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1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

- (a) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> NYSE American LLC (“NYSE American” or the “Exchange”) proposes to amend Rule 915 regarding the criteria for listing options Exchange-Traded Fund Shares (“ETFs”).

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the Federal Register is attached hereto as Exhibit 1, and the text of the proposed rule change is attached as Exhibit 5.

- (b) The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will have any direct effect, or any significant indirect effect, on any other Exchange rule in effect at the time of this filing.

- (c) Not applicable.

2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

Senior management has approved the proposed rule change pursuant to authority delegated to it by the Board of the Exchange. No further action is required under the Exchange’s governing documents. Therefore, the Exchange’s internal procedures with respect to the proposed rule change are complete.

Questions and comments on the proposed rule change may be directed to:

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3. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

- (a) Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 915 (Criteria for Underlying Securities) to modify the criteria for listing options ETFs (the “Rule”), as set forth in Commentary .06 to the Rule (“Commentary .06”). The proposed changes are designed to clarify the listing criteria for ETF options and to streamline the Rule. This proposal is competitive as it will align the Rule with the criteria in place on Nasdaq ISE, LLC (“ISE”).<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>3</sup> See ISE, Options 4, Section 3(h) (setting forth criteria for listing options on ETFs). The Exchange notes that this proposal largely mirrors the changes that ISE made to its listing criteria for ETF options in 2021. See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 92226 (June 22, 2021), 86 FR 34096 (June 28, 2021) (SR-ISE-

Commentary .06 describes the types of ETFs that may be deemed appropriate for options trading<sup>4</sup> and subparagraphs (a) and (b) set forth the conditions that such ETFs must meet to qualify for options trading.

Commentary .06(a) provides that, to qualify for options trading, an ETF must either (i) meet the criteria and guidelines for underlying securities set forth in Commentary .01 to Rule 915;<sup>5</sup> or (ii) be available for creation and redemption each business day.<sup>6</sup> The Exchange proposes to reorganize Commentary .06(a) to make clear that an ETF must meet one of the conditions set forth in subparagraphs (a)(i) or (ii) to be eligible for options trading.<sup>7</sup> In this regard, the Exchange proposes to remove “; and” from the end of Commentary .06(a)(i) and to replace it with a period so that subparagraphs (1) and (2) are not linked, but rather read independently.<sup>8</sup>

The Exchange proposes to make several clarifying changes to Commentary .06(a)(ii), regarding the requirement that an ETF be available for creation or redemption, to align with the substantially similar wording used by its affiliate, NYSE Arca. Proposed Commentary .06(a)(ii) would be revised as follows (with to-be-deleted text in brackets and new text underlined).

(ii) the Exchange-Traded Fund Shares must be available for creation or redemption each business day in cash or in kind from or through the issuing trust, investment company, [issuing trust,] commodity pool or other [entity] issuer at a price related to the net asset value. In addition, the issuing trust, investment company, [issuing trust,] commodity pool or other issuer is obligated to issue Fund Shares in a

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2021-14) (modifying, among other things, the criteria for listing options on ETFs, as set forth in Options 4, Section (h)). As described herein, certain of the proposed changes align Commentary .06 with the analogous rule on its affiliated options exchange, NYSE Arca, Inc. (“NYSE Arca”) --NYSE Arca Rule 5.3-O(g), which is designed to add consistency across the NYSE Options exchanges to the benefit of market participants that trade on both exchanges.

<sup>4</sup> Commentary .06 permits options trading on ETFs that are traded on a national securities exchange and defined as an “NMS stock” in Rule 600 of Regulation NMS and that represent interests in (i) “Financial Instruments” and “Money Market Instruments”; (ii) “Funds”; or (iii) “Commodity Pool ETFs”, or (v) “Managed Fund Shares”; provided that each ETF satisfy the conditions listed in Rules 915 and 916.

<sup>5</sup> Commentary .01 to Rule 915 provides that, among other requirements, an ETF be widely-held and actively traded with at least 7,000,000 shares outstanding, at least 2,000 beneficial owners, and trading volume of at least 2,400,000 shares in the preceding twelve months.

<sup>6</sup> Commentary .06(a)(ii) requires that ETFs be available for creation or redemption each business day from or through the issuer in cash or in kind at a price related to net asset value, and the issuer must be obligated to issue ETFs in a specified aggregate number even if some or all of the investment assets required to be deposited have not been received by the issuer, subject to the condition that the person obligated to deposit the investments has undertaken to deliver the investment assets as soon as possible and such undertaking is secured by the delivery and maintenance of collateral consisting of cash or cash equivalents satisfactory to the issuer, as provided in the respective prospectus.

<sup>7</sup> See proposed Commentary .06(a) and (a)(i) providing that “(a) The Exchange-Traded Fund Shares either: (i) meet the criteria and guidelines for underlying securities set forth in Commentary .01 to this Rule 915; or” satisfy Commentary .06(a)(ii).

