Act <sup>6</sup> and Rule 19b–4(f)(2) <sup>7</sup> thereunder, because it establishes or changes a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate 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.

#### **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 e-mail to *rule-comments@sec.gov*. Please include File Number SR–NYSE–2007–91 on the subject line.

## Paper Comments

• Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549–1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSE-2007-91. 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 Commissions 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, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at

the principal office of the NYSE. 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–NYSE–2007–91 and should be submitted on or before October 31, 2007.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>8</sup>

#### Nancy M. Morris,

Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-56601; File No. SR-NYSEArca-2007-79]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of a Proposed Rule Change as Modified by Amendment No. 1 Thereto To Trade Shares of Eight Funds of the ProShares Trust Based on International Indexes Pursuant to Unlisted Trading Privileges

October 2, 2007.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,2 notice is hereby given that on July 31, 2007, NYSE Arca, Inc. ("Exchange"), through its wholly owned subsidiary NYSE Arca Equities, Inc. ("NYSE Arca Equities"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been substantially prepared by the Exchange. On September 28, 2007, the Exchange submitted Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change. This order provides notice of the proposed rule change as modified by Amendment No. 1 and approves the proposed rule change as amended on an accelerated basis.

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

The Exchange, through its whollyowned subsidiary NYSE Arca Equities, proposes to trade pursuant to unlisted trading privileges ("UTP") shares ("Shares") of eight funds ("Funds") of the ProShares Trust ("Trust") based on four international equity indexes. The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange, the Commission's Public Reference Room, and http://www.nyse.com.

## 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 III below. The Exchange 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 Exchange proposes to trade the Shares of the Funds pursuant to UTP under NYSE Arca Equities Rule 5.2(j)(3).<sup>3</sup> The Commission has approved the original listing and trading of the Shares on the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex").<sup>4</sup>

The Funds are designated as Short Funds ("Short Funds") and UltraShort Funds ("UltraShort Funds"), as described more fully below.<sup>5</sup> Each of the

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<sup>6 15</sup> U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>7 17</sup> CFR 19b-4(f)(2).

<sup>8 17</sup> CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> In October 1999, the Commission approved NYSE Arca Equities Rule 5.2(j)(3), which sets forth the rules related to listing and trading criteria for Investment Company Units ("ICUs"). See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 41983 (October 6, 1999), 64 FR 56008 (October 15, 1999) (SR-PCX-98-29). In July 2001, the Commission also approved the Exchange's generic listing standards for listing and trading, or the trading pursuant to UTP, of ICUs under NYSE Arca Equities Rule 5.2(j)(3). See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 44551 (July 12, 2001), 66 FR 37716 (July 19, 2001) (SR–PCX–2001– 14). The definition of an ICU is set forth in NYSE Arca Equities Rule 5.1(b)(15), which provides that an ICU is a security representing an interest in a registered investment company that could be organized as a unit investment trust, an open-end management investment company, or a similar

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 56592 (October 1, 2007) (SR–Amex–2007–60) ("Amex Order"). See also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 56223 (August 8, 2007), 72 FR 45837 (August 15, 2007) (SR–Amex–2007–60) ("Amex Notice").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The Commission has previously approved trading certain Ultra Funds, Short Funds, and UltraShort Funds of the ProShares Trust on the Exchange pursuant to UTP under NYSE Arca Equities Rule 5.2(j)(3). See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 34–55125 (January 18, 2007), 72 FR 3462 (January 25, 2007) (SR–NYSEArca–2006–87). See also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 54026

Funds will have a distinct investment objective. Each Fund will attempt, on a daily basis, to achieve its investment objective by corresponding to a specified multiple of the inverse performance of a particular equity securities index (each, an "Underlying Index" or "Index") as briefly described below.

Short Funds. The Short Funds seek daily investment results, before fees and expenses, that correspond to the inverse or opposite of the daily performance (-100%) of the Underlying Indexes. If a Short Fund is successful in meeting its objective, the net asset value ("NAV") 6 of the corresponding Shares should increase approximately as much (on a percentage basis) as the respective Underlying Index loses when the prices of the securities in the Index decline on a given day, or should decrease approximately as much as the respective Index gains when prices in the Index rise on a given day. The Short Funds include: (1) Short MSCI Emerging Markets ProShares, (2) Short MSCI Japan ProShares, (3) Short MSCI EAFE ProShares, and (4) Short FTSE/Xinhua China 25 ProShares.

