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Description

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Conforming Rule 5705 in Respect of Index Fund Securities.

Contact Information

Provide the name, telephone number, and e-mail address of the person on the staff of the self-regulatory organization prepared to respond to questions and comments on the action.

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Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

has duly caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

(Date *)

By Edward S. Knight

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| Form 19b-4 Information * | The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the proposal is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act. |
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| Exhibit 2 - Notices, Written Comments, Transcripts, Other Communications | Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction F, they shall be filed in accordance with Instruction G. |
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| Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire | Copies of any form, report, or questionnaire that the self-regulatory organization proposes to use to help implement or operate the proposed rule change, or that is referred to by the proposed rule change. |
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| Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies | The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit the staff to identify immediately the changes made from the text of the rule with which it has been working. |
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| Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text | The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed changes to rule text in place of providing it in Item I and which may otherwise be more easily readable if provided separately from Form 19b-4. Exhibit 5 shall be considered part of the proposed rule change. |
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| Partial Amendment | If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy proposed rule change, it may, with the Commission's permission, file only those portions of the text of the proposed rule change in which changes are being made if the filing (i.e. partial amendment) is clearly understandable on its face. Such partial amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions. |
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” or “Exchange Act”)\(^1\) and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, \(^2\) The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC (“NASDAQ” or “Exchange”) is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) a proposal to amend Rule 5705 (Exchange Traded Funds: Portfolio Depository Receipts and Index Fund Shares) regarding the definition of Derivative Securities Products, weight of component stocks of an index or portfolio, averaging minimum notional value traded per month, and minimum number of component stocks. The Exchange is making these changes to conform its rules with those of another market.

   The Exchange requests that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay period.

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

   (b) Not applicable.

   (c) Not applicable.

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2. **Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization**

   The proposed rule change was approved by senior management of the Exchange pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors of the Exchange (the “Board”) on July 10, 2012. Exchange staff will advise the Board of any action taken pursuant to delegated authority. No other action by the Exchange is necessary for the filing of the rule change.

   Questions and comments on the proposed rule change may be directed to Jurij Trypupenko, Associate General Counsel, NASDAQ OMX, at (301) 978-8132.

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

   a. **Purpose**

   The purpose of this proposed rule change is to amend Rule 5705(b)(3) and (b)(4) regarding the definition of Derivative Securities Products, weight of component stocks of an index or portfolio, averaging minimum notional value traded per month, and minimum number of component stocks.

   The Exchange is making the proposed changes to conform its Rule 5705(b) with the rule of another market, namely NYSE Arca (“Arca”).

   The proposed changes are all based on, and virtually identical to, equivalent provisions in Arca Equities Rule 5.2(j)(3), Commentary .01(a)(A) and Commentary .02(a)(5) (the “Arca rule”).

3   “Index or portfolio” is discussed in Rule 5705(b)(3)(A)(i).

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By way of background, the Exchange has ETF listing provisions in Rule 5705 for different types of ETFs, including domestic and international Portfolio Depository Receipts (“PDRs”) in subsection (a) and Index Fund Shares (“IFSs”) in subsection (b).

The term “Portfolio Depository Receipt” means a security: (i) that is based on a unit investment trust ("Trust") which holds the securities which comprise an index or portfolio underlying a series of Portfolio Depository Receipts; (ii) that is issued by the Trust in a specified aggregate minimum number in return for a "Portfolio Deposit" consisting of specified numbers of shares of stock and/or a cash amount, a specified portfolio of fixed income securities and/or a cash amount and/or a combination of the above; (iii) that, when aggregated in the same specified minimum number, may be redeemed from the Trust which will pay to the redeeming holder the stock and/or cash, fixed income securities and/or cash and/or a combination thereof then comprising the "Portfolio Deposit"; and (iv) that pays holders a periodic cash payment corresponding to the regular cash dividends or distributions declared with respect to the component securities of the securities index or portfolio of securities underlying the Portfolio Depository Receipts, less certain expenses and other charges as set forth in the Trust prospectus. Rule 5705(a)(1)(A).

