

for Benefits under HOPE". Documents must be submitted as MSWord (".doc"), WordPerfect (".wpd"), ADOBE (".pdf"), or text (".txt") files. Spreadsheets submitted as supporting documentation are acceptable as Quattro Pro or Excel files, pre-formatted for printing only on 8½ × 11 inch paper. To the extent possible, any data attachments to the submission should be included in the same file as the submission itself, and not as separate files. Submissions in response to this notice will be subject to public inspection by appointment with the staff of the USTR Public Reading Room except for information granted "business confidential" status pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.6.

If the submission contains business confidential information, a non-confidential version of the submission must also be submitted that indicates where confidential information was redacted by inserting asterisks where material was deleted. In addition, the confidential version must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" at the top and bottom of each page of the document. The non-confidential version must be clearly marked "PUBLIC" or "NON-CONFIDENTIAL" at the top and bottom of each page. Documents that are submitted without any marking might not be accepted or will be considered public documents.

For any document containing business confidential information submitted as an electronic attached file to an e-mail transmission, the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters "BC-", and the file name of the public version should begin with the character "P-". The "BC-" or "P-" should be followed by the name of the party (government, company, union, association, etc.) which is submitting the comments.

E-mail submissions should not include separate cover letters or messages in the message area of the e-mail; information that might appear in any cover letter should be included directly in the attached file containing the submission itself, including the sender's identifying information with telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address. The email address for these submissions is FR0504@USTR.EOP.GOV. Documents not submitted in accordance with these instructions might not be considered in this review. If unable to provide submissions by e-mail, please contact Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, at (202) 395-6143 to arrange for an alternative method of transmission.

Public versions of all documents relating to this review will be available

for public review approximately three weeks after the due date by appointment in the USTR Public Reading Room, 1724 F Street NW., Washington, DC. Availability of documents may be ascertained, and appointments may be made from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, by calling 202-395-6186.

Carmen Suro-Bredie,

Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Special Provincial Review of Intellectual Property Rights Protection in China: Request for Further Public Comment

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Request for written submissions from the public.

SUMMARY: On June 16, 2006, USTR requested public comments concerning the locations and issues that should be the focus of a special provincial review (SPR) of intellectual property rights protection in China. In preparation for concluding this review, USTR now requests written comments from the public concerning the adequacy and effectiveness of IPR protection and enforcement at the provincial level in China.

DATES: Submissions must be received on or before 5 p.m. on Monday, February 26, 2007.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to Sybia Harrison, Special Assistant to the Section 301 Committee, and sent (i) electronically, to the following e-mail address: FR0606@ustr.eop.gov, with "China Special Provincial Review" in the subject line, or (ii) by fax, to (202) 395-9458, with a confirmation copy sent electronically to the e-mail address above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stanford K. McCoy, Office of Intellectual Property, at (202) 395-4510.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 28, 2006, USTR released its annual Special 301 report pursuant to Section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended by the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 and the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (enacted in 1994). In that report, USTR announced that the United States would conduct a special provincial review in the coming year to examine the

adequacy and effectiveness of China's IPR protection and enforcement at the provincial level. The goal of this review is to spotlight strengths, weaknesses, and inconsistencies in and among specific jurisdictions, and to inform the Special 301 review of China as a whole.

On June 16, 2006, USTR requested initial public comments concerning the provinces and other provincial-level jurisdictions and issues that should be the focus of a special provincial review (SPR) of intellectual property rights protection in China. For purposes of this review, jurisdictions at the provincial level might include, in addition to China's provinces (sheng), the four municipalities (shi) of Beijing, Chongqing, Shanghai, and Tianjin, as well as China's five autonomous regions (zizhiqu).

Locations and Issues: Based on the comments received, USTR concluded that locations of particular interest for U.S. right holders include Beijing City, Fujian Province, Guangdong Province, Jiangsu Province, Shanghai City, and Zhejiang Province. USTR concluded that issues of particular interest involve local enforcement of IPR, including trademarks and copyrights.

Request for Further Comments: In the June 16 request for comments, USTR indicated that it would seek more detailed public comments before concluding the SPR. USTR now requests comments from the public concerning the adequacy and effectiveness of IPR protection and enforcement at the provincial level in China. USTR encourages submitters to give particular attention to the locations and issues identified above. However, USTR will accept information on other locations and issues.

Submitters should bear in mind that the goals of the SPR include highlighting strengths, as well as weaknesses and inconsistencies, in and among specific jurisdictions. Strengths could include, for example, taking *ex officio* action on behalf of, and providing fair treatment for, foreign right holders, or local measures that facilitate IPR enforcement.