<sup>8</sup> See proposed Commentary .06(a)(ii). See also ISE, Options 4, Section 3(h)(1).

specified aggregate number even though some or all of the investment assets needed to be deposited have not been received by the issuing trust, investment company, commodity pool, or other issuer[entity shall provide that fund shares may be created even though some or all of the securities and/or cash needed to be deposited have not been received by the unit investment trust or the management investment company], provided the authorized creation participant has undertaken to deliver the investment assets [shares and/or cash] as soon as possible and such undertaking has been secured by the delivery and maintenance of collateral consisting of cash or cash equivalents satisfactory to the issuer of [f]Fund Shares which underlie[s] the option as described in the [f]Fund Shares’ [or unit trust] prospectus,]; and]<sup>9</sup>

The Exchange believes that these proposed changes add consistency across the NYSE options exchanges, which benefit market participants that trade on both exchanges.

While Commentary .06(a) applies to all ETFs, the Exchange proposes to clarify that Commentary .06(b) applies to only international or global ETFs.<sup>10</sup> Specifically, the Exchange proposes to amend Commentary .06(b) to provide, “Exchange-Traded Fund Shares based on international or global indexes, or portfolios that include non-U.S. securities, must meet the following criteria:”.<sup>11</sup> This proposed rule text makes clear that Commentary .06(b) applies to the extent that an ETF is based on international or global indexes, or portfolios that include non-U.S. securities. In addition, the proposed text is intended to serve as a guidepost and clarify that (1) Commentary .06(b) does not apply to an ETF based on a U.S. domestic index or portfolio, and (2) Commentary .06(b) includes ETFs that track a portfolio of non-U.S. securities rather than an index.

Currently, Commentary .06(b)(i) refers to ETFs that are listed pursuant to generic listing standards for series of portfolio depositary receipts or index fund shares based on international or global indexes under which a comprehensive surveillance agreement is not required. The Exchange proposes to remove the phrase “for series of portfolio depositary receipts and index fund shares based on international or global indexes,”.<sup>12</sup> The Exchange

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<sup>9</sup> See proposed Commentary .06(a)(ii). See also ISE, Options 4, Section 3(h)(1)(ii) (which contains substantially similar language).

<sup>10</sup> Current Commentary .06(b) lacks specificity and provides that “[t]he Exchange-Traded Fund Shares meet the following criteria:”, but the information that follows relates to international or global ETFs. See Commentary .06(b).

<sup>11</sup> See proposed Commentary .06(b). See also ISE, Options 4, Section 3(h)(2).

<sup>12</sup> See proposed Commentary .06(b)(i). See also ISE, Options 4, Section 3(h)(2).

notes that Commentary .06(i)<sup>13</sup> and (v)<sup>14</sup> currently permit the Exchange to list options on ETFs based on generic listing standards for portfolio depositary receipts and index fund shares without applying component-based requirements in Commentary .06(b)(ii)(A)-(C). Thus, the proposed change would streamline the Rule and, in so doing, make clear that Commentary .06(b)(i) applies to ETFs based on international or global indexes, or portfolios that include non-U.S. securities, that are listed pursuant to generic listing standards and comply with Commentary .06(a).

The Exchange also proposes to amend the term “comprehensive surveillance agreement” within Commentary .06(b)(i) and (ii)(A)-(C) to instead provide “comprehensive surveillance *sharing* agreement” (emphasis added), which will bring greater clarity to the term.<sup>15</sup>

In addition, the Exchange proposes to make several clarifying changes to Commentary .06(b)(ii), which refers to ETFs based on international or global indexes, or portfolios that include non-U.S. securities, that are not listed pursuant to generic listing standards and for which a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement is required. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to add the phrase “, if not available or applicable, the Exchange-Traded Fund’s” within Commentary .06(b)(ii)(A), (B), and (C) to clarify that when component securities are not available, the portfolio of securities upon which the ETF is based can be used instead.<sup>16</sup> The Exchange notes that “not available” is intended for cases where the Exchange does not have access to the index components, in which cases the Exchange would look to the portfolio components. The term “not applicable” is intended if the ETF is active and does not track an index and only the portfolio is available.

The Exchange also proposes to wordsmith Commentary .06(b)(ii)(A) to amend the phrase to provide, “any non-U.S. component securities of an index on which the Exchange-Traded

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<sup>13</sup> Commentary .06(i) concerns passive ETFs, i.e., shares or other securities that represent “an interest in a registered investment company organized as an open-end management investment company, a unit investment trust or a similar entity which holds securities and/or financial instruments, including, but not limited to, stock index futures contracts, options on futures, options on securities and indices, equity caps, collars and floors, swap agreements, forward contracts, repurchase agreements and reverse repurchase agreements (the ‘Financial Instruments’), and money market instruments, including, but not limited to, U.S. government securities and repurchase agreements (the ‘Money Market Instruments’) constituting or otherwise based on or representing an investment in an index or portfolio of securities and/or Financial Instruments and Money Market Instruments ... .”

<sup>14</sup> Commentary .06(v) concerns active ETFs, i.e., shares or other securities that that represents “an interest in a registered investment company (‘Investment Company’) organized as an open-end management investment company or similar entity, that invests in a portfolio of securities selected by the Investment Company’s investment adviser consistent with the Investment Company’s investment objectives and policies, which is issued in a specified aggregate minimum number in return for a deposit of a specified portfolio of securities and/or a cash amount with a value equal to the next determined net asset value (‘NAV’), and when aggregated in the same specified minimum number, may be redeemed at a holder’s request, which holder will be paid a specified portfolio of securities and/or cash with a value equal to the next determined NAV (‘Managed Fund Share’)”.

<sup>15</sup> See proposed Commentary .06(b)(i) and (ii)(A)-(C). See also ISE, Options 4, Section 3(h)(2)(A)-(D).

