

of the purposes of the Act. Instead, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change would encourage the submission of additional liquidity to a public exchange, thereby promoting price discovery and transparency and enhancing order execution opportunities for ETP Holders. The Exchange believes that this could promote competition between the Exchange and other execution venues, including those that currently offer similar order types and comparable transaction pricing, by encouraging additional orders to be sent to the Exchange for execution. The Exchange also believes that the proposed rule is designed to provide the public and investors with a Schedule of Fees and Rebates that is clear and consistent, thereby reducing burdens on the marketplace and facilitating investor protection.

Finally, the Exchange notes that it operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily favor competing venues if they deem fee levels at a particular venue to be excessive or rebate opportunities available at other venues to be more favorable. In such an environment, the Exchange must continually adjust its fees and rebates to remain competitive with other exchanges and with alternative trading systems that have been exempted from compliance with the statutory standards applicable to exchanges. Because competitors are free to modify their own fees and credits in response, and because market participants may readily adjust their order routing practices, the Exchange believes that the degree to which fee changes in this market may impose any burden on competition is extremely limited. As a result of all of these considerations, the Exchange does not believe that the proposed changes will impair the ability of ETP Holders or competing order execution venues to maintain their competitive standing in the financial markets.

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 foregoing rule change is effective upon filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)¹¹ of the Act and

subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4¹² thereunder, because it establishes a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange.

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)¹³ 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 (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-NYSENAT-2018-13 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSENAT-2018-13. 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 (<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 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 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. 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. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSENAT-2018-13 and should be submitted on or before July 11, 2018.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁴

Eduardo A. Aleman,
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Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating To Changes in the Description of the Investments of the USCF Canadian Crude Oil Index Fund

June 14, 2018.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)¹ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")² and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,³ notice is hereby given that, on May 31, 2018, NYSE Arca, Inc. ("Exchange" or "NYSE Arca") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II 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 reflect changes in the description of the investments of the USCF Canadian Crude Oil Index Fund (the "Fund").

¹⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹² 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

Shares of the Fund have been approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) for listing and trading on the Exchange under NYSE Arca Rule 8.200–E, Commentary .02. The Fund’s shares have not commenced trading on the Exchange. The proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website at 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 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 Commission has approved a proposed rule change relating to listing and trading on the Exchange of shares (“Shares”) of the Fund under NYSE Arca Rule 8.200–E,⁴ which governs the listing and trading of Trust Issued Receipts.⁵ The Fund is a new series of the United States Commodity Index Funds Trust (the “Trust”).⁶ The Fund’s

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 81655 (September 19, 2017), 82 FR 44678 (September 25, 2017) (Notice of Filing of Amendment No. 4, and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of a Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 4, Relating to the Listing and Trading of Shares of the USCF Canadian Crude Oil Index Fund Under NYSE Arca Rule 8.200–E) (“Prior Order”). See also Amendment No. 4 to SR–NYSEArca–2016–177, available at <https://www.sec.gov/comments/sr-nysearca-2016-177/nysearca2016177-2228753-160788.pdf> (“Prior Amendment”). All terms referenced but not defined herein are defined in the Prior Order and Prior Amendment.

⁵ Commentary .02 to NYSE Arca Rule 8.200–E applies to Trust Issued Receipts that invest in “Financial Instruments.” The term “Financial Instruments,” as defined in Commentary .02(b)(4) to NYSE Arca Rule 8.200–E, means any combination of investments, including cash; securities; options on securities and indices; futures contracts; options on futures contracts; forward contracts; equity caps, collars, and floors; and swap agreements.

⁶ The Trust is registered under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a) (“Securities Act”). On June 16, 2016, the Trust filed with the Commission a registration statement on Form S–1 under the Securities Act relating to the Fund (File No. 333–212089) (“Registration Statement”). Pre-Effective

Shares have not commenced trading on the Exchange.

As stated in the Prior Amendment, according to the Registration Statement, the investment objective of the Fund is for the daily changes in percentage terms of per Share NAV to reflect the daily changes in percentage terms of the Canadian Crude Excess Return Index (the “CCIER” or “Index”), plus interest income from the Fund’s short-term fixed income holdings, less the Fund’s expenses.