Requirements for Comments: Comments should respond to the request in this notice.

Comments must be in English. No submissions will be accepted via postal service mail. Documents should be submitted as WordPerfect, MS Word, PDF, or text (.TXT) files. Supporting documentation submitted as spreadsheets is acceptable as Quattro Pro or Excel files. A submitter requesting that information contained in a comment be treated as confidential business information must certify that

such information is business confidential and would not customarily be released to the public by the submitter. A non-confidential version of the comment must also be provided. For any document containing business confidential information, the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters "BC-", and the file name of the public version should begin with the character "P-". The "P-" or "BC-" should be followed by the name of the submitter.

Submissions should not include separate cover letters; information that might appear in a cover letter should be included in the submission itself. To the extent possible, any attachments to the submission should be included in the same file as the submission itself, and not as separate files.

All comments should be addressed to Sybia Harrison, Special Assistant to the Section 301 Committee, and sent (i) electronically, to the following e-mail address: FR0606@ustr.eop.gov, with "China Special Provincial Review" in the subject line, or (ii) by fax, to (202) 395-9458, with a confirmation copy sent electronically to the e-mail address above.

Public Inspection of Submissions: Within one business day of receipt, non-confidential submissions will be placed in a public file, open for inspection at the USTR reading room, Office of the United States Trade Representative, Annex Building, 1724 F Street, NW., Room 1, Washington, DC. An appointment to review the file must be scheduled at least 48 hours in advance and may be made by calling Jacqueline Caldwell at (202) 395-6186. The USTR reading room is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; American Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing of a Proposed Rule Change and Amendment Nos. 1, 2, and 3 Thereto Relating to the Listing and Trading of Shares of the PowerShares DB U.S. Dollar Index Bullish Fund and the PowerShares DB U.S. Dollar Index Bearish Fund

January 16, 2007.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act" or "Exchange Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on September 13, 2006, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared substantially by Amex. On November 17, 2006, Amex filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change. On December 19, 2006, Amex filed Amendment No. 2 to the proposed rule change. On January 12, 2007, Amex filed Amendment No. 3 to the proposed rule change. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change, as amended, from interested persons.

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

Pursuant to Commentary .07 to Amex Rule 1202, which permits the listing and trading of shares of trust-issued receipts ("TIRs") that invest in shares or securities (the "Investment Shares") issued by a trust, partnership, commodity pool, or other similar entity that holds investments comprising, or otherwise based on, any combination of securities, futures contracts, swaps, forward contracts, options on futures contracts, commodities, or portfolios of investments, the Exchange seeks to list and trade shares of the PowerShares DB U.S. Dollar Index Bullish Fund (the "Bullish Fund") and the PowerShares DB U.S. Dollar Index Bearish Fund (the "Bearish Fund," and together with the Bullish Fund, collectively, the "Funds").

The text of the proposal is available at Amex, at the Commission's Public Reference Room, and on Amex's Web site at <http://www.amex.com>.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

In its filing with the Commission, Amex 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, and the most significant aspects of such statements are set forth in Sections A, B, and C below.

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

1. Purpose

Pursuant to Commentary .07 to Amex Rule 1202, the Exchange may approve for listing and trading TIRs investing in Investment Shares that hold investments in any combination of securities, futures contracts, options on futures contracts, swaps, forward contracts, commodities, or portfolios of investments. Amex proposes to list for trading the shares of the Bullish Fund and the Bearish Fund (the "Shares"), which represent beneficial ownership interests in the corresponding common units of beneficial interests of the DB U.S. Dollar Index Master Bullish Fund (the "Master Bullish Fund") and the DB U.S. Dollar Index Master Bearish Fund (the "Master Bearish Fund," and together with the Master Bullish Fund, collectively, the "Master Funds"), respectively.

The PowerShares DB U.S. Dollar Index Trust (the "Trust") is organized as a Delaware statutory trust with each of the Funds representing a series of the Trust. The DB U.S. Dollar Index Master Trust (the "Master Trust") is also organized as a Delaware statutory trust with each of the Master Funds representing a series of the Master Trust.

The overall investment objective of each of the Funds and the Master Funds is to reflect the performance of their respective benchmark index, *less* expenses, *plus* the excess, if any, of the corresponding Master Fund's interest income from its holdings of U.S. Treasury and other high-credit-quality, short-term fixed income securities over its expenses. The Bullish Fund will seek to track the "Long Index" by investing in long positions in futures contracts ("DX Contracts") on the U.S. Dollar Index[®] (USD[®]). The Bearish Fund will seek to track the "Short Index" by investing in short positions in DX Contracts on the USD[®].