EPN Rule 18—Release of Processing Data

FICC proposes to add a rule similar to GSD Rule 29 to MBSD EPN Rules Article X governing the release of EPN processing data upon written request or pursuant to a written agreement between an EPN user and FICC.

Clearing Rule 20 and EPN Rule 19— Lists to be Maintained

FICC proposes to add a rule similar to GSD Rule 30 to MBSD Clearing Rules Article V and MBSD EPN Rules Article X providing that MBSD will maintain lists of all participants, limited purpose participants, and EPN users to be made available upon request.

Clearing Rule 9 and EPN Rule 9— Captions

FICC proposes to add a rule regarding captions to MBSD Clearing Rules Article V and MSBD EPN Rules Article X to clarify that captions to rules are for information and guidance only and should not be considered by participants as substantive language.

Clearing Rule 21 and EPN Rule 20— Distribution Facilities

FICC proposes to add a rule similar to GSD Rule 31 to MBSD Clearing Rules Article V and MBSD EPN Rules Article X regarding distribution facilities. Though MBSD does not currently maintain a distribution facility, the rule will provide guidance if a facility is established in the future.

FICC believes the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 17A of the Act,<sup>8</sup> as amended because it is concerned solely with the administration of FICC and as such does not affect the safeguarding of securities or funds in the custody or control of FICC or for which it is responsible.

(B) Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

FICC does not believe that the proposed rule change will have any impact or impose any burden on competition.

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

Written comments relating to the proposed rule change have not yet been solicited or received. FICC will notify the Commission of any written comments received by FICC.

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

The foregoing proposed rule change has become effective upon filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act 9 and Rule 19b-4(f)(3)10 thereunder because the rule effects a change in an existing service of FICC that does not adversely affect the safeguarding of securities or funds in the custody or control of FICC or for which it is responsible. At any time within sixty days of the filing of the proposed rule change, 11 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–FICC–2006–18 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–FICC–2006–18. 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 Section, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549. Copies of such filings also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of FICC and on FICC's Web site at http:// www.ficc.com/commondocs/rule.filings/ rule.filing.06-18.amendment1.pdf. 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-FICC-2006-18 and should be submitted on or before December 20, 2006.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.  $^{12}$ 

Nancy M. Morris,

Secretary.

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-54809; File No. SR-ISE-2006-63]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; International Securities Exchange, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Fee Changes

November 21, 2006.

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 November 1, 2006, the International Securities Exchange, LLC ("ISE" 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 by the ISE. The ISE has designated this proposal as one establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the ISE under section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act,³ and

<sup>8 15</sup> U.S.C. 78q-1.

<sup>9 15</sup> U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

<sup>10 17</sup> CFR 240.19b-4(f)(3).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup>For purposes of calculating the sixty-day period within which the Commission may summarily abrogate the proposed rule change under Section 19(b)(3)(C) of the Act, the Commission considers the period to commence on the date on which the last amendment to the proposed rule change was filed with the Commission. 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(C).

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

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

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

Rule 19b–4(f)(2) thereunder,<sup>4</sup> which renders the proposal 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 ISE is proposing to amend its Schedule of Fees to remove the surcharge fee for transactions in options on the NASDAQ-100 Index Tracking Stock® ("QQQQ®") and the iShares NASDAQ Biotechnology Index Fund ("IBB"). The text of the proposed rule change is available on the ISE's Web site (http://www.iseoptions.com/legal/proposed\_rule\_changes.asp), at the principal office of the ISE, 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 ISE 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 ISE 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 is proposing to amend its Schedule of Fees to remove the surcharge fee previously adopted for transactions in options on the QQQQ® 5 and options on the IBB.6 The Exchange is proposing to remove the surcharge fee from its Schedule of Fees because it no longer pays a license fee to The NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc. in connection with transactions in options on QQQQ® and IBB. Accordingly, there is no longer a need for this surcharge fee. The Exchange will, however, continue to charge an execution fee and a comparison fee for transactions in options on QQQQ® and IBB.

Additionally, the Exchange proposes to remove IYE from the list of Premium

Products on the Schedule of Fees as IYE no longer trades on the Exchange.

#### 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the basis under the Act for this proposed rule change is the requirement under section 6(b)(4) of the Act <sup>7</sup> that an exchange have an equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among its members and other persons using its facilities.

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

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change does not impose 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

The Exchange has not solicited, and does not intend to solicit, comments on this proposed rule change. The Exchange has not received any unsolicited written comments from members or other interested parties.

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

Because the foregoing rule change establishes or changes a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange, it has become effective pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act 8 and rule 19b–4(f)(2) 9 thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of such 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

#### **IV. Solicitation of Comments**

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#### 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

No. SR-ISE-2006-63 on the subject line

#### Paper Comments

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-ISE-2006-63. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (http://www.sec.gov/ rules/sro.shtml). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the ISE. 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-ISE-2006-63 and should be submitted on or before December 20,

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.  $^{10}$ 

# Nancy M. Morris,

Secretary.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 44151 (April 4, 2001), 66 FR 19266 (April 13, 2001) (ISE–2001–09).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 45765 (April 16, 2002), 67 FR 19786 (April 23, 2002) (ISE–2002–10).

<sup>7 15</sup> U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

<sup>8 15</sup> U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>9 17</sup> CFR 19b-4(f)(2).