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**TO: BOX Options Participants**  
**FROM: BOX Market Operations Center**  
**SUBJECT: Debit/Credit Check Protection Clarification**  
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BOX Options Market LLC ("BOX") recently filed a rule change to clarify the Debit/Credit Check Price Protection feature for Complex Orders.

The rule text in IM-7240-1(a)(1) stated that "the system will attempt to identify the strategy as a debit or credit based on the potential profit or loss of the Complex Order. The system first groups the legs of the Complex Order by expiration date. The system then calculates the potential profit or loss of each group for a range of price levels of the underlying security. **Specifically, the system calculates the profit or loss for each group at price levels equal to the strike price of each leg in the group.**"

After internal review, BOX found that the Debit/Credit Check does not utilize only the price levels equal to the strike price of each leg in the groups of a Complex Order, but instead employs a broader range of prices for the underlying security to make a more accurate determination as to whether a particular strategy is a debit or credit. As such, BOX is removing the highlighted language above from IM-7240-1(a)(1) in order to accurately reflect system behavior and reduce investor confusion.

For more information, please see [SR-BOX-2021-18](#).

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