



**Boston Options Exchange Regulation LLC
Regulatory Circular 2009- 02**

TO: BOX Participants
FROM: BOX Regulation LLC
DATE: February 23, 2009
SUBJECT: Protection Mechanism on Opening of BOX Market

BOX applies a protection mechanism that delays the opening of trading in the event of unusual quoting activity in a particular series or class of options. The BOX Market Regulation Center (“MRC”) has recently reviewed the parameters of the mechanism and has adjusted certain of the parameters as set forth below. For a more detailed description of the protection mechanism, please refer to Chapter V, Section 9 of the BOX Rules.

SERIES LEVEL

| Bucket | Constant (x) | % (P) |
|--|--------------|-------|
| ETF | 1.50 | 7.50% |
| High Volatility and Price \geq 50 ¹ | 0.75 | 1.00% |
| Others | 1.50 | 7.50% |

CLASS LEVEL

| Bucket | Contracts (z) | Series (y) |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|------------|
| ETF | 9,999 | 29 |
| High Volatility and Price \geq 50 | 249 | 29 |
| Others | 1,499 | 44 |

The MRC periodically evaluates and reviews these parameters and, if appropriate, will adjust them and notify Participants accordingly.

This circular is not intended to be a comprehensive description of the rules regarding the opening of the BOX Market. The BOX Trading Rules may be viewed on the BOX website at www.bostonoptions.com.

Please review the information provided herein. If you have any questions regarding this information please contact Joe Dalton at (617) 235-2317 or Bruce Goodhue at (617) 235-2022.

¹ The following classes are included within this bucket: NASDAQ 100 Index (NDX), RUSSELL 2000 Index (RUT), Google Inc. (GOOG), CME Group Inc. (CME), First Solar, Inc. (FSLR), MasterCard Incorporated (MA), ITT Educational Services, Inc. (ESI), BlackRock, Inc. (BLK), Baidu, Inc. (BIDU), AutoZone, Inc. (AZO), Intuitive Surgical, Inc. (ISRG), MINI-NASDAQ 100 Index (MNX), Apple Inc. (AAPL). The classes in this bucket will remain fixed until such time when the MRC next reviews and/or adjusts the parameters. Any changes to the classes in this bucket will be communicated to Participants.