UltraShort Funds. UltraShort Funds seek daily investment results, before fees and expenses, that correspond to twice the inverse or opposite of the daily performance (-200%) of the Underlying Indexes. If an UltraShort Fund is successful in meeting its objective, the NAV of the corresponding Shares should increase approximately twice as much (on a percentage basis) as the respective Underlying Index loses when the prices of the securities in the Index decline on a given day, or should decrease approximately twice as much as the respective Underlying Index gains when such prices rise on a given day. The UltraShort Funds include: (1) UltraShort MSCI Emerging Markets ProShares, (2) UltraShort MSCI Japan ProShares, (3) UltraShort MSCI EAFE ProShares, and (4) UltraShort FTSE/ Xinhua China 25 ProShares.

No Fund will invest directly in the component securities of the relevant Underlying Index; instead, each Fund will create short exposure to the corresponding Index. Each Fund will establish positions in Financial Instruments (as defined below) that provide, on a daily basis, the inverse or opposite of, or twice the inverse or

opposite of, the performance of the relevant Underlying Index. Normally 100% of the value of the portfolios of each Fund will be devoted to such Financial Instruments and certain money market instruments.

The Financial Instruments to be held by any of the Funds may include stock index futures contracts, options on futures contracts, options on securities and indices, equity caps, collars and floors, as well as swap agreements, forward contracts, repurchase agreements, and reverse repurchase agreements ("Financial Instruments"). Money market instruments include certain U.S. government securities and repurchase agreements.

Availability of Information About the Shares and the Underlying Indexes

The Trust's Web site, which is and will be publicly accessible at no charge, will contain the following information for each Fund's Shares: (1) The prior business day's closing NAV, the reported closing price, and a calculation of the premium or discount of such price in relation to the closing NAV; (2) data for a period covering at least the four previous calendar quarters (or the life of a Fund, if shorter) indicating how frequently each Fund's Shares traded at a premium or discount to NAV based on the daily closing price and the closing NAV, and the magnitude of such premiums and discounts; (3) its prospectus and/or product description; and (4) other quantitative information such as daily trading volume. The prospectus and/or product description for each Fund will inform investors that the Trust's Web site has information about the premiums and discounts at which the Fund's Shares have traded.

According to the Amex Proposal, Amex will disseminate for each Fund on a daily basis by means of Consolidated Tape Association ("CTA") and CQ High Speed Lines information with respect to an Indicative Intra-Day Value ("IIV"), recent NAV, shares outstanding, estimated cash amount, and total cash amount per Creation Unit. Amex will make available on its Web site daily trading volume, closing price, the NAV, and the final dividend amounts to be paid for each Fund. Amex represented in the Amex Proposal that it will obtain a representation from the Trust (for each Fund), prior to listing, that the NAV per share for each Fund will be calculated daily and made available to all market participants at the same time.7

Each Fund's total portfolio composition will be disclosed on the Trust's Web site (http:// www.proshares.com) or another relevant Web site as determined by the Trust and/or Amex. According to the Amex Proposal, the Web site disclosure of portfolio holdings will be made daily and will include, as applicable, the specific types of Financial Instruments and characteristics of such instruments, cash equivalents, and the amount of cash held in the portfolio of each Fund. This public disclosure of the portfolio composition of each Fund will coincide with the disclosure by ProShare Advisors LLC ("Advisor") of the "IIV File" and the "PCF." Therefore, the portfolio information (including accrued expenses and dividends) to be provided on the public Web site will be the same as the information in the IIV File and PCF (when applicable) provided to authorized participants. The format of the public Web site disclosure and the IIV File and PCF (when applicable) will differ because the public Web site will list all portfolio holdings while the IIV and PCF (when applicable) will similarly provide the portfolio holdings but in a format appropriate for authorized participants, i.e., the exact components of a Creation Unit.9 Each investor will have access to the current portfolio composition of each Fund through the Trust's Web site, at http:// www.proshares.com, and/or at the Amex's Web site at http:// www.amex.com.