The term “Index Fund Share” means a security: (i) that is issued by an open-end management investment company based on a portfolio of stocks or fixed income securities or a combination thereof, that seeks to provide investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield performance or total return performance of a specified foreign or domestic stock index, fixed income securities index or combination thereof; (ii) that is issued by such an open-end management investment company in a specified aggregate minimum number in return for a deposit of specified numbers of shares of stock and/or a cash amount, a specified portfolio of fixed income securities and/or a cash amount and/or a combination of the above, with a value equal to the next determined net asset value; and (iii) that, when aggregated in the same specified minimum number, may be redeemed at a holder's request by such open-end investment company which will pay to the redeeming holder the stock and/or cash, fixed income securities and/or cash and/or a combination thereof, with a value equal to the next determined net asset value. Rule 5705(b)(1)(A).
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**The Proposed Rule Changes**

First, the Exchange proposes to exclude “Derivative Securities Products” from Rule 5705(b)(3)(A)(i) a., b., and c. for U.S. Indexes or portfolios, and from Rule 5705(b)(3)(A)(ii) a., b., and c. for international or global indexes or portfolios.

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\(^7\) 17 CFR 240.19b-4(e).

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\(^10\) The components of a global (aka international) index or portfolio consists of either only Non-U.S. Component Stocks or both U.S. Component Stocks and Non-U.S. Component Stocks. The term "Non-U.S. Component Stock" means an equity security that (a) is not registered under Sections 12(b) or 12(g) of the Act, (b) is issued by an entity that is not organized, domiciled or incorporated in the United States, and (c) is issued by an entity that is an operating company (including Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and income trusts, but excluding investment trusts, unit trusts, mutual funds, and derivatives). Rule 5705(a)(1)(D) and (b)(1)(E).

of PDRs and IFSs (Rule 5705); Trust Issued Receipts (Rule 5720); Managed Fund Shares
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over the last six months.\textsuperscript{14} The proposed changes would make Rule 5705 (b)(3)(A)(i)(b) and 5705 (b)(3)(A)(ii)(b) exactly like the equivalent sections of the Arca rule. The proposed changes allow setting the weight of the index or portfolio at 70% and averaging trading volume over six months, as allowed by the Arca rule.

Third, the Exchange proposes to modify Rule 5705 (b)(3)(A)(i)(d) and 5705 (b)(3)(A)(ii)(d) to indicate how many component stocks an index or portfolio must have at a minimum. Specifically, the proposed sections would indicate that the index or portfolio shall include a minimum of 13 component stocks; provided, however, that there shall be no minimum number of component stocks if either one or more series of IFSs or PDRs constitute, at least in part, components underlying a series of IFSs, or one or more series of Derivative Securities Products account for 100% of the weight of the index or portfolio.\textsuperscript{15} This change would indicate that the Exchange, like Arca, does not require a set minimum number of component stocks if, for example, IFSs or PDRs (which must each meet specified Exchange listing standards in their own right) underlie a series of IFSs. Again, the proposed changes would make Rule 5705 (b)(3)(A)(i)(d) and 5705 (b)(3)(A)(ii)(d) exactly like the equivalent sections of the Arca rule.

Fourth, the Exchange proposes to modify Rule 5705 (b)(3)(A)(i)(c) and 5705 (b)(3)(A)(ii)(c) to clarify that, to the extent applicable, the five most heavily weighted component stocks would not exceed a given weight. Specifically, these proposed

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Fifth, the Exchange proposes to modify Rule 5705(b)(4)(A)(v) to insert “one consisting entirely of” into the existing rule text. The proposed rule text would state that an underlying index or portfolio (excluding one consisting entirely of exempted securities) must include securities from a minimum of 13 non-affiliated issuers. As with all other proposed rule changes, this is done to conform Rule 5705(b)(4)(A)(v) to the Arca rule.

