIONAL SECURITIES EXCHANGE, LLC Rules

Rule 1308. Supervision of Accounts

The deadline to submit the annual supervision-related reports pursuant paragraphs (g) and (h) will be extended from [April] $\underline{\underline{June}}$ 1, 2020 to $\underline{\underline{June}}$ 1, 2020.
