# **EXHIBIT 5A**



# **By-Laws**

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# Article I – Definitions

SECTION 1. Unless the context requires otherwise (or except as otherwise specified in the By-Laws or Rules), the terms defined herein shall, for all purposes of these By-Laws and the Rules of the Corporation, have the meanings herein specified.

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# **Clearing Member**

(15) The term "Clearing Member" means a person or organization that has been admitted to membership in the Corporation pursuant to the provisions of the By-Laws and Rules. References in the By-Laws or Rules to the term "Clearing Member" preceded by a capitalized reference to an underlying interest or a cleared contract, e.g., a "Stock Clearing Member," or a "Security Futures Clearing Member," shall be deemed to be to a Clearing Member approved in accordance with Article V of the By-Laws to clear transactions in options on the specified underlying interest, or in the cleared contract, as applicable, provided that the term "Stock Clearing Member" shall be deemed to include a Clearing Member approved to clear transactions in BOUNDS as well as stock options, the term "Treasury Securities Clearing Member" shall mean a Clearing Member approved to clear transactions in Treasury Securities options excluding yield-based Treasury options and the term "Index Clearing Member" shall mean a Clearing Member approved to clear transactions in cash-settled options other than OTC options and flexibly structured options on fund shares that are cash settled. The term "OTC Index Option Clearing Member" means a person that has been approved to clear OTC index options.

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### **Flexibly Structured Option**

(8) The term "flexibly structured option" means an option having variable terms that are negotiated between the parties to a confirmed trade pursuant to Exchange Rules and that do not correspond to the variable terms of any series of non-flexibly structured options previously opened for trading on the Exchange. Flexibly structured options may be physically settled or cash settled pursuant to Exchange Rules. Once a series of non-flexibly structured options is opened for trading on an Exchange, any existing flexibly structured option contracts that have identical variable terms and that physically settle shall be fully fungible with options in such series, and shall cease to be flexibly structured options. Flexibly structured options on fund shares that are cash settled shall not be fungible with flexibly structured options that have identical variable terms but physically settle, and once a series of non-flexibly structured options is opened for trading on an Exchange, any flexibly structured options on fund shares that are cash settled shall not be fungible with options in such series and shall not cease to be flexibly structured options that cash settle.

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### **Reporting Authority**

(5) When used in respect of any cash-settled contract, the term "reporting authority" shall mean the source that is relied upon by the Corporation as the official source for the current price or value of the underlying interest. In respect of flexibly structured options on fund shares that are cash settled, the reporting authority shall be the same institution or reporting service used by the Corporation for physically settled equity options with the same underlying interest.

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#### Series

(12) The term "series," when used in respect of options, means all option contracts of the same class and having otherwise identical terms including exercise price (or, in the case of delayed start option contracts that do not yet have a set exercise price, the same exercise price setting formula and exercise price setting date), expiration date, unit of trading, settlement method and, in the case of futures options or commodity options, series marker if any; and when used in respect of futures, means all futures of the same class having identical terms, including the same maturity date and series marker, if any.

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#### Variable Terms

(1) The term "variable terms" in respect of a series of option contracts other than OTC options means the name of the underlying interest, the exercise price (or, in respect of a series of delayed start options that does not yet have a set exercise price, the exercise price setting formula and exercise price setting date), the index value determinant and the index multiplier (in the case of a flexibly structured index option), the cap interval (in the case of a capped option), and the expiration date of such option contract. In addition to these variable terms, flexibly structured options on fund shares may settle physically or settle in cash. The term "variable terms" in respect of a series of OTC options means the terms of such options that are permitted to be negotiated bilaterally between the parties within the range of values specified by the Corporation therefor as set forth in the By-Laws and Rules. "Variable terms," when used in respect of a series of futures means the name of the underlying interest, the maturity date, the method of determining the final settlement price, and the series marker, if any, and in the case of a flexibly structured index future, the index value determinant and the index multiplier.

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# Article XVII - Index Options and Certain Other Cash-Settled Options

### Introduction

By-Laws in this Article are applicable only to cash-settled options that are not specifically addressed elsewhere in these By-Laws, including <u>flexibly structured options</u> that <u>cash settle</u>, Exchange-listed index options, OTC index options and cash-settled commodity options other than binary options or range options (which are governed by the provisions of Article XIV). Section 1 of Article XII is also applicable to cash-settled commodity options. By-Laws in Articles I-XI are also applicable to cash-settled options, in some cases supplemented by one or more By-Laws in this Article, except for By-Laws that have been replaced in respect of such options by one or more By-Laws in this Article and except where the context otherwise requires. Whenever a By-Law in this Article supplements or, for purposes of this Article, replaces one or more By-Laws in Articles I-XI, that fact is indicated in brackets following the By-Law in this Article.