The Prior Amendment stated as follows (included on pages 5–6 of the Prior Amendment): “The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by first entering into cash-settled uncleared over-the-counter (“OTC”) total return swap and/or forward transactions based on, and intended to replicate the return of, the CCIER (“Benchmark OTC Derivatives Contracts”, as described further below), and, second, to the extent market conditions are more favorable for such futures as compared to Benchmark OTC Derivatives Contracts, investing in the Benchmark Component Futures Contracts that underlie the CCIER. It will support these investments and investments in any other OTC derivatives contracts by holding the amounts of its margin, collateral and other requirements relating to these obligations in short-term obligations of the United States of two years or less (“Treasuries”), cash and cash equivalents. [footnote 9]”

Third, if constrained by regulatory requirements or in view of market conditions or if one or more of the other Benchmark Component Futures Contracts is not available, the Fund may next invest in exchange traded futures contracts that are economically identical or substantially similar to the Benchmark Component Futures Contracts, e.g., futures contracts that are based on changes in the price of WTI oil traded on the CME.

Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement was filed on April 9, 2018. The changes described herein will not be implemented until an amendment to the Registration Statement relating to such changes is effective and this proposed rule change is effective and operative.

⁷ The Prior Amendment stated the following in footnote 9: “For purposes of this filing, cash equivalents are short-term instruments with maturities of less than three months and shall include the following: (i) Certificates of deposit issued against funds deposited in a bank or savings and loan association; (ii) bankers’ acceptances, which are short-term credit instruments used to finance commercial transactions; (iii) repurchase agreements and reverse repurchase agreements; (iv) bank time deposits, which are monies kept on deposit with banks or savings and loan associations for a stated period of time at a fixed rate of interest; (v) commercial paper, which are short-term unsecured promissory notes; and (vi) money market funds.”

When, in view of regulatory requirements and market conditions, the Fund has invested to the fullest extent possible in the Benchmark OTC Derivatives Contracts and exchange-traded futures contracts, the Fund may then invest in (i) cleared swap contracts based on the Benchmark Component Futures Contracts, (ii) uncleared OTC derivatives contracts (specifically, swaps, forwards and options) based on either the price of the Benchmark Component Futures Contracts or on the price of the crude oil underlying the Benchmark Component Futures Contracts, and (iii) exchange-traded options on the Benchmark Component Futures Contracts. The foregoing investments, together with the Benchmark Component Futures Contracts and other exchange-traded futures contracts that are economically identical or substantially similar to the Benchmark Component Futures Contracts are referred to collectively as ‘Other Crude Oil-Related Investments’.

Market conditions that USCF currently anticipates could cause the Fund to invest in Other Crude Oil-Related Investments include those allowing the Fund to obtain greater liquidity, to execute transactions with more favorable pricing, or if the Fund or USCF exceeds position limits or accountability levels established by an exchange.”

The Exchange proposes to replace the representations in the four preceding paragraphs regarding the Fund’s investments with the following:

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective first by investing in the nearby futures contracts that comprise the CCIER, i.e., (i) the ICE Crude Diff—TMX WCS 1B Index Future (ICE symbol: TDX) (the “WCS Future”); and (ii) the ICE WTI Crude Future (ICE symbol: T) (the “WTI Future”) (the WCS Futures and WTI Futures that comprise the CCIER are referred to herein as “Benchmark Component Futures Contracts”) and may also invest in exchange traded futures contracts that are economically identical or substantially similar to the Benchmark Component Futures Contracts, e.g., futures contracts that are based on changes in the price of WTI crude oil traded on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (“CME”), (together with the Benchmark Component Futures Contracts, “eligible futures contracts”).⁸

⁸ As noted in the Prior Amendment, not more than 10% of the net assets of the Fund in the aggregate invested in futures contracts, or options on futures shall consist of futures contracts, or options on futures whose principal market is not a member of the Intermarket Surveillance Group or is

Thereafter, in view of regulatory requirements and market conditions and if the Fund has invested to the fullest extent possible in the eligible futures contracts described above, the Fund may then enter into any of the following: (i) Cleared swap contracts based on eligible futures contracts, (ii) cash-settled, uncleared over-the-counter (“OTC”) derivatives contracts (specifically, swaps, forwards and options) based on the price of the Benchmark Component Futures Contracts, other eligible futures contracts, the return on the CCIER or on the price of the crude oil underlying the Benchmark Component Futures Contracts (“OTC derivatives contracts”), or (iii) exchange-traded options on the Benchmark Component Futures Contracts. The foregoing investments, other than eligible futures contracts, are referred to collectively as “Other Crude Oil-Related Investments”. Market conditions that USCF currently anticipates could cause the Fund to invest in Other Crude-Oil Related Investments include those allowing the Fund to obtain greater liquidity, to execute transactions with more favorable pricing, or if the Fund or USCF exceeds position limits or accountability levels established by an exchange. The Fund will support the margin, collateral and other requirements relating to its investments in eligible futures contracts and Other Crude Oil-Related Investments by holding the remaining amounts of its assets in short-term obligations of the United States with maturities of two years or less (“Treasuries”), cash and cash equivalents.⁹

