

Information Memo



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TO: All Members and Member Organizations

SUBJECT: NYSE Comparison Update – Anonymity Indicator “ANON/8602”

ROUTE TO: Business Leaders, Technology and Operations Officers, Trading Desks, Order Rooms and OCS Users

NOTICE: PT178

Overview:

The NYSE and NYSE Amex (the “Exchange”) comparison stream will begin using the NSCC anonymity indicator when sending comparison sides to the clearing corporation. The Exchange will begin phasing out the legacy omnibus accounts of TOD (0772) and LOC (0787) and replace them with the contra clearing firm of “ANON” (8602). We anticipate that we will commence implementation of this enhancement later this year in conjunction with the roll-out of the new Match Engine, the Universal Trading Platform (“UTP”). Member Firms are being notified in advance so that they may prepare for this change. An exact date will be announced in a subsequent notice as will additional information on the UTP project.

Summary of Changes:

Today when a system order is sent directly to the Match Engine and subsequently executed, it is reported to the clearing corporation against the contra clearing firm of “TOD” or “LOC” and the contra badge of “SPEC”. If the order is executed against the DMM, the DMM’s clearing agent is reported against the contra clearing firm of “DOT” (0769). These contra clearing firms are also returned on all reports and report drop copies delivered via our Common Customer Gateway (CCG) or UTP Direct Gateway (BCCG).

In UTP, all reports and report drop copies will be returned with the contra clearing firm "ANON". All comparison sides will also be sent to the clearing corporation with the NSCC anonymity indicator and clearing firms will be locked-in against the new contra clearing firm of "ANON" (8602).

The following field values will be populated in the FIX and UTP Direct report and report drop copy messages:

FIX Tag / Binary Field	Pre-UTP	Post-UTP
Tag 375 / Contra Broker	TOD, LOC	ANON
Tag 337 / Contra Trader	0000 or 0001	0000

The following field values will be populated on the NSCC Contract output.

Contract Field	Pre UTP	Post UTP
<u>Contra Clearing Firm</u> Legacy MRO: position 70-73 UTC MRO: position 280-287 UTC Messages: Tag 448, party role 18	0772 (TOD) 0787 (LOC) 0769 (DOT)	8602
<u>Contra Entering Executing Broker</u> Legacy MRO: n/a UTC MRO: position 288-295 UTC Messages: Tag 448, party role 37	Major Firm mnemonic	ANON

NOTE: NSCC will issue a companion circular detailing the use of the anonymity indicator.

Implementation:

As individual securities are migrated over to UTP, Exchange trade submission will commence using the anonymity indicator for selected transactions on those securities as follows:

- For manual trades, the existing contra clearing firms of DOT, OARS or YB will continue to be given-up to the trading crowd, returned on all report and report drop copy messages and submitted to comparison.
- The Omnibus accounts LOC and TOD will be phased out as individual securities are migrated and eventually retired.
- Transactions for cash, next day and seller’s option settlement will continue to receive real-names as contra and **will not** use the anonymity indicator.
- Step-Out transactions **will not** use the anonymity indicator.

In addition to the Comparison Stream, corresponding changes have been made to the Merged Order Log and Position Minder Output.

Merged Order Log Output:

Currently on the Clearing Firm and Entering Firm versions of the MOL file (Product IDs 06220564, 06220527), when the Omnibus Clearing Indicator is set to "1 for TOD" or "2 for LOC" on report records (record type - 2A), the Contra Mnemonic field is populated with the value of "DOT" or the clearing agent of the DMM firm on the file transmitted to customers.

On the Badge and Agency versions of the MOL file (Product IDs 06200574, 06010578), occasionally the Contra Mnemonic field is populated with the value of "TOD" or "LOC".

The print-image versions of the logs display the Contra firm as TOD or LOC.

For securities migrated to UTP, the Omnibus Clearing indicator will be set to 0 for "not applicable" and the Contra Mnemonic field will be populated with the value of "ANON".

Record Type 2A - Field Name	Position Start-End	Format (length)	Pre-UTP	Post-UTP
OMNIBUS CLEARING INDICATOR	92-92	9(1)	0 = N/A, 1 = TOD, 2 = LOC, 3 = LMT	0 = N/A
CONTRABROKER	138-141	X(4)	Valid Clearing Alpha or Omnibus Account (DOT, OARS, YB, LMT, TOD or LOC)	Valid Clearing Alpha, ANON or Crowd Omnibus Account (DOT, OARS, YB)
CONTRATRADER	151-154	X(4)	SPEC	0000

Position Minder Output: (DMM Clearing Agent)

The Position Minder Output file for each DMM Firm (Product ID 06010123) will reflect the changes as follows:

Field Name	Length	Position	Pre-UTP	Post-UTP
CONTRA BROKER	4	63-66	DOT	ANON
DBEXEC ID	6	143-148	111-115 (5 bytes)	6 bytes

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