<sup>16</sup> See proposed Commentary .06(b)(ii)(A)-(C). See also ISE, Options 4, Section 3(h)(2)(B)-(D).

Fund Shares are based or if not available or applicable, the Exchange-Traded Fund's portfolio of securities that are not subject to comprehensive surveillance sharing agreements do not in the aggregate represent more than 50% of the weight of the index or portfolio;".<sup>17</sup> The Exchange believes that the revised wording will bring greater clarity to the rule text.

Similarly, the Exchange proposes to wordsmith Commentary .06(b)(ii)(B) and (C) to relocate the phrase "on which the Exchange-Traded Fund Shares are based" and add "or portfolio" to bring greater clarity to the rule text by conforming the rule text of (B) and (C) to the language within (A). This proposed change also adds transparency and promotes internal consistency in Exchange rules.

The Exchange proposes to modify the description of "Financial Instruments" in Commentary .06(i) to align with other options exchanges by adding the following parenthetical: "(or that hold securities in one or more other registered investment companies that themselves hold such portfolios of securities and/or Financial Instruments and Money Market Instruments)",<sup>18</sup> which will promote consistency across exchanges to the benefit of investors.

### Technical Changes

First, the Exchange proposes a stylistic change to Commentary .06, such that it ends with "provided that:" (instead of "provided:") and directs market participants to subparagraphs (a) and (b) of Rule 915.<sup>19</sup> Next, the Exchange proposes to correct the (mis)numbering of Commentary .06(v), which refers to "Managed Fund Shares," to Commentary .06(iv), which improves the accuracy of the Rule.<sup>20</sup>

Further, the Exchange proposes to modify Commentary .06(ii) by replacing the non-descript defined term of "Funds" for the interests described therein with the more accurate "Currency Trust Shares."<sup>21</sup> Consistent with this change, the Exchange also proposes to modify Commentary .06(b)(ii)(D) to replace reference to "Funds that hold specified non-U.S. currency or currencies deposited with the trust" and "Funds" with "Currency Trust Shares," which adds clarity, transparency, and internal consistency to Exchange rules.<sup>22</sup>

Finally, the Exchange proposes to modify Commentary .06(b)(ii)(E), which refers to the already-defined Commodity Pool ETFs, to remove unnecessary and repetitive rule text

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<sup>17</sup> See proposed Commentary .06(b)(ii)(A). See also ISE, Options 4, Section 3(h)(2)(B).

<sup>18</sup> See, e.g., ISE, Options 4, Section 3(h)(ii). See also proposed Commentary .06 (ii).

<sup>19</sup> See proposed Commentary .06. See also ISE, Options 4, Section 3(h).

<sup>20</sup> See proposed Commentary .06(iv).

<sup>21</sup> See proposed Commentary .06(ii). See also ISE, Options 4, Section 3(h)(ii).

<sup>22</sup> See proposed Commentary .06(b)(ii)(D). See also ISE, Options 4, Section 3(h)(2)(E).

that describes the characteristics of such ETF.<sup>23</sup>

(b) Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>24</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>25</sup> in particular, because it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest, and because it is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

Specifically, the Exchange believes that this proposal will remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system because it is designed to bring greater clarity to the qualification standards for listing options on ETFs, including by conforming such standards with those in place on ISE.<sup>26</sup> The Exchange believes the proposed changes to Commentary .06(a) make clear that all ETFs must satisfy one of its two conditions and that such conditions are independent of those that follow (i.e., those in Commentary .06(b)), which added clarity benefits all market participants. Further, the proposed change to make clear that Commentary .06(b) applies to only international or global ETFs will bring greater clarity to the qualification standards for listing options on such ETFs to the benefit of all market participants. The Exchange believes proposed Commentary .06(b) will serve as a guidepost and clarify that it does not apply to ETFs based on a U.S. domestic index or portfolio but does apply to ETFs that track a portfolio of non-U.S. securities rather than an index. Additionally, the Exchange believes its proposed change to in Commentary .06(i) to align the description of “Money Market Instruments” with other options exchanges will promote consistency across exchanges to the benefit of investors.

Further, the Exchange believes that the proposed changes that align Commentary .06 with NYSE Arca Rule 5.3-O(g) will remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system because such changes will add

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<sup>23</sup> See Commentary .06(ii) (defining Commodity Pool ETFs). See also proposed Commentary .06(b)(ii)(E). This proposed change also aligns with NYSE Arca Rule 5.3-O(g)(2)(B)(v). The Exchange notes that ISE’s analogous rule contains the repetitive description of Commodity Pool Trust ETFs which (like Commentary .06) defines this instrument the rule. Compare Options 4, Section 3(h)(iii) with Options 4, Section 3(h)(2)(F). The Exchange believes that deviating from the ISE rule in favor of the NYSE Arca Rule yields a clearer more concise rule and adds consistency across NYSE Options exchanges to the benefit of market participants that trade on those exchanges.

<sup>24</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>25</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>26</sup> See ISE, Options 4, Section 3(h).



consistency across NYSE Options exchanges to the benefit of market participants that trade on those exchanges.

The proposed technical and stylistic changes proposed herein are consistent with the Act and will benefit all market participants because such changes are designed to streamline the Rule, which adds clarity, transparency, and internal consistency to Exchange rules making them easier to navigate and comprehend.

4. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed rule change is designed to improve the clarity, transparency, and accuracy of the Exchange's listing criteria for ETF options, which criteria will apply uniformly to all ETFs in determining eligibility for options trading on the Exchange. Further, as noted herein, the proposed rule change will align with ISE Options 4, Section 3(h), and, in certain instances, NYSE Arca Rule 5.3-O(g), thus promoting consistency across exchanges and across NYSE Options regarding the criteria for listing ETF options.

5. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants or Others

The Exchange has neither solicited nor received written comments on the proposed rule change.

6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

Not applicable.

7. Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)

The Exchange believes that the proposal qualifies for immediate effectiveness upon filing as a "non-controversial" rule change in accordance with Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>27</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.<sup>28</sup>

The Exchange asserts that the proposed rule change (i) will not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest, (ii) will not impose any significant burden on competition, and (iii) by its terms, will not become operative for 30 days after the date of this filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. In addition, the Exchange provided the Commission with written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to

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<sup>27</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>28</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

the date of filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate.

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change will not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest or impose any significant burden on competition because it is designed to bring greater clarity to the qualification standards for listing options on ETFs, including by conforming such standards with those in place on ISE.<sup>29</sup> As such, the proposed rule change is not new or novel and does not raise issues not previously considered by the Commission. In addition, this proposal does not impose any significant burden on competition because the listing criteria set forth in the proposed Rule, specifically Commentary .06, will apply uniformly to all ETFs that may be eligible to list options on the Exchange.

As noted herein, the proposed rule change to Commentary .06(a) to make clear that all ETFs must satisfy one of its two conditions and that such conditions are independent of those that follow (i.e., those in Commentary .06(b)) as well as the change to clarify that Commentary .06(b) applies to only international or global ETFs and applies to ETFs that track a portfolio of non-U.S. securities rather than an index, does not significantly impact the protection of investors or the public interest but will instead benefit the public by improving the clarity and accuracy of the Rule. Additionally, the Exchange believes its proposed change to in Commentary .06(i) to align the description of “Money Market Instruments” with other options exchanges will promote consistency across exchanges to the benefit of investors.

Further, the Exchange proposed rule that align Commentary .06 with NYSE Arca Rule 5.3-O(g) will not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest or impose any significant burden on competition because such changes are designed add consistency across NYSE Options exchanges to the benefit of market participants that trade on those exchanges.

Similarly, the proposed technical and stylistic changes are noncontroversial and will benefit all market participants because such changes are designed to streamline the Rule, which adds clarity, transparency, and internal consistency to Exchange rules making them easier to navigate and comprehend.

The Exchange respectfully requests that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposed rule change may become effective and operative upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>30</sup> and paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.<sup>31</sup> Waiver of the operative delay would allow the Exchange to immediately clarify and improve the accuracy of its Rule in a manner that conforms with ISE Options 4, Section 3(h).

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<sup>29</sup> See ISE, Options 4, Section 3(h).

<sup>30</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>31</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

At any time within sixty (60) days of the filing of such proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

8. Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization or of the Commission

The proposed rule change will align the Exchange's listing criteria for ETF options with those set forth in ISE, Options 4, Section 3(h).<sup>32</sup> As noted herein, certain rule changes would align with NYSE Arca rule 5.3-O(g).

9. Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act

Not applicable.

10. Advanced Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act

Not applicable.

11. Exhibits

Exhibit 1 – Form of Notice of Proposed Rule Change for Publication in the Federal Register

Exhibit 5 – Text of the Proposed Rule Change

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<sup>32</sup> See supra note 3.

## EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
(Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-NYSEAMER-2025-31)

[Date]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE American LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Change to amend Rule 915 Regarding the Criteria for Listing Options Exchange-Traded Fund Shares

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)<sup>1</sup> of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)<sup>2</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>3</sup> notice is hereby given that, on June 10, 2025, NYSE American LLC (“NYSE American” or the “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 915 regarding the criteria for listing options Exchange-Traded Fund Shares (“ETFs”). The proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website at [www.nyse.com](http://www.nyse.com), at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization included statements concerning the purpose of, and basis for, the proposed rule change and discussed any comments

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<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78a.

<sup>3</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

it received on the proposed rule change. The text of those statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant parts of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 915 (Criteria for Underlying Securities) to modify the criteria for listing options ETFs (the "Rule"), as set forth in Commentary .06 to the Rule ("Commentary .06"). The proposed changes are designed to clarify the listing criteria for ETF options and to streamline the Rule. This proposal is competitive as it will align the Rule with the criteria in place on Nasdaq ISE, LLC ("ISE").<sup>4</sup>

Commentary .06 describes the types of ETFs that may be deemed appropriate for options trading<sup>5</sup> and subparagraphs (a) and (b) set forth the conditions that such ETFs must meet to qualify for options trading.

Commentary .06(a) provides that, to qualify for options trading, an ETF must either (i) meet the criteria and guidelines for underlying securities set forth in Commentary .01 to Rule 915;<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> See ISE, Options 4, Section 3(h) (setting forth criteria for listing options on ETFs). The Exchange notes that this proposal largely mirrors the changes that ISE made to its listing criteria for ETF options in 2021. See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 92226 (June 22, 2021), 86 FR 34096 (June 28, 2021) (SR-ISE-2021-14) (modifying, among other things, the criteria for listing options on ETFs, as set forth in Options 4, Section (h)). As described herein, certain of the proposed changes align Commentary .06 with the analogous rule on its affiliated options exchange, NYSE Arca, Inc. ("NYSE Arca") --NYSE Arca Rule 5.3-O(g), which is designed to add consistency across the NYSE Options exchanges to the benefit of market participants that trade on both exchanges.