Beneficial owners of Shares ("Beneficial Owners") will receive all of the statements, notices, and reports required under the 1940 Act and other applicable laws. They will receive, for example, annual and semi-annual Fund reports, written statements

market participants at the same time, then the Exchange would do so as well.

<sup>(</sup>June 21, 2006), 71 FR 36850 (June 28, 2006) (SR–PCX–2005–115).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>NAV per Share of each Fund is computed by dividing the value of the net assets of such Fund (*i.e.*, the value of its total assets less total liabilities) by its total number of Shares outstanding. Expenses and fees are accrued daily and taken into account for purposes of determining NAV.

<sup>7</sup> If Amex halts trading in the Shares of the Funds because the NAV is not being disseminated to all

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> According to the Amex Proposal, the Trust will create a portfolio composition file ("PCF") for each Fund, which it will transmit to the National Securities Clearing Corporation ("NSCC") before the open of business the next business day. The information in the PCF will be available to all participants in the NSCC system. Because the NSCC's system for the receipt and dissemination to its participants of the PCF is not currently capable of processing information with respect to Financial Instruments, the Advisor has developed an "IIV File," which it will use to disclose the Funds' holdings of Financial Instruments. The IIV File will contain, for each Fund, information sufficient by itself or in connection with the PCF and other available information for market participants to calculate a Fund's IIV and effectively arbitrage the Fund. The Trust or the Advisor will post the IIV File to a password-protected Web site before the opening of business on each business day, and all authorized participants and Amex will have access to a password and the Web site containing the IIV

 $<sup>^{9}\,\</sup>mathrm{The}$  composition will be used to calculate the NAV later that day.

accompanying dividend payments, proxy statements, annual notifications detailing the tax status of Fund distributions, and Form 1099-DIVs. Some of these documents will be provided to Beneficial Owners by their brokers, while others will be provided by the Fund through the brokers.

The daily closing index value and the

percentage change in the daily closing index value for each Underlying Index will be publicly available on various Web sites, e.g., http:// www.bloomberg.com. Data regarding each Underlying Index are also available from the respective index provider to subscribers. Several independent data vendors also package and disseminate index data in various value-added formats (including vendors displaying both securities and index levels and vendors displaying index levels only). The value of each Underlying Index would be updated intra-day as its individual component securities change in price. These intra-day values of each Underlying Index will be disseminated at least every 60 seconds from 9:30 a.m.

to 4:15 p.m. Eastern Time by Amex or

another organization authorized by the

relevant Underlying Index provider. 10

According to the Amex Proposal, in order to provide updated information relating to each Fund for use by investors, professionals, and persons wishing to create or redeem Shares, Amex will disseminate through the facilities of the CTA: (1) Continuously from 9:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Eastern Time, the market value of a Share; and (2) at least every 15 seconds from 9:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Eastern Time, the IIV as calculated by Amex (the "IIV Calculator"). Comparing these two figures helps an investor to determine whether, and to what extent, the Shares may be selling at a premium or a discount to NAV.

The IIV Calculator will calculate an IIV for each Fund in the manner discussed in the Amex Proposal. The IIV is designed to provide investors with a reference value that can be used in connection with other related market information. The IIV does not necessarily reflect the precise composition of the current portfolio held by each Fund at a particular point in time. Therefore, the IIV on a per-Share basis disseminated from 9:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Eastern Time should not be viewed as a real-time update of the NAV of a particular Fund, which is calculated only once a day. While the IIV that will be disseminated by Amex is expected to be close to the most recently calculated

Fund NAV on a per-Share basis, it is possible that the value of the portfolio held by a Fund may diverge from the IIV during any trading day. In such case, the IIV will not precisely reflect the value of the Fund portfolio.

