



**Boston Options Exchange Regulation LLC  
Regulatory Circular 2010-05**

**TO: BOX Participants**  
**FROM: BOX Regulation LLC**  
**DATE: March 19, 2010**  
**SUBJECT: Protection Mechanism on Opening of BOX Market**

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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 $\geq$ 75 <sup>1</sup>	0.75	1.00%
Bid/Ask Differentials <sup>2</sup>	0.75	1.00%
Indexes	0.75	1.00%
Others	1.50	7.50%

**CLASS LEVEL**

Bucket	Contracts (z)	Series (y)
ETF	9,999	29
High Volatility and Price $\geq$ 75	249	29
Bid/Ask Differentials	249	29
Indexes	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](http://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.

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<sup>1</sup> The following classes are included within this bucket: Apple Inc. (AAPL), Baidu, Inc. (BIDU), CNOOC Limited (CEO), CME Group Inc. (CME), Goldman Sachs Group Inc (GS), Intuitive Surgical Inc (ISRG), MasterCard Incorporated (MA), Priceline.com Inc (PCLN). The classes in this bucket will remain fixed until the next review period.

<sup>2</sup> Classes specifically referenced in Regulatory Circular 2010-04 regarding Bid/Ask Differentials in Certain High Priced Securities are included in this bucket.