<sup>5</sup> Commentary .06 permits options trading on ETFs that are traded on a national securities exchange and defined as an "NMS stock" in Rule 600 of Regulation NMS and that represent interests in (i) "Financial Instruments" and "Money Market Instruments"; (ii) "Funds"; or (iii) "Commodity Pool ETFs", or (v) "Managed Fund Shares"; provided that each ETF satisfy the conditions listed in Rules 915 and 916.

<sup>6</sup> Commentary .01 to Rule 915 provides that, among other requirements, an ETF be widely-held and actively traded with at least 7,000,000 shares outstanding, at least 2,000 beneficial owners, and trading volume of at least 2,400,000 shares in the preceding twelve months.

or (ii) be available for creation and redemption each business day.<sup>7</sup> The Exchange proposes to reorganize Commentary .06(a) to make clear that an ETF must meet one of the conditions set forth in subparagraphs (a)(i) or (ii) to be eligible for options trading.<sup>8</sup> In this regard, the Exchange proposes to remove “; and” from the end of Commentary .06(a)(i) and to replace it with a period so that subparagraphs (1) and (2) are not linked, but rather read independently.<sup>9</sup>

The Exchange proposes to make several clarifying changes to Commentary .06(a)(ii), regarding the requirement that an ETF be available for creation or redemption, to align with the substantially similar wording used by its affiliate, NYSE Arca. Proposed Commentary .06(a)(ii) would be revised as follows (with to-be-deleted text in brackets and new text underlined).

(ii) the Exchange-Traded Fund Shares must be available for creation or redemption each business day in cash or in kind from or through the issuing trust, investment company, [issuing trust,] commodity pool or other [entity]issuer at a price related to the net asset value. In addition, the issuing trust, investment company, [issuing trust,] commodity pool or other issuer is obligated to issue Fund Shares in a specified aggregate number even though some or all of the investment assets needed to be deposited have not been received by the issuing trust, investment company, commodity pool, or other issuer[entity shall provide that fund shares may be created even though some or all of the securities and/or

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<sup>7</sup> Commentary .06(a)(ii) requires that ETFs be available for creation or redemption each business day from or through the issuer in cash or in kind at a price related to net asset value, and the issuer must be obligated to issue ETFs in a specified aggregate number even if some or all of the investment assets required to be deposited have not been received by the issuer, subject to the condition that the person obligated to deposit the investments has undertaken to deliver the investment assets as soon as possible and such undertaking is secured by the delivery and maintenance of collateral consisting of cash or cash equivalents satisfactory to the issuer, as provided in the respective prospectus.

<sup>8</sup> See proposed Commentary .06(a) and (a)(i) providing that “(a) The Exchange-Traded Fund Shares either: (i) meet the criteria and guidelines for underlying securities set forth in Commentary .01 to this Rule 915; or” satisfy Commentary .06(a)(ii).

<sup>9</sup> See proposed Commentary .06(a)(ii). See also ISE, Options 4, Section 3(h)(1).

cash needed to be deposited have not been received by the unit investment trust or the management investment company], provided the authorized creation participant has undertaken to deliver the investment assets [shares and/or cash] as soon as possible and such undertaking has been secured by the delivery and maintenance of collateral consisting of cash or cash equivalents satisfactory to the issuer of [f]Fund Shares which underlie[s] the option as described in the [f]Fund Shares' [or unit trust] prospectus.]; and]<sup>10</sup>

The Exchange believes that these proposed changes add consistency across the NYSE options exchanges, which benefit market participants that trade on both exchanges.

While Commentary .06(a) applies to all ETFs, the Exchange proposes to clarify that Commentary .06(b) applies to only international or global ETFs.<sup>11</sup> Specifically, the Exchange proposes to amend Commentary .06(b) to provide, “Exchange-Traded Fund Shares based on international or global indexes, or portfolios that include non-U.S. securities, must meet the following criteria:”.<sup>12</sup> This proposed rule text makes clear that Commentary .06(b) applies to the extent that an ETF is based on international or global indexes, or portfolios that include non-U.S. securities. In addition, the proposed text is intended to serve as a guidepost and clarify that (1) Commentary .06(b) does not apply to an ETF based on a U.S. domestic index or portfolio, and (2) Commentary .06(b) includes ETFs that track a portfolio of non-U.S. securities rather than an index.

Currently, Commentary .06(b)(i) refers to ETFs that are listed pursuant to generic listing standards for series of portfolio depositary receipts or index fund shares based on international or

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<sup>10</sup> See proposed Commentary .06(a)(ii). See also ISE, Options 4, Section 3(h)(1)(ii) (which contains substantially similar language).

<sup>11</sup> Current Commentary .06(b) lacks specificity and provides that “[t]he Exchange-Traded Fund Shares meet the following criteria:”, but the information that follows relates to international or global ETFs. See Commentary .06(b).