## **Trading Halts**

The Exchange represents that it will cease trading the Shares of the Fund if the listing market stops trading the Shares because of a regulatory halt similar to a halt based on NYSE Arca Equities Rule 7.12. UTP trading in the Shares is also governed by the trading halts provisions of NYSE Arca Equities Rule 7.34 relating to temporary interruptions in the calculation or wide dissemination of the IIV or the value of the underlying index.

The Exchange may consider all relevant factors in exercising its discretion to halt or suspend trading in the Shares of a Fund. Trading may be halted because of market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in the Shares inadvisable. These may include: (1) The extent to which trading is not occurring in the securities comprising an Underlying Index and/or the Financial Instruments of a Fund, or (2) whether other unusual conditions or circumstances detrimental to the maintenance of a fair and orderly market are present. In addition, trading in Shares could be halted pursuant to the Exchange's "circuit breaker" rule 11 or by the halt or suspension of trading of the underlying securities.

#### Trading Rules

The Exchange deems the Shares to be equity securities, thus rendering trading in the Shares subject to the Exchange's existing rules governing the trading of equity securities. Shares will trade on the NYSE Arca Marketplace from 4 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time in accordance with NYSE Arca Equities Rule 7.34 (Opening, Core, and Late Trading Sessions). The Exchange has appropriate rules to facilitate transactions in the Shares during all trading sessions.

#### Surveillance

The Exchange intends to utilize its existing surveillance procedures applicable to derivative products to monitor trading in the Shares. The Exchange represents that these procedures are adequate to properly monitor Exchange trading of the Shares in all trading sessions and to deter and detect violations of Exchange rules.

The Exchange's current trading surveillance focuses on detecting when securities trade outside their normal patterns. When such situations are detected, surveillance analysis follows and investigations are opened, where appropriate, to review the behavior of all relevant parties for all relevant trading violations.

The Exchange may obtain information via the Intermarket Surveillance Group ("ISG") from other exchanges who are members or affiliates of the ISG.<sup>13</sup>

In addition, the Exchange also has a general policy prohibiting the distribution of material, non-public information by its employees.

#### Information Bulletin

Prior to the commencement of trading, the Exchange will inform its ETP Holders in an Information Bulletin ("Bulletin") of the special characteristics and risks associated with trading the Shares. Specifically, the Bulletin will discuss the following: (1) The procedures for purchases and redemptions of Shares in Creation Unit aggregations (and that Shares are not individually redeemable); (2) NYSE Arca Equities Rule 9.2(a), which imposes a duty of due diligence on its ETP Holders to learn the essential facts relating to every customer prior to trading the Shares; 14 (3) the risks involved in trading the Shares during the Opening and Late Trading Sessions when an updated IIV will not be calculated or publicly disseminated; (4) how information regarding the IIV is disseminated; (5) the requirement that

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> During certain periods, the relevant Underlying Index value may be not updated or static.

 $<sup>^{11}\,</sup>See$  NYSE Arca Equities Rule 7.12.

<sup>12</sup> Because NSCC does not disseminate the new basket amount to market participants until approximately 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Eastern Time, an updated IIV is not possible to calculate during the Exchange's late trading session (from 4:15 p.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time). Official index sponsors for the Underlying Indexes currently do not calculate updated index values during the Exchange's late trading session; however, if the index sponsors do so in the future, the Exchange would not trade this product unless such official index value is widely disseminated.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> A list of the current members and affiliate members of ISG is available at *http://www.isgportal.com*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> NYSE Arca Equities Rule 9.2(a) provides that an ETP Holder, before recommending a transaction, must have reasonable grounds to believe that the recommendation is suitable for the customer based on any facts disclosed by the customer as to his other security holdings and as to his financial situation and needs. Further, the rule provides, with a limited exception, that prior to the execution of a transaction recommended to a non-institutional customer, the ETP Holder shall make reasonable efforts to obtain information concerning the customer's financial status, tax status, investment objectives, and any other information that they believe would be useful to make a recommendation. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 54045 (June 26, 2006), 71 FR 37971 (July 3, 2006) (SR-PCX-2005-115).

ETP Holders deliver a prospectus to investors purchasing newly issued Shares prior to or concurrently with the confirmation of a transaction; and (6) trading information.