All of the rule changes proposed are done solely to align Exchange Rule 5705 and the Arca rule. The Exchange believes that by conforming the rules, and allowing listing opportunities on the Exchange that are already allowed by rule on another market, the proposal would offer another venue for listing and trading Index Fund Shares on equivalent terms, and thereby promote competition.17

b. **Statutory Basis**

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act18 in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act19 in particular,

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16 Rule 5705 (b)(3)(A)(ii)(c), however, which deals with global (international) indexes or portfolios, is written in terms of 60% of the weight of the index or portfolio.

17 No other changes are made or intended by this filing and existing listing and trading rules continue to be applicable to Index Fund Shares.


in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, 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. For the reasons noted in the filing, the Exchange proposes to amend Rule 5705 regarding the definition of Derivative Securities Products, weight of component stocks of an index or portfolio, averaging minimum notional value traded per month, and minimum number of component stocks. The proposed changes do nothing more than match Exchange rules with what is currently available on other exchanges. The Exchange believes that by conforming its rules and allowing listing opportunities on the Exchange that are already allowed by rule on another market, the proposal would offer another venue for listing and trading Index Fund Shares products and thereby promote broader competition among exchanges.

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 not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. To the contrary, where the current variance in the rules of the exchanges limits competition, the proposal will allow listing equivalent products on the Exchange, thereby promoting increased competition for listings among markets.

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

6. **Extension of Time Period for Commission Action**

The Exchange does not consent to an extension of the time period for
Commission action.

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

The proposed rule change is filed for immediate effectiveness pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)\(^20\) of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.\(^21\)

The Exchange asserts that 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 for 30 days after its filing date, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is: (i) necessary or appropriate in the public interest; (ii) for the protection of investors; or (iii) otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6) normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of filing. Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii), however, permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange requests waiver of the operative delay so that it may have rules that are similar to those of other exchanges. This would, from a


competitive perspective, enable the Exchange to offer Index Fund Shares products to traders and investors, particularly as the strategies and components of these products continue to evolve and offer access to a broader range of asset classes. With the increased choices, market participants could diversify their listing strategies while avoiding the risk of concentration on only one exchange, which would be beneficial to the protection of investors and in the public interest.

Furthermore, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file a proposed rule change under that subsection at least five business days prior to the date of filing, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has provided such notice.

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

The proposed rule changes would make Rule 5705(b), as amended, substantially similar to Arca Equities Rule 5.2(j)(3), Commentary .01(a) and Commentary .02(a) (with changes as noted above).22.

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

Not applicable.

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

   Not applicable.

11. **Exhibits**

   1. Notice of proposed rule for publication in the *Federal Register*.

   5. Proposed rule text.
Self-Regulatory Organizations; The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness Regarding Conforming Rule 5705 in Respect of Index Fund Securities

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)\(^1\), and Rule 19b-4\(^2\) thereunder, notice is hereby given that on June 27, 2013, The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC (“NASDAQ” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III, below, which Items have been prepared by NASDAQ. 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

NASDAQ is filing with the Commission a proposal to amend Rule 5705 (Exchange Traded Funds: Portfolio Depository Receipts and Index Fund Shares) regarding the definition of Derivative Securities Products, weight of component stocks of an index or portfolio, averaging minimum notional value traded per month, and minimum number of component stocks. The Exchange is making these changes to conform its rules with those of another market.

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The text of the proposed rule change is available from NASDAQ’s website at http://nasdaq.cchwallstreet.com, at NASDAQ’s principal office, 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, NASDAQ included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. NASDAQ has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

The purpose of this proposed rule change is to amend Rule 5705(b)(3) and (b)(4) regarding the definition of Derivative Securities Products, weight of component stocks of an index or portfolio,3 averaging minimum notional value traded per month, and minimum number of component stocks.

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All of the rule changes proposed are done solely to align Exchange Rule 5705 and the Arca rule. The Exchange believes that by conforming the rules, and allowing listing opportunities on the Exchange that are already allowed by rule on another market, the proposal would offer another venue for listing and trading Index Fund Shares on equivalent terms, and thereby promote competition.17

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act18 in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act19 in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove

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16 Rule 5705 (b)(3)(A)(ii)(c), however, which deals with global (international) indexes or portfolios, is written in terms of 60% of the weight of the index or portfolio.