<sup>12</sup> See proposed Commentary .06(b). See also ISE, Options 4, Section 3(h)(2).

global indexes under which a comprehensive surveillance agreement is not required. The Exchange proposes to remove the phrase “for series of portfolio depositary receipts and index fund shares based on international or global indexes.”<sup>13</sup> The Exchange notes that Commentary .06(i)<sup>14</sup> and (v)<sup>15</sup> currently permit the Exchange to list options on ETFs based on generic listing standards for portfolio depositary receipts and index fund shares without applying component-based requirements in Commentary .06(b)(ii)(A)-(C). Thus, the proposed change would streamline the Rule and, in so doing, make clear that Commentary .06(b)(i) applies to ETFs based on international or global indexes, or portfolios that include non-U.S. securities, that are listed pursuant to generic listing standards and comply with Commentary .06(a).

The Exchange also proposes to amend the term “comprehensive surveillance agreement” within Commentary .06(b)(i) and (ii)(A)-(C) to instead provide “comprehensive surveillance *sharing* agreement” (emphasis added), which will bring greater clarity to the term.<sup>16</sup>

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<sup>13</sup> See proposed Commentary .06(b)(i). See also ISE, Options 4, Section 3(h)(2).

<sup>14</sup> Commentary .06(i) concerns passive ETFs, i.e., shares or other securities that represent “an interest in a registered investment company organized as an open-end management investment company, a unit investment trust or a similar entity which holds securities and/or financial instruments, including, but not limited to, stock index futures contracts, options on futures, options on securities and indices, equity caps, collars and floors, swap agreements, forward contracts, repurchase agreements and reverse repurchase agreements (the ‘Financial Instruments’), and money market instruments, including, but not limited to, U.S. government securities and repurchase agreements (the ‘Money Market Instruments’) constituting or otherwise based on or representing an investment in an index or portfolio of securities and/or Financial Instruments and Money Market Instruments ... .”

<sup>15</sup> Commentary .06(v) concerns active ETFs, i.e., shares or other securities that that represents “an interest in a registered investment company (‘Investment Company’) organized as an open-end management investment company or similar entity, that invests in a portfolio of securities selected by the Investment Company’s investment adviser consistent with the Investment Company’s investment objectives and policies, which is issued in a specified aggregate minimum number in return for a deposit of a specified portfolio of securities and/or a cash amount with a value equal to the next determined net asset value (‘NAV’), and when aggregated in the same specified minimum number, may be redeemed at a holder’s request, which holder will be paid a specified portfolio of securities and/or cash with a value equal to the next determined NAV (‘Managed Fund Share’)”.

<sup>16</sup> See proposed Commentary .06(b)(i) and (ii)(A)-(C). See also ISE, Options 4, Section 3(h)(2)(A)-(D).



In addition, the Exchange proposes to make several clarifying changes to Commentary .06(b)(ii), which refers to ETFs based on international or global indexes, or portfolios that include non-U.S. securities, that are not listed pursuant to generic listing standards and for which a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement is required. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to add the phrase “, if not available or applicable, the Exchange-Traded Fund’s” within Commentary .06(b)(ii)(A), (B), and (C) to clarify that when component securities are not available, the portfolio of securities upon which the ETF is based can be used instead.<sup>17</sup> The Exchange notes that “not available” is intended for cases where the Exchange does not have access to the index components, in which cases the Exchange would look to the portfolio components. The term “not applicable” is intended if the ETF is active and does not track an index and only the portfolio is available.

The Exchange also proposes to wordsmith Commentary .06(b)(ii)(A) to amend the phrase to provide, “any non-U.S. component securities of an index on which the Exchange-Traded Fund Shares are based or if not available or applicable, the Exchange-Traded Fund’s portfolio of securities that are not subject to comprehensive surveillance sharing agreements do not in the aggregate represent more than 50% of the weight of the index or portfolio;”.<sup>18</sup> The Exchange believes that the revised wording will bring greater clarity to the rule text.

Similarly, the Exchange proposes to wordsmith Commentary .06(b)(ii)(B) and (C) to relocate the phrase “on which the Exchange-Traded Fund Shares are based” and add “or portfolio” to bring greater clarity to the rule text by conforming the rule text of (B) and (C) to the language within (A). This proposed change also adds transparency and promotes internal consistency in Exchange rules.

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<sup>17</sup> See proposed Commentary .06(b)(ii)(A)-(C). See also ISE, Options 4, Section 3(h)(2)(B)-(D).

<sup>18</sup> See proposed Commentary .06(b)(ii)(A). See also ISE, Options 4, Section 3(h)(2)(B).

The Exchange proposes to modify the description of “Financial Instruments” in Commentary .06(i) to align with other options exchanges by adding the following parenthetical: “(or that hold securities in one or more other registered investment companies that themselves hold such portfolios of securities and/or Financial Instruments and Money Market Instruments)”,<sup>19</sup> which will promote consistency across exchanges to the benefit of investors.

