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Subject: Submission of the March 2022 Option Disclosure Document

This notice is to advise Clearing Members that OCC has submitted to the SEC a new version of the options disclosure document entitled *Characteristics and Risks of Standardized Options* (also known as the "ODD"). The new version of the ODD contains supplemental material to accommodate trading of certain index options and index flex options with a multiplier of one. Additionally, the new version contains administrative changes to correct certain references to chapter subtitles contained in the original ODD text and to update references to sections in the document.

The new version of the ODD is not yet effective and is anticipated to become eligible for distribution in March 2022. OCC will notify you of its effective date, at which time the new version of the ODD will supersede and replace the current October 2021 ODD version.

ONCE EFFECTIVE, THE NEW VERSION OF THE ODD MUST BE DISTRIBUTED TO CUSTOMERS AUTHORIZED TO TRADE INDEX OPTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF YOUR FIRM'S DESIGNATED OPTIONS EXAMINING AUTHORITY REGARDING DELIVERY, INCLUDING DELIVERY BY ELECTRONIC MEANS. ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING SUCH RULES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO YOUR FIRM'S DESIGNATED OPTIONS EXAMINING AUTHORITY. Electronic delivery of the ODD is permissible if the requirements for electronic delivery as established by the SEC are met. Broker-dealers may wish to consider SEC guidance on electronic delivery as provided in the Federal Register, including but not limited to 60 FR 53458, 61 FR 24644, and 65 FR 25843. Broker-dealers should consult with their Legal and Compliance resources to determine the appropriate means of delivery of the ODD to investors. The pdf of the March 2022 ODD will be available on the OCC website once the document is effective.

For those firms who will purchase printed versions of the March 2022 ODD, Clearing Members and their correspondents may order the new version once it is eligible for distribution.

Clearing Members and market participants are reminded that new versions of the ODD may be issued at various times as necessary to address new products or industry changes.

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