Deletion of References to Benchmark OTC Derivatives Contracts

Because the Fund will not seek to achieve its investment objective by first entering into Benchmark OTC Derivatives Contracts, as stated in the Prior Amendment, and because the term “Benchmark OTC Derivatives Contracts” will not be used to describe the Fund’s investments, the Exchange proposes to delete or modify references to Benchmark OTC Derivatives Contracts or to the Fund’s significant use of OTC derivatives contracts in the Prior Amendment, as described below.

The Exchange proposes to delete the following phrase from the second sentence of the last partial paragraph on page 6 of the Prior Amendment: “Notwithstanding the Fund’s significant

use of OTC derivatives contracts. . .”. Thus such sentence would read: “The Sponsor believes that market arbitrage opportunities will cause daily changes in the Fund’s Share price on the NYSE Arca on a percentage basis to closely track the daily changes in the Fund’s per Share NAV on a percentage basis.”

The Exchange proposes to delete the following phrase from the sentence comprising footnote 10 of the Prior Amendment: “While the Fund will primarily be composed of, and therefore will be a measure of, the prices of the Benchmark OTC Derivatives Contracts based upon futures comprising the CCIER,”. The remainder of such sentence, beginning with “there is expected to be a reasonable degree of correlation”, would be unchanged.

The Prior Amendment stated as follows (included on page 7 of the Prior Amendment): “According to the Registration Statement, the Fund will primarily invest in Benchmark OTC Derivatives Contracts that are based on the CCIER which is comprised of the Benchmark Component Futures Contracts and, in the opinion of the Sponsor, are traded in sufficient volume to permit the ready taking and liquidation of positions. Such Benchmark OTC Derivatives Contracts, as well as all other Other Crude Oil-Related Investments that are OTC derivatives, will be “swaps” for purposes of Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act that fall within the jurisdiction of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.”¹⁰

The Exchange proposes to replace these statements with the following: “In the opinion of the Sponsor, the Other Crude-Oil Related Investments are traded in sufficient volume to permit the ready taking and liquidation of positions. Such other Other Crude Oil-Related Investments that are cleared swaps and OTC derivatives contracts, will be “swaps” for purposes of Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act that fall within the jurisdiction of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.”

The Prior Amendment stated as follows (included in the last paragraph on page 7 of the Prior Amendment):

“The OTC derivatives contracts, including the Benchmark OTC Derivatives Contracts, will be entered between two parties, outside of public exchanges, in private contracts. Unlike the exchange-traded Benchmark

Component Futures Contracts and the other exchange traded futures contracts, each party to an OTC derivatives contract bears credit risk with respect to the other party.”

The Exchange proposes to replace these statements with the following: “The OTC derivatives contracts will be entered between two parties, outside of public exchanges, in private contracts. Unlike the eligible futures contracts, each party to an OTC derivatives contract bears credit risk with respect to the other party.”

The first sentence on page 8 of the Prior Amendment states as follows: “In accordance with the terms and conditions of the Fund’s ISDA Master Agreements, pursuant to which the Fund’s OTC derivatives contracts will be entered into, the Fund will be entitled to increase or decrease its notional exposure to the CCIER from time to time, to among other things, manage Share purchases and reinvestment of distributions, Fund Share redemptions and market repurchases of Shares, and meet other liquidity needs.”

The Exchange proposes to replace this sentence with the following: “In accordance with the terms and conditions of the Fund’s ISDA Master Agreements, pursuant to which the Fund’s OTC derivatives contracts will be entered into, the Fund will be entitled to increase or decrease its notional exposure under the applicable OTC derivatives contracts to, among other things, manage Share purchases, Fund Share redemptions and market repurchases of Shares, and meet other liquidity needs.”

The Exchange proposes to delete the phrase “, including the Benchmark OTC Derivatives Contracts,” from the first full paragraph on page 8 of the Prior Amendment.

The first two sentences of the second full paragraph on page 8 of the Prior Amendment state as follows: “The daily marked-to-market value of a Benchmark OTC Derivatives Contract will be based upon the performance of a notional investment in the CCIER. In turn, the performance of the CCIER will be based upon the performance of the underlying Benchmark Component Futures Contracts.”

