



# U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

## National Securities Exchanges

A "national securities exchange" is a securities exchange that has registered with the SEC under [Section 6](#) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

There are currently ten securities exchanges registered with the SEC as national securities exchanges:

- [American Stock Exchange](#)
- [Boston Stock Exchange](#)
- [Chicago Board Options Exchange](#)
- [Chicago Stock Exchange](#)
- [International Securities Exchange](#)
- [National Stock Exchange](#) (formerly the Cincinnati Stock Exchange)
- [The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC](#)
- [New York Stock Exchange](#)
- [NYSE Arca](#) (formerly known as the Pacific Exchange)
- [Philadelphia Stock Exchange](#)

Certain exchanges are also registered with the SEC through a notice filing under Section 6 (g) of the Exchange Act for the purpose of trading security futures.

There are also two exchanges that the SEC has exempted from registration as national securities exchanges on the basis of a limited volume of transactions:

- Arizona Stock Exchange
- [virt-x plc](#) (formerly known as Tradepoint)

On January 13, 2006, the Commission issued an [order](#) approving the application of the Nasdaq Stock Market to become a registered national securities exchange. [NASD, Inc.](#) is a registered [national securities association](#) that oversees the operations of the Nasdaq Stock Market.

<http://www.sec.gov/answers/exchanges.htm>

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