



**Boston Options Exchange Regulation LLC
Regulatory Circular 2011-01**

TO: BOX Participants
FROM: Boston Options Exchange Regulation LLC
DATE: January 31, 2011
SUBJECT: Technical Issue with NASDAQ OMX Indexes

- NASDAQ OMX[®] identified a technical issue in the calculation of several index values on **Friday, January 28, 2011**, as announced in [Financial Products News #2011-5](#).
- While index options affected by this technical issue were halted on some exchanges immediately or at a later period up until the time that the calculations were once again validated, the index options trades that occurred on the BOX Market were later deemed invalid for that same period of time once BOXR learned that trades had taken place.
- BOXR determined that all index options affected by this technical issue were halted. Any trades that occurred from 9:30 a.m. ET through the time that a determination could be validated that real-time values being calculated were accurate– were cancelled in accordance with BOX Rule V, Section 10, Trading Halts, which states as follows:
 - (a) *Halts*. An Options Official may halt trading in any option contract in the interests of a fair and orderly market. The following are among the factors that shall be considered in determining whether the trading in an option contract should be halted:
 - i) trading in the underlying security has been halted or suspended in the primary market
 - ii) the opening of such underlying security has been delayed because of unusual circumstances.

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