17 No other changes are made or intended by this filing and existing listing and trading rules continue to be applicable to Index Fund Shares.


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. For the reasons noted in the filing, the Exchange proposes to amend Rule 5705 regarding the definition of Derivative Securities Products, weight of component stocks of an index or portfolio, averaging minimum notional value traded per month, and minimum number of component stocks. The proposed changes do nothing more than match Exchange rules with what is currently available on other exchanges. The Exchange believes that by conforming its rules and allowing listing opportunities on the Exchange that are already allowed by rule on another market, the proposal would offer another venue for listing and trading Index Fund Shares products and thereby promote broader competition among exchanges.

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 not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. To the contrary, where the current variance in the rules of the exchanges limits competition, the proposal will allow listing equivalent products on the Exchange, thereby promoting increased competition for listings among markets.

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

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

Because the foregoing 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 for 30 days from the date on which it was filed,
or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)\textsuperscript{20} of the Act and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.\textsuperscript{21}

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is: (i) necessary or appropriate in the public interest; (ii) for the protection of investors; or (iii) otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule 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 
  \url{http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml}; or

- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-NASDAQ-2013-094 on the subject line.


\textsuperscript{21} 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.
Paper comments:

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASDAQ-2013-094. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail 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 Web site (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml).

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 inspection and copying in the Commission’s Public Reference Room. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.
All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASDAQ-2013-094 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority. 22

Kevin M. O’Neill
Deputy Secretary

Proposed new text is underlined. Deleted text is [bracketed].

NASDAQ Stock Market
Equity Rules

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5705. Exchange Traded Funds: Portfolio Depository Receipts and Index Fund Shares

(a) Portfolio Depository Receipts

No Change.

(b) Index Fund Shares

(1) – (2) No Change.

(3) Equity. Nasdaq may approve a series of Index Fund Shares for listing and trading pursuant to Rule 19b-4(e) under the Act provided each of the following criteria is satisfied:

(A) Eligibility Criteria for Index Components.

(i) U.S. Index or Portfolio. Upon the initial listing of a series of Index Fund Shares pursuant to 19b-4(e) under the Act, the component stocks of an index or portfolio of U.S. Component Stocks underlying a series of Index Fund Shares shall meet the following criteria:

a. Component stocks (excluding “Derivative Securities Products” as defined in this subsection a.) that in the aggregate account for at least 90% of the weight of the index or portfolio (excluding Derivative Securities Products) each shall have a minimum market value of at least $75 million;

“Derivative Securities Products” include the following: Exchange Traded Funds consisting of Portfolio Depository Receipts and Index Fund Shares (Rule 5705); Trust Issued Receipts (Rule 5720); Commodity-Based Trust Shares, Currency Trust Shares, Commodity Index Trust Shares, Commodity Futures Trust Shares, Partnership Units, Trust Units, Managed Trust Shares, (Rule 5711); and Managed Fund Shares (Rule 5735).
**b.** Component stocks (excluding Derivative Securities Products) that in the aggregate account for at least 90% of the weight of the index or portfolio (excluding Derivative Securities Products) each shall have a minimum monthly trading volume [during each of the last six months] of at least 250,000 shares or minimum notional volume traded per month of $25,000,000, averaged over the last six months;

c. The most heavily weighted component stock (excluding Derivative Securities Products) shall not exceed 30% of the weight of the index or portfolio, and, to the extent applicable, the five most heavily weighted component stocks (excluding Derivative Securities Products) shall not exceed 65% of the weight of the index or portfolio;

d. The index or portfolio shall include a minimum of 13 component stocks; provided, however, that there shall be no minimum number of component stocks if either one or more series of Index Fund Shares or Portfolio Depositary Receipts constitute, at least in part, components underlying a series of Index Fund Shares, or one or more series of Derivative Securities Products account for 100% of the weight of the index or portfolio; and

e. All securities in the index or portfolio shall be U.S. Component Stocks listed on Nasdaq (including The Nasdaq Capital Market) or another national securities exchange and shall be NMS Stocks as defined in Rule 600 of Regulation NMS under the Act.