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#### **Definitions**

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# **Class of Options**

(4) The term "class of options" used in respect of cash-settled options means all such options of the same type and style (and, in addition, in the case of flexibly structured index options and OTC index options, having the same index value determinant) and having the same underlying interest, provided that OTC index options shall constitute a separate class of options from other cash-settled options of the same type and style and having the same underlying interest and flexibly structured options that cash settle shall constitute a different class of options from physically settled options on the same underlying interest.

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### **Reporting Authority**

(3) The term "reporting authority" in respect of cash-settled options other than OTC index options and flexibly structured options on fund shares that are cash settled means the institution

or reporting service designated by an Exchange as the official source for the current value of a particular underlying interest or reference variable. Unless another reporting authority is identified by the listing Exchange for a class of cash-settled options, the listing Exchange will be the reporting authority. In respect of OTC index options, the reporting authority shall be the institution or reporting service designated by the Corporation as the official source for the current value of a particular underlying interest or reference variable. In respect of flexibly structured options on fund shares that are cash settled, the reporting authority shall be the institution or reporting service used by the Corporation for the value of the underlying interest for physically settled equity options.

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# Adjustments

SECTION 3. (a) Except in the case of flexibly structured options on fund shares that are cash settled, Section 11A of Article VI of the By-Laws shall not apply to cash-settled option contracts.

- (b) In the case of cash-settled options that have a single commodity as their underlying interest, except as expressly provided otherwise in the By-Laws or Rules relating to a particular cleared contract, determinations as to whether and how to adjust the terms of such options to reflect events affecting the underlying interest shall be made by the Corporation based on its judgment as to what is appropriate for the protection of investors and the public interest, taking into account such factors as fairness to the buyers and sellers of such options, the maintenance of a fair and orderly market in such options and consistency of interpretation and practice.
- (c) No adjustments will ordinarily be made in the terms of index option contracts in the event that index components are added to or deleted from the underlying index or reference index or when the relative weight of one or more such index components has changed. However, if the Corporation shall determine in its sole discretion that any such addition, deletion, or change causes significant discontinuity in the level of the underlying index, the Corporation may adjust the terms of the affected index option contracts by adjusting the index multiplier and/or exercise price with respect to such contracts or by taking such other action as the Corporation in its sole discretion deems fair to both the holders and writers of such contracts.
- (d) If an Exchange shall increase or decrease the index multiplier for any index option contract, or the reporting authority shall change the method of calculation of an underlying index or reference index so as to create a discontinuity or change in the level of the index that does not reflect a change in the prices or values of the index securities, or the Corporation shall substitute one underlying index or reference index for another pursuant to paragraph (e) of this Section 3, the Corporation shall make such adjustments in the number of outstanding affected options or the exercise prices of such options or such other adjustments, if any, as the Corporation in its sole discretion deems fair to both the holders and the writers of such options.
- (e) In the event the Corporation determines that: (i) publication of an underlying index or reference index has been discontinued; (ii) an underlying index or reference index has been replaced by another index, or (iii) the composition or method of calculation of an underlying

index or reference index is so materially changed since its selection as an underlying index or reference index that it is deemed to be a different index, the Corporation may substitute another index (a "successor index") as the underlying index or reference index. A successor index shall be reasonably comparable, as determined by the Corporation in its discretion, to the original underlying index or reference index for which it substitutes. An index may be created specifically for the purpose of becoming a successor index.

- (f) In the event that the value of an underlying relative performance index falls below zero, any such negative value of the index will be deemed by the Corporation to be zero; provided, however, that if it is deemed impractical for systems reasons to have an index value of zero, then any index value of zero or below will be deemed to be an economically nominal positive number. Such an adjustment will have the effect of limiting the maximum exercise settlement amount for in-the-money put options on such indexes to the difference between the exercise price and the nominal positive number substituted for the actual index value (times the applicable multiplier).
- (g) In the event that any individual reference security in an underlying relative performance index is eliminated as the result of a cash-out merger or other event, the reporting authority may cease to publish the index. In that case, the exercise settlement value of the options would become fixed based upon the last published value for the index, and the Exchange on which such options are traded may determine to accelerate the expiration date for such options (and, in the case of European-style options, their exercisability). The expiration date for such options will ordinarily be accelerated to fall on the next regularly scheduled expiration date for the same class of options or such other date as the Corporation may establish in consultation with the Exchange on which such options are traded.
- (h) Except in the case of OTC index options or any of the events described in paragraphs (f) and (g) of this Section 3, determinations with respect to adjustments pursuant to this Section shall be made by the Corporation. The provisions of Article VI, Section 11 of the By-Laws shall apply equally to adjustments made by the Corporation pursuant to this Article XVII, Section 3 and to adjustments made by the Corporation pursuant to Article VI, Section 11A for flexibly structured options on fund shares that are cash settled.

