

Market Consultation

Proposed Amendments for the Rules on Circuit Breaker

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PART 1: INTRODUCTION

The Stock Exchange of Thailand (“SET”) has established rules concerning market-wide trading halts (Circuit Breakers) as follows:

1. In the event that the SET Index declines by a specified percentage threshold, SET will temporarily suspend trading of all listed securities for a period as prescribed by SET.
2. When SET halts all securities trading as a result of the activation of the Circuit Breaker system, SET requires members to temporarily suspend Algorithmic Trading or Program Trading.

Due to the fact that the Circuit Breaker rules mentioned in Clause 2 above may no longer be in line with current trading conditions and could potentially impact the overall market, SET is reviewing these rules and seeking feedback from relevant stakeholders to obtain useful information for the consideration of the regulatory improvements. You may submit your opinions or additional suggestions to SET from now until April 22, 2026, via the following link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/pKq6x9H29b>

For further inquiries, please contact the Securities Trading Department at 02 009 9325-8 or Email: SecuritiesTradingDepartment@set.or.th

PART 2: PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Currently, The Stock Exchange of Thailand ("SET") has established measures regarding the temporary halt of all securities trading¹ (Circuit Breaker) as follows:

	SET Index Change (compared to the previous closing index)	Trading Halt Duration
Level 1	-8%	30 minutes
Level 2	-15%	30 minutes
Level 3	-20%	1 hour

Remark: If the remaining trading time in any session is less than the halt duration specified above, SET will halt trading only for the remaining time of that trading session.

Trading via Program Trading Related to the Circuit Breaker

When a market-wide trading halt occurs due to the activation of Circuit Breaker, SET requires members to temporarily suspend securities trading via Algorithmic Trading or Program Trading. This rule has been in effect since January 12, 2009, to prevent market volatility that may arise from Program Trading following the activation of Circuit Breaker.

However, considering current trading conditions, this mentioned rule may no longer be align with trading circumstances and could potentially impact the overall market. Therefore, SET proposes to revoke the mentioned rule based on the following rationale:

- The mentioned rule is not in line with current trading conditions:
 - In 2009, only 4 members used Program Trading, accounting for 0.89% of total trading value. Currently, Program Trading is widely used across all investor groups. In 2025, 33 out of 36 members utilize Program Trading, representing 45% of total trading value. Suspending Program Trading after halting period of Circuit Breaker could significantly impact overall trading.
 - Program Trading is widely utilized across all investor groups as normal practice. Beyond its use by institutional investors, members now offer Program Trading as an additional function to assist retail investors for trading and portfolio/cost management. Examples include DCA Orders (Dollar Cost Average function) and Conditioned Orders such as Stop Orders (a function that automatically submits an order when a stock price reaches a specified level).

¹ For securities with underlying assets that are not listed on the Stock Exchange of Thailand, as well as securities with underlying assets based on indices not calculated from common stocks listed on the Stock Exchange of Thailand, such as ETFs with foreign underlying assets or Depository Receipts (DRs), trading will continue as normal.

- Program Trading is a crucial tool used by Market Makers to provide liquidity for Derivative Warrants (DWs). In 2025, Market Makers' trading volume using Program Trading accounted for 75% of total DW trading value. Suspending Program Trading for Market Makers could broadly affect investors trading DWs.
 - In terms of supervision and risk management regarding the use of Program Trading, SET has already implemented several risk prevention measures. These include stricter conditions for members applying to use Program Trading, order transmission speed limits (Throttle Limit), requirements for members to have Pre-trade Risk Management systems, and the implementation of a Kill Switch function in the SET trading system to halt new orders and cancel existing orders through members' connection channels, which comprehensively covers Program Trading orders.
2. The mentioned rule is not in line with international standards: Currently, there is no evidence of any foreign stock exchange suspending Program Trading following a Circuit Breaker halt. Retaining this rule may affect the reputation, confidence, and image of the Thai capital market.
 3. Increased risks for members and investors: In the event of a Circuit Breaker activation, if member companies are required to temporarily suspend Program Trading, it would prevent them from executing trades using Program Trading. This would impact and increase the risk for member companies, as they would need to manually input a large volume of orders for clients who cannot use Program Trading. Additionally, it would increase the risk for clients who may not be able to manage their portfolios promptly during that period.

Summary of Proposed Regulatory Revision Regarding the Circuit Breaker

Current Rule: When SET halts all securities trading as a result of a Circuit Breaker, SET requires members to temporarily suspend securities trading via Program Trading.

Proposal: Revoke the mentioned rule.

PART 3: MARKET CONSULTATION FEEDBACK FORM

Please provide your feedback via this comment form or the following online form:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/pKq6x9H29b>

1. General Information

Name
Surname
Company (Abbreviation)
Position
Telephone
Email

Status of Respondent (Select all that apply)

- Securities Company
- Employee of a Securities Company
- Other (Please specify)
- Individual Investor
- Institutional Investor

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<https://www.set.or.th/en/privacy-notice>

2. Comments (If you disagree, please provide reasons)

Do you agree with the proposal to revoke the rule that requires the suspension of Program Trading after a market-wide trading halt due to the activation of Circuit Breaker?

- Agree
- Disagree (Please specify)

Other suggestions

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Please kindly submit your comments to SecuritiesTradingDepartment@set.or.th by April 22, 2026.

The Stock Exchange of Thailand would like to thank you for your comments and suggestions.