### Technical Changes

First, the Exchange proposes a stylistic change to Commentary .06, such that it ends with “provided that:” (instead of “provided:”) and directs market participants to subparagraphs (a) and (b) of Rule 915.<sup>20</sup> Next, the Exchange proposes to correct the (mis)numbering of Commentary .06(v), which refers to “Managed Fund Shares,” to Commentary .06(iv), which improves the accuracy of the Rule.<sup>21</sup>

Further, the Exchange proposes to modify Commentary .06(ii) by replacing the non-descript defined term of “Funds” for the interests described therein with the more accurate “Currency Trust Shares.”<sup>22</sup> Consistent with this change, the Exchange also proposes to modify Commentary .06(b)(ii)(D) to replace reference to “Funds that hold specified non-U.S. currency or currencies deposited with the trust” and “Funds” with “Currency Trust Shares,” which adds clarity, transparency, and internal consistency to Exchange rules.<sup>23</sup>

Finally, the Exchange proposes to modify Commentary .06(b)(ii)(E), which refers to the already-defined Commodity Pool ETFs, to remove unnecessary and repetitive rule text that

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<sup>19</sup> See, e.g., ISE, Options 4, Section 3(h)(ii). See also proposed Commentary .06 (ii).

<sup>20</sup> See proposed Commentary .06. See also ISE, Options 4, Section 3(h).

<sup>21</sup> See proposed Commentary .06(iv).

<sup>22</sup> See proposed Commentary .06(ii). See also ISE, Options 4, Section 3(h)(ii).

<sup>23</sup> See proposed Commentary .06(b)(ii)(D). See also ISE, Options 4, Section 3(h)(2)(E).

describes the characteristics of such ETF.<sup>24</sup>

## 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>25</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>26</sup> in particular, because it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest, and because it is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

Specifically, the Exchange believes that this proposal will remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system because it is designed to bring greater clarity to the qualification standards for listing options on ETFs, including by conforming such standards with those in place on ISE.<sup>27</sup> The Exchange believes the proposed changes to Commentary .06(a) make clear that all ETFs must satisfy one of its two conditions and that such conditions are independent of those that follow (i.e., those in

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<sup>24</sup> See Commentary .06(ii) (defining Commodity Pool ETFs). See also proposed Commentary .06(b)(ii)(E). This proposed change also aligns with NYSE Arca Rule 5.3-O(g)(2)(B)(v). The Exchange notes that ISE's analogous rule contains the repetitive description of Commodity Pool Trust ETFs which (like Commentary .06) defines this instrument the rule. Compare Options 4, Section 3(h)(iii) with Options 4, Section 3(h)(2)(F). The Exchange believes that deviating from the ISE rule in favor of the NYSE Arca Rule yields a clearer more concise rule and adds consistency across NYSE Options exchanges to the benefit of market participants that trade on those exchanges.

<sup>25</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>26</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>27</sup> See ISE, Options 4, Section 3(h).

Commentary .06(b)), which added clarity benefits all market participants. Further, the proposed change to make clear that Commentary .06(b) applies to only international or global ETFs will bring greater clarity to the qualification standards for listing options on such ETFs to the benefit of all market participants. The Exchange believes proposed Commentary .06(b) will serve as a guidepost and clarify that it does not apply to ETFs based on a U.S. domestic index or portfolio but does apply to ETFs that track a portfolio of non-U.S. securities rather than an index. Additionally, the Exchange believes its proposed change to in Commentary .06(i) to align the description of “Money Market Instruments” with other options exchanges will promote consistency across exchanges to the benefit of investors.

Further, the Exchange believes that the proposed changes that align Commentary .06 with NYSE Arca Rule 5.3-O(g) will remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system because such changes will add consistency across NYSE Options exchanges to the benefit of market participants that trade on those exchanges.

The proposed technical and stylistic changes proposed herein are consistent with the Act and will benefit all market participants because such changes are designed to streamline the Rule, which adds clarity, transparency, and internal consistency to Exchange rules making them easier to navigate and comprehend.

#### B. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed rule change is designed to improve the clarity, transparency, and accuracy of the Exchange’s listing criteria for ETF options, which criteria will apply uniformly to all ETFs in determining eligibility for options trading on the Exchange. Further, as noted herein, the

proposed rule change will align with ISE Options 4, Section 3(h), and, in certain instances, NYSE Arca Rule 5.3-O(g), thus promoting consistency across exchanges and across NYSE Options regarding the criteria for listing ETF options.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The Exchange has filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act<sup>28</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.<sup>29</sup> Because the proposed rule change does not: (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative prior to 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, the proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) thereunder.

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)<sup>30</sup> normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of the filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii),<sup>31</sup> the Commission may designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange has asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposal may become operative immediately upon filing.

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<sup>28</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

<sup>29</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>30</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>31</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

At any time within 60 days of the filing of such proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings under Section 19(b)(2)(B)<sup>32</sup> of the Act to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved.

#### IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

##### Electronic Comments:

- Use the Commission's internet comment form (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include file number SR-NYSEAMER-2025-31 on the subject line.

##### Paper Comments:

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to file number SR-NYSEAMER-2025-31. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>).