In addition, the Bulletin will reference that the Fund is subject to various fees and expenses described in the registration statement for the Fund.

The Bulletin will also discuss any exemptive, no-action, and interpretive relief granted by the Commission from Section 11(d)(1) of the Act <sup>15</sup> and certain rules under the Act, including Rule 10b–10, Rule 14e–5, Rule 10b–17, Rule 11d1–2, Rules 15c1–5 and 15c1–6, and Rules 101 and 102 of Regulation M under the Act.

The Bulletin will also disclose that the NAV for the Shares will be calculated after 4 p.m. Eastern time each trading day.

## 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act,<sup>16</sup> in general, and with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>17</sup> in particular, in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change would result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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. 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 e-mail to *rule-comments@sec.gov*. Please include File Number SR–NYSEArca–2007–79 on the subject line.

## Paper Comments

• Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549–1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEArca-2007-79. 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, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of such 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-NYSEArca-2007-79 and should be submitted on or before October 31, 2007.

## IV. Commission's Findings and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of the Proposed Rule Change

After careful consideration, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange.<sup>18</sup> Specifically, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>19</sup> which

requires, among other things, that the rules of a national securities exchange be 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 a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. The Commission believes that this proposal should benefit investors by increasing competition among markets that trade the Shares.

In addition, the Commission finds that the proposal is consistent with Section 12(f) of the Act,<sup>20</sup> which permits an exchange to trade, pursuant to UTP, a security that is listed and registered on another exchange.<sup>21</sup> The Commission notes that it previously approved the listing and trading of the Shares on Amex.<sup>22</sup> The Commission also finds that the proposal is consistent with Rule 12f–5 under the Act,<sup>23</sup>3 which provides that an exchange shall not extend UTP to a security unless the exchange has in effect a rule or rules providing for transactions in the class or type of security to which the exchange extends UTP. The Exchange has represented that it meets this requirement because it deems the Shares to be equity securities, thus rendering trading in the Shares subject to the Exchange's existing rules governing the trading of equity securities.

The Commission further believes that the proposal is consistent with Section 11A(a)(1)(C)(iii) of the Act,<sup>24</sup> which sets forth Congress' finding that it is in the public interest and appropriate for the protection of investors and the maintenance of fair and orderly markets to assure the availability to brokers, dealers, and investors of information with respect to quotations for and transactions in securities. Quotations for and last-sale information regarding the Shares are disseminated through the facilities of the CTA and the Consolidated Quotation System. In addition, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Eastern Time, Amex will disseminate via the facilities of the CTA the IIV at

<sup>15 15</sup> U.S.C. 78k(d)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f.

<sup>17 15</sup> U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> In approving this proposed rule change, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. *See* 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

<sup>19 15</sup> U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78*l*(f).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Section 12(a) of the Act, 15 U.S.C. 78*l*(a), generally prohibits a broker-dealer from trading a security on a national securities exchange unless the security is registered on that exchange pursuant to Section 12 of the Act. Section 12(f) of the Act excludes from this restriction trading in any security to which an exchange "extends UTP." When an exchange extends UTP to a security, it allows its members to trade the security as if it were listed and registered on the exchange even though it is not so listed and registered.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> See supra note 4.

<sup>23 17</sup> CFR 240.12f-5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78k-1(a)(1)(C)(iii).

least every 15 seconds, the market value of a Share for each Fund, the most recent NAV for each Fund, the number of Shares outstanding for each Fund, and the estimated cash amount and total cash amount per Creation Unit. Amex will also make available on its Web site daily trading volume, the closing prices, the NAV, and the final dividend amounts to be paid for each Fund. Furthermore, the value of each Underlying Index will be updated intraday as its individual component securities change in price and disseminated at least every 60 seconds from 9:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Eastern Time by Amex or another organization authorized by the relevant Underlying Index provider. The Trust's Web site will contain a variety of other quantitative information for the Shares of each Fund. Finally, each Fund's total portfolio composition will be disclosed on the Web site of the Trust or another relevant Web site as determined by the Trust and/or Amex.

