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**TO: BOX Options Participants**  
**FROM: BOX Market Operations Center**  
**SUBJECT: Annual SIFMA BCP/ Reg SCI Test – October 24, 2020**  
**DATE: September 25, 2020**

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In coordination with other market centers and in support of Regulation SCI, BOX Exchange LLC (“BOX”) will be participating in the annual SIFMA BCP Test on **Saturday, October 24, 2020**.

#### **Designated BCP/DR Participants**

As required by Regulation SCI and BOX Rule 2100, certain BOX Participants are required to participate in an annual disaster recovery functional and performance testing.<sup>1</sup> BOX will be leveraging the annual industry-wide SIFMA BCP Test and BOX specific Pre-Tests to fulfill this requirement. BOX has individually notified the Designated BCP/DR Participants who are required to participate in the SIFMA BCP Test and the BOX specific Pre-Test.

Designated BCP/DR Participants will be expected to submit quotes to the DR site during the test. The expected level of quote activity for each Designated BCP/DR Participant will be determined by the Exchange and communicated to the Designated BCP/DR Participant.

Previous Designated BCP/DR Participants are also encouraged to participate in the test and are strongly encouraged to register with SIFMA. Additional information regarding the industry-wide SIFMA BCP Test is available on the SIFMA web site at:  
<http://www.sifma.org/services/bcp/industry-testing/>

#### **September 26 and October 3, 2020 - Pre-Tests**

On Saturday, September 26 and October 3, 2020 all BOX Participants will be able to pre-test their connectivity to the BOX DR trading environment between 9:00 a.m. EST and 1:00 p.m. EST. BOX has individually notified the Designated BCP/DR Participants who are required to participate in the BOX specific Pre-Test.

- **Connection via the Chicago POP (350 East Cermak - CH1) will be required as the NY4-Equinix POP will not be available for the pre-test.**

#### **October 24, 2020 - Test Overview**

- The following BOX services will be available for testing: SAIL, FIX, ATR, TMS and HSVF.
- Participants should test using the same IP address/port as in their normal production environment.
- Participants must submit orders and/or quotes to BOX in pre-determined instruments.

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<sup>1</sup> See [SR-BOX-2015-35](#).

- BOX will validate the receipt of these orders and/or quotes by sending an acknowledgment for each order/quote and trade/reject.
  - Receipt of an order/quote or trade/reject acknowledgment will constitute a successful test.
- **Connection via the Chicago POP (350 East Cermak - CH1) will be required as the NY4-Equinix POP will not be available for the test.**

### October 24, 2020 – Industry Wide Test

During the test, BOX will coordinate with SIFMA, the Options Clearing Corporation and other option exchanges.

- Participants should operate as if it were a normal business day.
- Participants must use a trade date of Saturday, October 24, 2020.
- Participants must not connect to BOX prior to 9:00 a.m. EST.
- BOX market will be in pre-open from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. EST.
- BOX market will open at 9:30 a.m. EST.
- Participants are asked to submit a minimum of 2 orders and/or quotes on selected options.
  - The test instruments used will be the options listed as of October 24, 2020 on CSCO (Cisco Systems), MSFT (Microsoft), GE (General Electric), BAC (Bank of America Corp), and F (Ford Motor) (see below).
  - These will be the only instruments supported.
- BOX will process trades and send execution/fill reports back to Participants.
- BOX will interact with OCC via the FIXML MQ channel.
- Participants are responsible to cancel all their GTC/GTD opened orders should they decide to send that type of order. BOX will **not** cancel any GTC/GTD opened orders.

### Environment Settings and Configurations

- Participants will connect to the BOX production environment via the BOX production network and will use normal production credentials (IDs, usernames, passwords).
- **Connection via the Chicago POP (350 East Cermak - CH1) will be required as the NY4-Equinix POP will not be available for the test.**

### Test Scripts

Test cases that are available to Participants during the test session are in the following symbols:

Test Transaction	Transaction Type (Buy/Sell)	Symbol
1	B/S	CSCO
2	B/S	MSFT
3	B/S	GE
4	B/S	BAC
5	B/S	F

### Test Day Support Resources

Please contact BOX Market Operation Center at (866) 768-8845 or by email at [BOXMOC@boxoptions.com](mailto:BOXMOC@boxoptions.com) for trading and technical support during the test.

### Post Test

- Once the test is completed, Participants may email their test results to BOX at [BOXMOC@boxoptions.com](mailto:BOXMOC@boxoptions.com).
- Participants should purge all trades and orders/quotes sent during the test from their systems.
- The BOX production environment will be available for “normal” production operations on Sunday, October 25, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. EST.

### Test Success Criteria

- As discussed above, a two-way communication between the Participant and BOX constitutes a successful SIFMA BCP Test.
  - Two-way communication includes the Participant’s submission of all test transactions to BOX, followed by the receipt of order/quote acknowledgments, trade notification and/or reject messages from BOX.
- Participants should maintain documentation of test results and interactions.
- **BOX will not maintain test results for Participants, nor will BOX certify the results of the SIFMA BCP Test.**

### Contacts

Please contact the Market Operations Center at (866) 768-8845 or by e-mail at [BOXMOC@boxoptions.com](mailto:BOXMOC@boxoptions.com) should you require additional information.