

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Designation of a Longer Period for Commission Action on Proceedings to Determine Whether to Approve or Disapprove a Proposed Rule Change to List and Trade Shares of the Franklin Responsibly Sourced Gold ETF under NYSE Arca Rule 8.201-E (Commodity-Based Trust Shares)

On August 23, 2021, NYSE Arca, Inc. (“NYSE Arca”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² a proposed rule change to list and trade shares of the Franklin Responsibly Sourced Gold ETF under NYSE Arca Rule 8.201-E (Commodity-Based Trust Shares). The proposed rule change was published for comment in the Federal Register on September 8, 2021.³ On September 29, 2021, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁴ the Commission designated a longer period within which to approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposed rule change.⁵ On December 6, 2021, the Commission instituted proceedings pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)(B) of the Act⁶ to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposed rule change.⁷ The Commission has received no comment letters on the proposed rule change.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 92840 (September 1, 2021), 86 FR 50385.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 93179, 86 FR 55033 (October 5, 2021).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

⁷ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 93720, 86 FR 70555 (December 10, 2021).

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act⁸ provides that, after initiating disapproval proceedings, the Commission shall issue an order approving or disapproving the proposed rule change not later than 180 days after the date of publication of notice of filing of the proposed rule change. The Commission may extend the period for issuing an order approving or disapproving the proposed rule change, however, by not more than 60 days if the Commission determines that a longer period is appropriate and publishes the reasons for such determination. The proposed rule change was published for notice and comment in the Federal Register on September 8, 2021. March 7, 2022 is 180 days from that date, and May 6, 2022 is 240 days from that date.

The Commission finds it appropriate to designate a longer period within which to issue an order approving or disapproving the proposed rule change so that it has sufficient time to consider the proposed rule change. Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁹ designates May 6, 2022 as the date by which the Commission shall either approve or disapprove the proposed rule change (File No. SR-NYSEArca-2021-73).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁰

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⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁹ Id.

¹⁰ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(57).