**(ii)** International or global index or portfolio. Upon the initial listing of a series of Index Fund Shares pursuant to Rule 19b-4(e) under the Act, the components of an index or portfolio underlying a series of Index Fund Shares that consist of either only Non-U.S. Component Stocks or both U.S. Component Stocks and Non-U.S. Component Stocks shall meet the following criteria:

**a.** Component stocks (excluding Derivative Securities Products) that in the aggregate account for at least 90% of the weight of the index or portfolio (excluding Derivative Securities Products) each shall have a minimum market value of at least $100 million;

**b.** Component stocks (excluding Derivative Securities Products) that in the aggregate account for at least 90% of the weight of the index or portfolio (excluding Derivative Securities Products) each shall have a minimum worldwide monthly trading volume [during each of the last six months] of at least 250,000 shares, or minimum global notional volume traded per month of $25,000,000, averaged over the last six months;
c. The most heavily weighted component stock (excluding Derivative Securities Products) shall not exceed 25% of the weight of the index or portfolio, and, to the extent applicable, the five most heavily weighted component stocks (excluding Derivative Securities Products) shall not exceed 60% of the weight of the index or portfolio;

d. The index or portfolio shall include a minimum of 20 component stocks; provided, however, that there shall be no minimum number of component stocks if either one or more series of Index Fund Shares or Portfolio Depositary Receipts constitute, at least in part, components underlying a series of Index Fund Shares, or one or more series of Derivative Securities Products account for 100% of the weight of the index or portfolio; and

e. Each U.S. Component Stock shall be listed on a national securities exchange and shall be an NMS Stock as defined in Rule 600 of Regulation NMS under the Act, and each Non-U.S. Component Stock shall be listed and traded on an exchange that has last-sale reporting.

(iii) No Change.

(B) – (F) No Change.

(4) Fixed Income. Fixed Income Securities are debt securities that are notes, bonds, debentures or evidence of indebtedness that include, but are not limited to, U.S. Department of Treasury securities ("Treasury Securities"), government-sponsored entity securities ("GSE Securities"), municipal securities, trust preferred securities, supranational debt and debt of a foreign country or subdivision thereof. Nasdaq may approve a series of Index Fund Shares based on Fixed Income Securities for listing and trading pursuant to Rule 19b-4(e) under the Act provided such portfolio or index: (i) has been reviewed and approved for the trading of options, Portfolio Depositary Receipts, Index Fund Shares, Index-Linked Exchangeable Notes or Index-Linked Securities by the Commission under Section 19(b)(2) of the Act and the rules thereunder and the conditions set forth in the Commission's approval order continue to be satisfied; or (ii) the following criteria are satisfied:

(A) Eligibility Criteria for Index Components. Upon the initial listing of Index Fund Shares pursuant to Rule 19b-4(e) under the Act, each component of an index or portfolio that underlies a series of Index Fund Shares shall meet the following criteria:

(i) - (iv) No Change.

(v) An underlying index or portfolio (excluding one consisting entirely of exempted securities) must include securities from a minimum of 13 non-affiliated issuers; and
(vi) Component securities that in aggregate account for at least 90% of the weight of the index or portfolio must be either: (a) from issuers that are required to file reports pursuant to Sections 13 and 15(d) of the Act; (b) from issuers that have a worldwide market value of its outstanding common equity held by non-affiliates of $700 million or more; (c) from issuers that have outstanding securities that are notes, bonds, debentures, or evidence of indebtedness having a total remaining principal amount of at least $1 billion; (d) exempted securities as defined in section 3(a)(12) of the Act; or (e) from issuers that are a government of a foreign country or a political subdivision of a foreign country.

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