### Unavailability or Inaccuracy of Current Underlying Interest Value

# Effective for Series of Options Opened for Trading After September 16, 2000

SECTION 4. (a) If the Corporation shall determine that the primary market(s) (as determined by the Corporation) for one or more index components did not open or remain open for trading (or that any such components did not open or remain open for trading on such market(s)) on a trading day at or before the time when the current index value for that trading day would ordinarily be determined, or that a current index value or other value or price to be used as, or to determine, the exercise settlement amount (a "required value") for a trading day is otherwise unreported, inaccurate, unreliable, unavailable or inappropriate for purposes of calculating the exercise settlement amount, then, in addition to any other actions that the Corporation may be entitled to take under the By-Laws and Rules, the Corporation shall be empowered to do any or all of the following with respect to any series of options on such index ("affected series"):

- (1) The Corporation may suspend the settlement obligations of exercising and assigned Clearing Members with respect to cash-settled option contracts of the affected series. At such time as the Corporation determines that the required value is available or the Corporation has fixed the exercise settlement amount pursuant to subparagraph (2) of this Section, the Corporation shall fix a new date for settlement of exercised option contracts.
- (2) The Corporation may fix the exercise settlement amount for exercised contracts of an affected series. In the case of flexibly structured options on fund shares that are cash settled, the exercise settlement amount will be determined by using the last reported sale price for the underlying security during regular trading hours, consistent with the expiration closing price determination procedures of Rule 805. In the case of cash-settled securities options other than flexibly structured cash settled options on fund shares that are cash settled and OTC index options, the exercise settlement amount shall be fixed by a panel consisting of two designated representatives of each Exchange on which the affected series is open for trading and the Executive Chairman. In the case of OTC index options or cash-settled commodity options, unless the By-Laws or Rules specifically provide otherwise in respect of a particular class of such options, the exercise settlement amount shall be fixed by the Corporation. The Corporation will consult with the Membership/Risk Committee when appropriate to obtain any additional or supplemental market information or data from the members of such committee that the Corporation believes will be useful in setting such exercise settlement value. The panel (or the Corporation, as the case may be) shall fix the exercise settlement amount based on its judgment as to what is appropriate for the protection of investors and the public interest, taking into account such factors as fairness to holders and writers of options of the affected series, the maintenance of a fair and orderly market in such affected series of options, consistency of interpretation and practice, and consistency with actions taken in related futures or other markets. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the panel (or the Corporation) may fix the exercise settlement amount using: (i) the reported price or value for the relevant security(ies), commodity(ies) or underlying interest at the close of regular trading hours (as determined by the Corporation) on the last preceding trading day for which such a price or value was reported by the reporting authority; (ii) the reported price or value for the relevant security(ies), commodity(ies) or underlying interest at the opening of regular trading hours (as determined by the Corporation) on the next trading day for which such an opening price or value is reported by the reporting authority; or (iii) a price or value for the relevant security(ies), commodity(ies) or underlying interest at such other time, or representing a combination or average of prices or values at such time or times, as the Corporation deems appropriate. The provisions of Article VI, Section 11(c) of the By-Laws with respect to the vote required to constitute the determination of a panel, the voting rights of members of such panels, the ability of such panels to conduct their business by telephone or other designated means, and the ability of the Executive Chairman and Exchange representatives to designate others to serve in their place on such panels shall apply equally to panels convened pursuant to this Section. Every determination pursuant to this Section shall be within the sole discretion of the Corporation or the panel making such determination, as the case may be, and shall be conclusive and binding on all investors and not subject to review.
- (3) If the Corporation or a panel acting pursuant to subsection (2) above delays fixing an exercise settlement amount for a series of options past the last trading day before expiration of that series, the expiration date exercise procedures of Rules 805 and 1804 shall not apply to expiring cash

settled options of the affected series and each Clearing Member shall be deemed to have properly and irrevocably tendered to the Corporation prior to the Expiration Time an exercise notice with respect to each expiring cash-settled option contract of the affected series carried in a long position in each account of the Clearing Member if, and only if, the exercise settlement amount fixed for options of that series is \$1.00 or more. The exercise settlement date for such options shall be postponed until the business day next following the day on which the exercise settlement amount is fixed. Options for which the exercise settlement amount is fixed at less than \$1.00 shall be deemed to have expired unexercised.

(b) [No change]