The Exchange proposes to replace these sentences with the following sentence: “The daily marked-to-market value of a cleared swap contract or an OTC derivatives contract will be based upon the performance of Benchmark Component Futures Contracts, other eligible futures contracts, the return of the CCIER, or on the price of the crude

a market with which the Exchange does not have a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement.

⁹ The definition of “cash equivalents” is unchanged from the definition in the Prior Amendment. See note 7, *supra*.

¹⁰ The caption “Benchmark OTC Derivatives Contracts” would be replaced by “OTC Derivatives Contracts.”

oil underlying Benchmark Component Futures Contracts.”

The third full paragraph on page 8 of the Prior Amendment states as follows: “The Fund may also enter into multiple Benchmark OTC Derivatives Contracts for the purpose of achieving its investment objective. If a Benchmark OTC Derivatives Contract is terminated, the Fund may either pursue the same or other alternative investment strategies with an acceptable counterparty, or make direct investments in the Benchmark Component Futures Contracts or other investments described above that provide a similar return to investing in the Benchmark Component Futures Contracts.”

The Exchange proposes to replace this paragraph with the following: “If an OTC derivatives contract is terminated, the Fund may either pursue the same or other alternative investments with another acceptable counterparty, or make direct investments in the eligible futures contracts or other investments described above.”

Because the Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective first by investing in the nearby futures contracts that comprise the CCIER rather than by first entering into Benchmark OTC Derivatives Contracts, as stated in the Prior Amendment, the Sponsor has determined that it is appropriate to establish a later cutoff time for placing purchase and redemption orders. The first full paragraph on page 10 of the Prior Amendment states as follows: “Purchase orders and redemption orders must be placed by 10:30 a.m. E.T. or the close of regular trading on the NYSE Arca, whichever is earlier. [footnote 13]” The Exchange proposes to replace the preceding sentence with the following: “Purchase orders and redemption orders must be placed by noon E.T. or the close of regular trading on the NYSE Arca, whichever is earlier. [footnote 13]”

The first sentence of footnote 13 of the Prior Amendment states as follows: “USCF represents that an Authorized Participant’s arbitrage opportunities with respect to the price it must pay for a Creation Basket will not be materially impacted by the requirement that the purchase and redemption order must be received by 10:30 a.m. E.T. which is prior to the ICE Futures Europe closing time.” The Exchange proposes to replace this sentence with the following: “USCF represents that an Authorized Participant’s arbitrage opportunities with respect to the price it must pay for a Creation Basket will not be materially impacted by the requirement that the purchase and redemption order must be

received by noon E.T., which is prior to the ICE Futures Europe closing time.”¹¹

The Prior Amendment stated as follows (included on pages 8–9 of the Prior Amendment):

“The Fund may also enter into certain transactions where an OTC derivatives contract component is exchanged for a corresponding futures contract (an “Exchange for Related Position” or “EFRP” transaction).”

The Exchange proposes to replace this sentence with the following: “The Fund may also enter into certain transactions where a cleared swap or an OTC derivatives contract component is exchanged for a corresponding futures contract (an “Exchange for Related Position” or “EFRP” transaction).”

The Prior Amendment stated as follows (included on pages 10–11 of the Prior Amendment, under “Calculating Per Share NAV”): “The Benchmark OTC Derivatives Contracts will be valued by the Administrator using the publicly available CCIER price. The CCIER is determined by the index calculation agent using, the last reported closing or settlement prices of the Benchmark Component Futures Contracts determined by ICE Futures Europe (determined as of 2:30 p.m. E.T. or the earlier close of such exchange that day) or, [footnote 14] in the case of a market disruption and no determination being made by ICE Futures Europe, the last traded price before 2:30 p.m. E.T. that day. For other futures contracts traded on exchanges the Administrator will use the closing or settlement price published by the applicable exchange or, in the case of a market disruption, the last traded price before settlement.”

The Exchange proposes to replace these sentences with the following: “The Benchmark Component Futures Contracts will be valued by the Administrator using the publicly available last reported closing or settlement prices of the these futures contracts determined by ICE Futures Europe (determined as of 2:30 p.m. E.T. or the earlier close of such exchange that day) or, [footnote 14] in the case of a market disruption and no determination being made by ICE Futures Europe, the last traded price before 2:30 p.m. E.T. that day. For other futures contracts traded on exchanges

the Administrator will use the closing or settlement price published by the applicable exchange or, in the case of a market disruption, the last traded price before settlement. In general, the values of a cleared swap contract or an OTC derivatives contract will be based on the performance of the Benchmark Component Futures Contracts, other eligible futures contracts, the return on the CCIER, or on the price of the crude oil underlying the Benchmark Component Futures Contracts. The value of the CCIER will be the value determined by the index calculation agent using the reported closing or settlement prices of the Benchmark Component Futures Contracts.”

