5705. Exchange Traded Funds: Portfolio Depository Receipts and Index Fund Shares

(a) No Change.

(b) Index Fund Shares

(1) Definitions. The following terms shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the meanings herein specified:

(A) No Change.

(B)

(i) The term “Index Fund Share” includes a security issued by an open-end management investment company that seeks to provide investment results that either exceed the performance of a specified domestic equity, international or global equity, or fixed income index or a combination thereof by a specified multiple (“Multiple Share”) or that correspond to the inverse (opposite) of the performance of a specified domestic equity, international or global equity, or fixed income index or a combination thereof by a specified multiple (“Inverse Share”). Such a security is issued in a specified aggregate number in return for a deposit of a specified number of shares of stock, a specified portfolio of fixed income securities or a combination of the above and/or cash as defined in subparagraph (1)(B)(ii) of this rule with a value equal to the next determined net asset value. When aggregated in the same specified minimum number, Index Fund Shares may be redeemed at a holder’s request by such open-end investment company which will pay to the redeeming holder the stock, fixed income securities or a combination thereof and/or cash with a value equal to the next determined net asset value.

(ii) – (iii) No Change.

(iv) For the initial and continued listing of a series of [Index Fund]Multiple or Inverse Shares[ referenced in the provisions of this subparagraph (1)(B) of this rule], the following requirements must be adhered to:

Daily public website disclosure of portfolio holdings that will form the basis for the calculation of the net asset value by the issuer of such series of Multiple or Inverse Shares, including, as applicable, the following instruments:
a. The identity and number of shares held of each specific equity security;

b. The identity and amount held for each specific fixed income security;

c. The specific types of Financial Instruments and characteristics of such Financial Instruments; and

d. Cash equivalents and the amount of cash held in the portfolio.

In addition, if the investment objective of the Multiple or Inverse Share is to measure returns on a daily basis, the website must include a statement in substantially the following form: “The <the series of Multiple or Inverse Shares> seeks returns that are <leverage or inverse factor or percentage> the returns of the underlying index for a single day. Due to the compounding of daily returns, holding periods of greater than one day can result in returns that are significantly different than the target return. Investors should consult the prospectus for further details on the calculation of the returns and the risks associated with investing in this product.”

If the Exchange becomes aware that the net asset value related to [an Index Fund]Multiple or Inverse Shares [included in the provisions of this subparagraph (1)(B)(ii) of this rule,] is not being disseminated to all market participants at the same time or the daily public website disclosure of portfolio holdings does not occur, the Exchange shall halt trading in such series of Index Fund Shares, as appropriate. The Exchange may resume trading in such Index Fund Shares only when the net asset value is disseminated to all market participants at the same time or the daily public website disclosure of portfolio holdings occurs, as appropriate.

(C) – (E) No Change.

(2) – (11) No Change.

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5710. Securities Linked to the Performance of Indexes and Commodities (Including Currencies)

Nasdaq will consider for listing and trading equity index-linked securities ("Equity Index-Linked Securities") and commodity-linked securities ("Commodity-Linked Securities"), fixed income index-linked securities ("Fixed Income Index-Linked Securities"), futures-linked securities ("Futures-Linked Securities") and multifactor index-linked securities ("Multifactor Index-Linked Securities" and, together with Equity Index-Linked Securities, Commodity-Linked Securities, Fixed Income Index-Linked Securities and Futures-Linked Securities, "Linked Securities") that in each case meet the applicable criteria of this Rule.
Equity Index-Linked Securities are securities that provide for the payment at maturity of a cash amount based on the performance of an underlying equity index or indexes (an "Equity Reference Asset").

The payment at maturity with respect to Commodity-Linked Securities is based on one or more physical Commodities or Commodity futures, options or other Commodity derivatives, Commodity-Related Securities, or a basket or index of any of the foregoing (any such basis for payment is referred to below as the "Commodity Reference Asset"). The terms "Commodity" and "Commodity-Related Security" are defined in Rule 4630.

The payment at maturity with respect to Fixed Income Index-Linked Securities is based on the performance of one or more indexes or portfolios of notes, bonds, debentures or evidence of indebtedness that include, but are not limited to, U.S. Department of Treasury securities ("Treasury Securities"), government-sponsored entity securities ("GSE Securities"), municipal securities, trust preferred securities, supranational debt and debt of a foreign country or a subdivision thereof or a basket or index of any of the foregoing (a "Fixed Income Reference Asset").

The payment at maturity with respect to Futures-Linked Securities is based on the performance of an index of (a) futures on Treasury Securities, GSE Securities, supranational debt and debt of a foreign country or a subdivision thereof, or options or other derivatives on any of the foregoing; or (b) interest rate futures or options or derivatives on the foregoing in this subparagraph (b); or (c) CBOE Volatility Index (VIX) Futures (a "Futures Reference Asset").

The payment at maturity with respect to Multifactor Index-Linked Securities is based on the performance of any combination of two or more Equity Reference Assets, Commodity Reference Assets, Fixed Income Reference Assets or Futures Reference Assets (a "Multifactor Reference Asset", and together with Equity Reference Asset, Commodity Reference Asset, Fixed Income Reference Asset and Futures Reference Asset, "Reference Assets"). A Multifactor Reference Asset may include as a component a notional investment in cash or a cash equivalent based on a widely accepted overnight loan interest rate, LIBOR, Prime Rate, or an implied interest rate based on observed market spot and foreign currency forward rates.

For the purposes of Rule 5710, “Closing Indicative Value” means the daily value calculated and disseminated by the issuer (or its designee) which is used to determine the daily performance, final payment at redemption, or final payment at maturity of a Linked Security.

Linked Securities may or may not provide for the repayment of the original principal investment amount. Nasdaq will consider Linked Securities for listing and trading pursuant to Rule 19b-4(c) under the Act, provided:

(a) –(c) No Change.
(d) On an initial and continued listing basis, the closing indicative value may or may not [provide for] reflect a multiple of the direct or inverse performance of an underlying index, indexes or Reference Asset; however, in no event will a daily loss based on such closing indicative value [negative payment] at maturity be accelerated by a multiple that exceed[s] three times the performance of an underlying index, indexes or Reference Asset.

In addition, the issuer of the Linked Security must include a statement on a public website in substantially the following form: “The <series of Linked Securities> seeks returns that are <leverage or inverse factor or percentage> the returns of the <underlying index or Reference Asset> for a single day. Due to the compounding of daily returns, holding periods of greater than one day can result in returns that are significantly different than the target return. Investors should consult the prospectus for further details on the calculation of the returns and the risks associated with investing in this product.”

(e) – (l) No Change.