

accepted or may be considered public documents. The non-confidential summary will be placed in the docket and open to public inspection.

Public versions of all documents relating to this review will be made available for public viewing at <http://www.regulations.gov> upon completion of processing and no later than approximately two weeks after the relevant due date.

Marideth Sandler,

Executive Director, Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) Program, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL
MANAGEMENT**

Excepted Service

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This gives notice of OPM decisions granting authority to make appointments under Schedules A, B, and C in the excepted service as required by 5 CFR 6.6 and 213.103.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Glenda Haendschke, Acting Group Manager, Executive Resources Services Group, Center for Human Resources, Division for Human Capital Leadership and Merit System Accountability, 202-606-2246.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Appearing in the listing below are the individual authorities established under Schedules A, B, and C between December 1, 2008, and December 31, 2008. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of September 30 is published each year.

Schedule A

No Schedule A appointments were approved for December 2008.

Schedule B

No Schedule B appointments were approved for December 2008.

Schedule C

The following Schedule C appointments were approved during December 2008.

Executive Office of the President

Department of State

DSGS69758 Foreign Affairs Officer to the Ambassador-At-Large (War

Crimes). Effective December 10, 2008.

Department of the Interior

DIGS01132 Special Assistant—Scheduling and Advance to the Director of Scheduling and Advance. Effective December 02, 2008.

United States International Trade Commission

TCGS60100 Staff Assistant (Legal) to a Commissioner. Effective December 09, 2008.

Department of Transportation

DTGS60462 Associate Director for Public Affairs to the Deputy Director for Public Affairs. Effective December 10, 2008.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR 1954-1958 Comp., p. 218.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Kathie Ann Whipple,

Acting Director.

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION**

[Release No. 34-59539; File No. SR-CBOE-2009-015]

**Self-Regulatory Organizations;
Chicago Board Options Exchange,
Incorporated; Notice of Filing and
Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed
Rule Change Relating to Two Pilot
Programs**

March 9, 2009.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on February 27, 2009, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated (the “Exchange” or “CBOE”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder,⁴ which renders it effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit

comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

**I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s
Statement of the Terms of Substance of
the Proposed Rule Change**

The Exchange proposes to amend CBOE rules relating to two pilot programs. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s Web site (<http://www.cboe.org/Legal>), at the Exchange’s Office of the Secretary, and at the Commission.

**II. Self-Regulatory Organization’s
Statement of the Purpose of, and
Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule
Change**

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization 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 those 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 parts of such statements.

*A. Self-Regulatory Organization’s
Statement of the Purpose of, and
Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule
Change*

1. Purpose

The purpose of this rule change is to delete reference to two existing pilot programs in CBOE’s rules that CBOE no longer utilizes and which are scheduled to expire on March 14, 2009.

One pilot program allows a Market-Maker, Off-Floor DPM, Off-Floor LMM or an e-DPM to have an affiliated Market-Maker physically present in the trading crowds where it operates as a Market-Maker, Off-Floor DPM, Off-Floor LMM, or e-DPM, respectively. The second pilot program allows a CBOE member or member firm to have multiple aggregation units operating as separate Market-Makers within the same class, provided they satisfy certain criteria set forth in Rule 8.3(c)(vi).⁵

CBOE notes that these pilot programs were initially adopted, in part, due to CBOE’s usage of an algorithm that allocates electronic trades, in whole or in part, in an equal percentage based on the number of market participants quoting at the best bid or offer—specifically CBOE’s ultimate matching algorithm “UMA.” In January 2008,

⁵ These pilot programs previously were extended for one year until March 14, 2009. See Rel. No. 57519 (March 18, 2008), 73 FR 15805 (March 25, 2008) (immediate effectiveness of SR-CBOE-2008-29).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).