

orders should be entered as early in the day as possible to provide market participants an opportunity to better ascertain possible order imbalances that might exist at the close.

Between 3:00 and 3:40 p.m. (Eastern Time), imbalances of any size may be published with Floor Official approval. These are informational only and do not limit MOC/LOC order entry before 3:40 p.m.

At 3:40 p.m. or as close to this time as possible, MOC order imbalances of 25,000 shares or more must be published on the consolidated tape. In addition, an order imbalance below 25,000 shares may also be published by a specialist, with the concurrence of a Floor Official, if the specialist (i) anticipates that the execution of the MOC orders will result in a closing price which exceeds the price change parameters of Rule 154, Commentary .08 (the \$2, \$1, \$.50 Rule), or (ii) believes that an order imbalance should otherwise be published in an attempt to minimize price volatility on the close. A "No Imbalance" notice will only be published for any stock at 3:40 p.m. if there had been a prior informational imbalance publication.

(1) MOC Imbalance Calculation Policy (3:40 p.m. calculation): Marketable LOC orders to buy (that is, LOC buy orders with limit prices above the last sale at 3:40 p.m.) are added to MOC orders to buy. Marketable LOC orders to sell (that is, LOC orders with limit prices below the last sale at 3:40 p.m.) are added to MOC orders to sell. The buy orders are then matched against sell orders. If there is a buy imbalance, it is offset and reduced by any tick-sensitive MOC orders to sell and tick-sensitive, marketable LOC orders to sell (including orders to sell short). If there is a sell imbalance it is offset and reduced by any tick-sensitive MOC orders to buy and tick-sensitive, marketable LOC orders to buy.

At 3:50 p.m. or as close to this time as possible, MOC order imbalances of 25,000 shares or more must be published on the consolidated tape. In addition, an order imbalance below 25,000 shares may also be published by a specialist, with the concurrence of a Floor Official, if the specialist (i) anticipates that the execution of the MOC orders will result in a closing price which exceeds the price change parameters of Rule 154, Commentary .08 (the \$2, \$1, \$.50 Rule), or (ii) believes that an order imbalance should otherwise be published in an attempt to minimize price volatility on the close. If there had been an imbalance publication at 3:40 p.m. and the imbalance at 3:50 p.m. is less than

25,000 shares, either a "No Imbalance" notice will be published, or the size and side of the imbalance may be published with Floor Official approval.

MOC Imbalance Calculation Policy (3:50 p.m. calculation): Procedures for the 3:50 p.m. calculation are the same as the 3:40 p.m. calculation, except that the Exchange last sale at 3:50 p.m. would be used to determine whether or not a LOC order is marketable.

(2) Between 3:40 p.m. and 3:50 p.m., no MOC or LOC orders may be entered except to offset a published MOC imbalance at 3:40 p.m. A broker may represent an MOC or LOC order in the crowd, but must state irrevocable MOC interest by 3:40:00 p.m. After 3:40:00 p.m., an MOC order may not be taken from the book to be represented by a broker in the crowd.

Between 3:40 p.m. and 3:50 p.m., MOC and LOC orders are irrevocable, except to correct an error (e.g., incorrect stock, side, size, or price, or a duplication of a previously entered order). Properly cancelled MOC and LOC orders may not be replaced after 3:40 p.m. unless the replacement order offsets a published MOC imbalance.

After 3:50 p.m., no MOC or LOC orders may be entered except to offset a published MOC imbalance at 3:50 p.m.

Cancellation or reduction in size of MOC and/or LOC orders after 3:50 p.m. will not be permitted for any reason, including in case of legitimate error.

(3) Publication of Imbalances Following Trading Halt of Any Type: MOC order imbalances of 25,000 shares or more are required to be published by the specialist, if practicable, in the event a stock reopens after 3:50 p.m. following a trading halt of any type. An imbalance of less than 25,000 shares may be published with the concurrence of a Floor Official. Trading will not resume in the event a trading halt in a stock occurs after 3:55 p.m., and MOC/LOC orders in that stock will not be executed.

(4) Entry of MOC/LOC Orders During a Regulatory Halt. If a regulatory halt is in effect at 3:40 p.m. or occurs after that time, the entry of MOC/LOC orders is permitted until 3:50 p.m. or until the security reopens, whichever occurs first. If an order imbalance is published following a regulatory halt and reopening after 3:40 p.m., the entry of MOC/LOC orders is permitted only to offset the published imbalance.

(5) Cancellation of MOC/LOC Orders During a Regulatory Halt. When a regulatory halt (news pending or news dissemination) is in effect at 3:40 p.m. or occurs after that time, cancellation of MOC/LOC orders is permitted until 3:50 p.m. or the reopening of the security,

whichever occurs first. This policy does not apply to non-regulatory (e.g., order imbalance or equipment changeover) halts, and cancellation of orders in such cases is prohibited after 3:40 p.m. except to correct an error. Cancellation or reduction in size of MOC and/or LOC orders after 3:50 p.m. will not be permitted for any reason, including in case of legitimate error.

(b) Printing the Close: In accordance with Rule 109(d), the imbalance of MOC and marketable LOC orders are printed against the bid or the offer as the case may be.

Following the printing of the imbalance, and in accordance with Rule 109, the specialist shall stop the remaining buy and sell orders against each other and pair them off at the price of the immediately preceding sale described above. The "pair off" transaction shall be reported to the tape as "stopped stock". Where the aggregate size of the MOC (and marketable LOC, i.e., orders with limits above the closing price) orders to buy equals the aggregate size of the MOC (and marketable LOC, i.e., orders with limits below the closing price) orders to sell, the buy orders and sell orders shall be stopped against each other and paired-off at the price of the last sale regular-way on the Exchange prior to the close of trading in that stock on that day. The transaction shall be reported to the consolidated last sale reporting system as "stopped stock". Any stop orders and percentage orders that would be elected and become executable as a result of the closing transaction should also be included in the close.

(c) Order of Execution of MOC and LOC Orders.

On the close orders are to be executed in the following order.

1. MOC orders (including "G");
2. Tick-sensitive, marketable (as defined in Rule 131A(b) above) MOC orders (not including sell short "G");
3. Tick-sensitive, marketable (as defined in Rule 131A(b) above) market orders and marketable (as defined in Rule 131A(b) above) limit orders;
4. Marketable (as defined in Rule 131A(b) above) LOC orders (including "G");
5. Tick-sensitive, marketable (as defined in Rule 131A(b) above) LOC orders (not including sell short "G");
6. Limit orders on the book and in the crowd limited to the closing price;
7. LOC orders limited to the closing price;
8. Tick-sensitive MOC orders limited to the closing price (not including sell short "G");