Footnote 14 of the Prior Amendment stated as follows:

“The value of the CCIER for purposes of determining the Fund’s end of day NAV and the purchase or redemption price for the shares by Authorized Participants will be determined as of 2:30 p.m. E.T. which is the designated time for determining the daily settlement price of the Benchmark Component Futures Contracts. The Benchmark Component Futures Contracts on ICE Futures Europe continue to trade past 2:30 p.m. E.T. and through the end of the NYSE Arca Core Trading Session at 4:00 p.m. E.T.”

The Exchange proposes to delete the first sentence of footnote 14 of the Prior Amendment so that such footnote reads as follows:

“The Benchmark Component Futures Contracts on ICE Futures Europe continue to trade past 2:30 p.m. E.T. and through the end of the NYSE Arca Core Trading Session at 4:00 p.m. E.T.”

The last sentence of the first full paragraph on page 16 of the Prior Amendment stated as follows:

“The Information Bulletin will also reference that the CFTC has regulatory jurisdiction over the trading of Benchmark Component Futures Contracts and the Benchmark OTC Derivatives Contracts.”

The Exchange proposes to replace this sentence with the following:

“The Information Bulletin will also reference that the CFTC has regulatory jurisdiction over the trading of Benchmark Component Futures Contracts, cleared swaps and certain OTC derivatives contracts.”

The Exchange proposes to add reference to cleared swap contracts in the description of portfolio holdings to be made available on the Fund’s website, as described in the first full paragraph on page 12 of the Prior Amendment and the third paragraph on page 17 of the Prior Amendment. Therefore, the Exchange proposes to

¹¹ The Commission has previously approved the listing and trading on the Exchange of Trust Issued Receipts listed under NYSE Arca Rule 8.600–E [sic], Commentary .02 for which creation and redemption orders must be placed by noon, E.T. See, e.g., Securities Exchange Act Release No. 66466 (February 24, 2012), 77 FR 12631 (March 1, 2012) (SR–NYSEArca–2011–97) (Order Granting Approval of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Listing and Trading of Shares of the Teucrium Agriculture Fund under NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.200).

state that website disclosure of portfolio holdings will be made daily and will include, as applicable, (i) the composite value of the total portfolio, (ii) the quantity and type (including maturity, effective date, ticker symbol or other identifier, if any) and other descriptive information, and value of each holding, including, in the case of cleared swap contracts or an OTC derivatives contract, the type of cleared swap contract or OTC derivatives contract, its notional value and the underlying instrument, index or asset on which the cleared swap contract or OTC derivatives contract is based, and, in the case of cleared swaps, the clearinghouse for such swaps, and, in the case of options, its strike price, (iii) the type (including maturity, effective date, ticker symbol or other identifier, if any) and value of each Treasury security and cash equivalent, and (iv) the amount of cash held in the Fund's portfolio.

Except for the changes noted above, all other representations made in the Prior Amendment remain unchanged.

2. Statutory Basis

The basis under the Act for this proposed rule change is the requirement under Section 6(b)(5)¹² that an exchange have rules that are designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to, and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

The proposed rule change is designed to perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. The Trust's "Sponsor", United States Commodity Funds LLC, represents that it has determined that, in satisfying the Fund's investment objective, it is preferable for the Fund first to invest in the futures contracts that comprise the CCIER or other eligible futures contracts, as described above, instead of first entering into cash-settled, uncleared OTC total return swap and/or forward transactions based on, and intended to replicate the return of, the CCIER. The Sponsor also represents that, in general, the futures markets are more liquid than OTC derivatives and more directly reflect the values of the futures contracts underlying the CCIER.

The proposed deletions or changes to references to the term "Benchmark OTC Derivatives Contracts" as used in the Prior Amendment are appropriate in that, going forward, such term will not

be used to describe the Fund's investments.

The Fund will comply with all initial and continued listing requirements under NYSE Arca Rule 8.200-E and Commentary .02 thereto. Except for the changes noted above, all other representations made in the Prior Amendment remain unchanged.