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<sup>32</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-NYSEAMER-2025-31 and should be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 21 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>33</sup>

**Sherry R. Haywood,**  
*Assistant Secretary.*

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<sup>33</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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## NYSE American Rules

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### Trading of Option Contracts

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## Section 2. Underlying Securities

### Rule 915. Criteria for Underlying Securities

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**.06** Securities deemed appropriate for options trading shall include shares or other securities (“Exchange-Traded Fund Shares”) that are traded on a national securities exchange and are defined as an “NMS” stock under Rule 600 of Regulation NMS, and that (i) represent an interest in a registered investment company organized as an open-end management investment company, a unit investment trust or a similar entity which holds securities and/or financial instruments, including, but not limited to, stock index futures contracts, options on futures, options on securities and indices, equity caps, collars and floors, swap agreements, forward contracts, repurchase agreements and reverse repurchase agreements (the “Financial Instruments”), and money market instruments, including, but not limited to, U.S. government securities and repurchase agreements (the “Money Market Instruments”) constituting or otherwise based on or representing an investment in an index or portfolio of securities and/or Financial Instruments and Money Market Instruments (or that hold securities in one or more other registered investment companies that themselves hold such portfolios of securities and/or Financial Instruments and Money Market Instruments), or (ii) represent interest in a trust or other similar entity that holds a specified non-U.S. currency or currencies deposited with the trust or similar entity when aggregated in some specified minimum number may be surrendered to the trust by the beneficial owner to receive the specified non-U.S. currency or currencies and pays the beneficial owner interest and other distributions on the deposited non-U.S. currency or currencies, if any, declared and paid by the trust (“Currency Trust Shares[Funds]”), or (iii) represent commodity pool interests principally engaged, directly or indirectly, in holding and/or managing portfolios or baskets of securities, commodity futures contracts, options on commodity futures contracts, swaps, forward contracts and/or options on physical commodities and/or non-U.S. currency (“Commodity Pool ETFs”), or (iv) represents an interest in a registered investment company (“Investment Company”) organized as an open-end management investment company or similar entity, that invests in a portfolio of securities selected by the Investment Company’s investment adviser consistent with the Investment Company’s investment objectives and policies, which is issued in a specified aggregate minimum number in return for a deposit of a specified portfolio of securities and/or a cash amount with a value equal to the next determined net asset value (“NAV”), and when aggregated in the same specified minimum number, may be redeemed at a holder’s request, which holder will be paid a specified portfolio of securities and/or cash with a value equal to the next determined NAV (“Managed Fund Share”) provided that:



(a) [(i) t]The Exchange-Traded Fund Shares either:

(i) meet the criteria and guidelines for underlying securities set forth in Commentary .01 to this Rule 915; or

(ii) the Exchange-Traded Fund Shares must be available for creation or redemption each business day in cash or in kind from or through the issuing trust, investment company, [issuing trust,] commodity pool or other [entity] issuer at a price related to the net asset value. In addition, the issuing trust, investment company, [issuing trust,] commodity pool or other issuer is obligated to issue Fund Shares in a specified aggregate number even though some or all of the investment assets needed to be deposited have not been received by the issuing trust, investment company, commodity pool, or other issuer[entity shall provide that fund shares may be created even though some or all of the securities and/or cash needed to be deposited have not been received by the unit investment trust or the management investment company], provided the authorized creation participant has undertaken to deliver the investment assets [shares and/or cash] as soon as possible and such undertaking has been secured by the delivery and maintenance of collateral consisting of cash or cash equivalents satisfactory to the issuer of [f]Fund Shares which underlie[s] the option as described in the [f]Fund Shares' [or unit trust] prospectus.[: and]

(b) [the ]Exchange-Traded Fund Shares based on international or global indexes, or portfolios that include non-U.S. securities, must meet the following criteria:

(i) [the Exchange-Traded Fund Shares] are listed pursuant to generic listing standards [for series of portfolio depositary receipts or index fund shares based on international or global indexes] under which a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement is not required; or

(ii) (A) any non-U.S. component securities [in the]of an index on which the Exchange-Traded Fund Shares are based or if not available or applicable, the Exchange-Traded Fund's portfolio of securities that are not subject to comprehensive surveillance sharing agreements[on which the Exchange-Traded Fund Shares are based that are not subject to comprehensive surveillance agreements] do not in the aggregate represent more than 50% of the weight of the index or portfolio;

(B) component securities of an index on which the Exchange-Traded Fund Shares are based or if not available or applicable, the Exchange-Traded Fund's portfolio of securities [on which the Exchange-Traded Fund Shares are based ]for which the primary market is in any one country that is not subject to a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement do not represent 20% or more of the weight of the index or portfolio; and

(C) component securities of an index on which the Exchange-Traded Fund Shares are based or if not available or applicable, the Exchange-Traded Fund's portfolio of securities [on which the Exchange-Traded Fund Shares are based ]for which the primary market is in any two countries that are not subject to comprehensive surveillance sharing agreements do not represent 33% or more of the weight of the index or portfolio.[;]

(D) For Currency Trust Shares[Funds that hold specified non-U.S. currency or currencies deposited with the trust], the Exchange has entered into a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement with the marketplace or marketplaces with last sale reporting that represent(s) the highest volume in derivatives (options or futures) on the specified non-U.S. currency, which are utilized by the national securities exchange where the underlying [Funds] Currency Trust Shares are listed and traded; and

(E) For Commodity Pool ETFs [that engage in holding and/or managing portfolios or baskets commodity futures contracts, options on commodity futures contracts, swaps, forward contracts, options on physical commodities, options on non-U.S. currency and/or securities], the Exchange has entered into a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement with the marketplace or marketplaces with last sale reporting that represent(s) the highest volume in such commodity futures contracts and/or options on commodity futures contracts on the specified commodities or non-U.S. currency, which are utilized by the national securities exchange where the underlying Commodity Pool ETFs are listed and traded.

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