Furthermore, the Commission believes that the proposal is reasonably designed to preclude trading of the Shares when transparency is impaired. Trading in the Shares will be subject to NYSE Arca Equities Rule 7.34, which provides that, if the listing market halts trading when the IIV is not being calculated or disseminated, the Exchange also would halt trading. The Exchange also may halt trading in the Shares of a Fund when trading is not occurring in the securities comprising an Underlying Index and/or the Financial Instruments of a Fund.

The Commission notes that, if the Shares should be delisted by the listing exchange, the Exchange would no longer have authority to trade the Shares pursuant to this order.

In support of this proposal, the Exchange has made the following representations:

1. The Exchange's surveillance procedures are adequate to properly monitor Exchange trading of the Shares in all trading sessions and to deter and detect violations of Exchange rules.

2. Prior to the commencement of trading, the Exchange would inform its ETP Holders in an Information Bulletin of the special characteristics and risks associated with trading the Shares. In particular, the Information Bulletin will disclose that the procedures for purchases and redemptions of Shares in Creation Units are described in each Fund's prospectus, and that Shares are not individually redeemable, but are redeemable only in Creation Unit aggregations or multiples thereof. The Information Bulletin would also discuss the risks involved in trading the Shares

during the Opening and Late Trading Sessions when an updated IIV will not be calculated or publicly disseminated.

3. Prior to the commencement of trading, the Exchange would inform its ETP Holders in an Information Bulletin of the requirement that ETP Holders deliver a prospectus to investors purchasing newly issued Shares prior to or concurrently with the confirmation of a transaction.

This approval order is conditioned on the Exchange's adherence to these representations.

The Commission finds good cause for approving this proposal before the thirtieth day after the publication of notice thereof in the Federal Register. As noted previously, the Commission previously found that the listing and trading of the Shares on Amex is consistent with the Act. The Commission presently is not aware of any regulatory issue that should cause it to revisit that finding or would preclude the trading of the Shares on the Exchange pursuant to UTP. Therefore, accelerating approval of this proposal should benefit investors by creating, without undue delay, additional competition in the market for the Shares.

#### V. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>25</sup> that the proposed rule change (SR–NYSEArca–2007–79), as amended, be and it hereby is, approved on an accelerated basis.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority,  $^{26}$ 

Nancy M. Morris,

Secretary.

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#### SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

## Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages that require clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Pub. L. 104–13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. The information collection packages included in this notice are for new information collections.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information;

its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility, and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be submitted to the OMB Desk Officer and the SSA Reports Clearance Officer. The information can be mailed, faxed or emailed to the individuals at the addresses and fax numbers listed below:

(OMB), Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA, Fax: 202–395–6974, E-mail address: OIRA\_Submission@omb.eop.gov. (SSA), Social Security Administration, DCBFM, Attn: Reports Clearance Officer, 1333 Annex Building, 6401

Officer, 1333 Annex Building, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235, Fax: 410–965–6400, E-mail address: OPLM.RCO@ssa.gov. The information collections listed

below have been submitted to OMB for clearance. Your comments on the information collections would be most useful if received by OMB and SSA within 30 days from the date of this publication. You can obtain a copy of the OMB clearance packages by emailing OPLM.RCO@ssa.gov.

1. Authorization for SSA to Disclose Tax Information for Your Appeal of Your Medicare Part B Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Premium Amount-20 CFR 418.1350-NEW. Medicare Part B beneficiaries who wish to appeal SSA's reconsideration of their Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) must ensure that the relevant Internal Revenue Service (IRS) income tax data is made available to the Health and Human Services Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) who will consider their appeal. Currently, SSA is using IRS Form-8821 to obtain beneficiary authorization to disclose the IRS beneficiary tax data to the ALJ. With IRS's concurrence, SSA has developed its own form for this purpose, the SSA-54. The respondents are Medicare Part B recipients who want to appeal SSA's reconsideration of their IRMAA amount.

*Type of Request:* Revision to an existing OMB-approved information collection.

*Type of Request:* New information collection.

Number of Respondents: 6,000. Frequency of Response: 1. Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,500 hours.

2. Race & Ethnicity Qualitative Research—0960–NEW. Collection

<sup>25 15</sup> U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).