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 purpose of the Act. The Exchange believes the proposed rule change relating to the Fund's investments will provide the Fund with the greater ability to utilize listed futures contracts and facilitate the Fund's ability to satisfy its investment objective, and will enhance market competition with respect to trading in the Fund's Shares.

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

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) of the Act¹³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.¹⁴

A proposed rule change filed pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6) under the Act¹⁵ normally does not become operative for 30 days after the date of its filing. However, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii)¹⁶ permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange has requested that the Commission waive

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission 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 the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

¹⁵ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹⁶ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

the 30-day operative delay so that the proposed rule change may become operative upon filing. The Exchange states that the Shares have not commenced trading on the Exchange, and waiver of the operative delay would accommodate trading in the Shares on the Exchange before the 30-day delayed operative date. Moreover, according to the Exchange, the proposal would provide the Fund with greater ability to utilize listed futures contracts and facilitate the Fund's ability to satisfy its investment objective.¹⁷ The Commission believes that waiver of the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. Accordingly, the Commission hereby waives the operative delay and designates the proposed rule change operative upon filing.¹⁸

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 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 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 (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-NYSEArca-2018-39 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange

¹⁷ The Commission has previously approved the listing and trading of other Trust Issued Receipts under NYSE Arca Rule 8.200-E, Commentary .02 that primarily invest in oil futures contracts. See, e.g., Securities Exchange Act Release No. 80427 (April 11, 2017), 82 FR 18058 (April 14, 2017) (SR-NYSEArca-2016-173).

¹⁸ For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has also considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEArca-2018-39. 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 (<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 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 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. 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. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEArca-2018-39 and should be submitted on or before July 11, 2018.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁹

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change Related to Fees for Use on Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.

June 14, 2018.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the

“Act”),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on June 1, 2018, Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “BZX”) 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 by the Exchange. The Exchange has designated the proposed rule change as one establishing or changing a member due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange under Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder,⁴ which renders the proposed rule change effective upon filing with the Commission. 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 filed a proposal to amend the fee schedule applicable to Members⁵ and non-Members of the Exchange pursuant to BZX Rules 15.1(a) and (c). *OR* [sic]

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange's website at www.markets.cboe.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 Exchange 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. 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 Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend its fee schedule applicable to its equities trading platform (“BZX Equities”). Particularly, the Exchange proposes to

amend the NBBO Setter Tiers effective June 1, 2018.

The Exchange currently offers two NBBO Setter Tiers under footnote 19, which provide an additional rebate of \$0.00015 to \$0.0004 per share for orders that establish a new National Best Bid or Offer (“NBBO”) and which are appended with fee code B, V or Y. The Exchange notes that the proposed [sic] the NBBO Setter Tiers are additive rebates, and thus, can be combined with other incentives and structures offered by the Exchange. The Exchange proposes to amend both NBBO Setter Tiers 1 and 2.

First, the Exchange proposes to amend NBBO Setter Tier 1. Currently, a Member will receive a rebate of \$0.00015 per share where a Member has a Setter Add TCV⁶ of greater than or equal to 0.10%. The Exchange proposes to increase the rebate for NBBO Setter Tier 1 from \$0.00015 to \$0.0003 per share. The Exchange also proposes to increase the Setter Add TCV requirement from 0.10% to 0.15%.

Lastly, the Exchange proposes to amend NBBO Setter Tier 2. Currently, a Member will receive a rebate of \$0.0004 per share where a Member has a Setter Add TCV of greater than or equal to 0.15%. The Exchange proposes to increase the Setter Add TCV requirement from 0.15% to 0.20%.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule changes are consistent with the objectives of Section 6 of the Act,⁷ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4),⁸ in particular, as it is designed to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among its Members and other persons using its facilities. The Exchange also notes that it operates in a highly-competitive market in which market participants can readily direct order flow to competing venues if they deem fee levels at a particular venue to be excessive or incentives to be insufficient. The proposed rule changes reflect a competitive pricing structure designed to incentivize market participants to direct their order flow to the Exchange.

The Exchange believes the modification to the additional rebate provided by the NBBO Setter Tier 1 under footnote 19 is a reasonable means to encourage Members to not only

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

⁵ The term “Member” is defined as “any registered broker or dealer that has been admitted to membership in the Exchange.” See Exchange Rule 1.5(n).

⁶ “Setter Add TCV” [sic] means total consolidated volume calculated as the volume reported by all exchanges and trade reporting facilities to a consolidated transaction reporting plan for the month for which the fees apply.

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

¹⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).