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Re: iShares S&P Target Date 2045 and 2050 Index Funds

Pursuant to Rule 14.1(c)(2) of the Rules of BATS Exchange, Inc. and BATS Y-Exchange, Inc. (each referred to hereafter as “BATS” or the “Exchange”), this Information Circular is being issued to advise you that the following security has been approved for trading on the Exchange as a UTP Derivative Security pursuant to Chapter XIV of the Exchange’s Rules.

<u>Securities (the “Fund”)</u>	<u>Symbol</u>
iShares S&P Target Date 2045 Index Fund	TZW
iShares S&P Target Date 2050 Index Fund	TZY

Commencement of Trading on the Exchange: August 19, 2011

Issuer/Trust: iShares Trust

Issuer Website: www.ishares.com

Primary Listing Exchange: NYSE Arca

The purpose of this information circular is to outline various rules and policies that will be applicable to trading in these new products pursuant to the Exchange’s unlisted trading privileges, as well as to provide certain characteristics and features of the Shares. For a more complete description of the Issuer, the Shares and the underlying market instruments or indexes, visit the Issuer Website, consult the Prospectus available on the Issuer Website, examine the Issuer Registration Statement or review the most current information bulletin issued by the Primary Listing Exchange. The Issuer Website, the Prospectus, the Issuer Registration Statement and the Primary Exchange Circular are hereafter collectively referred to as the “Issuer Disclosure Materials.”

Background Information on the Fund

iShares S&P Target Date 2045 Index Fund

The iShares S&P Target Date 2045 Index Fund (the “Fund”) seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield performance, before fees and expenses, of the S&P Target Date 2045 Index (the “Underlying Index”).

The Fund is a fund of funds and seeks its investment objective by investing primarily in the securities of other iShares funds (each, an “Underlying Fund” and collectively, the “Underlying Funds”) that themselves seek investment results corresponding to their own underlying index. The Underlying Funds invest primarily in distinct asset classes, such as large-capitalization U.S. equity, mid-capitalization U.S. equity, emerging market securities, the aggregate bond market or the U.S. treasury bond market; each such asset class has its own risk profile.

The retirement time horizon, also referred to as a “target date,” is included in the name of an Underlying Index and a Fund that invests in the securities of such Underlying Index. A Fund whose index name

refers to a particular target date is designed for investors expecting to retire or to begin to gradually withdraw their money around such target date.

The Underlying Index seeks to represent asset allocations for investors with a target retirement horizon on or around 2045, but only you can determine whether or not the Fund's asset allocation reflects your risk tolerance and investment needs. The Fund may not be appropriate for all investors with this target retirement horizon. The Underlying Index's asset allocation may continue to grow more conservative after the target date. The Fund will continue to be exposed to risk of loss after the target date. There is no guarantee that the Fund will provide adequate income through your retirement.

The Fund is designed to broadly meet the investment objectives of investors with an approximate 2045 target retirement horizon by tracking the Underlying Index. As of June 30, 2011, the Fund invested approximately 91% of its assets in Underlying Funds that invest primarily in equity securities and 9% of its assets in Underlying Funds that invest primarily in bonds. As of June 30, 2011, the Fund invested in the iShares S&P 500 Index Fund, iShares S&P MidCap 400 Index Fund, iShares S&P SmallCap 600 Index Fund, iShares Cohen & Steers Realty Majors Index Fund, iShares MSCI EAFE Index Fund, iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund, iShares Barclays Aggregate Bond Fund, iShares Barclays Short Treasury Bond Fund, iShares S&P GSCI Commodity-Indexed Trust and iShares iBoxx \$ High Yield Corporate Bond Fund. BFA may add, eliminate or replace any and / or all Underlying Funds at any time. BFA uses a "passive" or indexing approach to try to achieve the Fund's investment objective. Unlike many investment companies, the Fund does not try to "beat" the index it tracks and does not seek temporary defensive positions when markets decline or appear overvalued.

Indexing may eliminate the chance that the Fund will substantially outperform the Underlying Index but also may reduce some of the risks of active management, such as poor security selection. Indexing seeks to achieve lower costs and better after-tax performance by keeping portfolio turnover low in comparison to actively managed investment companies.

BFA uses a representative sampling indexing strategy to manage the Funds. "Representative sampling" is an indexing strategy that involves investing in a representative sample of securities that collectively has an investment profile similar to the Underlying Index. The securities selected are expected to have, in the aggregate, investment characteristics (based on factors such as market capitalization and industry weightings), fundamental characteristics (such as return variability and yield) and liquidity measures similar to those of the Underlying Index. The Fund may or may not hold all of the securities in the Underlying Index.

The Fund may make commodity-related investments through investments in a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Fund formed in the Cayman Islands (the "Subsidiary"). The Subsidiary will be managed by BFA. The assets of the Subsidiary will be subject to the same investment restrictions and limitations, and follow the same compliance policies and procedures, as the Fund. The Fund will not invest more than 25% of its total assets (measured at the time of investment) in the Subsidiary. The Fund generally invests at least 90% of its assets in securities of the Underlying Index. The Fund may invest the remainder of its assets in securities not included in the Underlying Index, but which BFA believes will help the Fund track its Underlying Index and futures contracts, options on futures contracts and options, as well as cash and cash equivalents, including shares of money market funds affiliated with BFA or its affiliates, to the extent permitted under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act").

The Fund may lend securities representing up to one-third of the value of the Fund's total assets (including the value of the collateral received).

The Underlying Index is sponsored by an organization (the "Index Provider") that is independent of the Fund and BFA. The Index Provider determines the composition and relative weightings of the securities in the Underlying Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Underlying Index. The Fund's Index Provider is Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC (a subsidiary of The McGraw-Hill Companies) ("S&P").

iShares S&P Target Date 2050 Index Fund

The iShares S&P Target Date 2050 Index Fund (the “Fund”) seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield performance, before fees and expenses, of the S&P Target Date 2050 Index (the “Underlying Index”).

The Fund is a fund of funds and seeks its investment objective by investing primarily in the securities of other iShares funds (each, an “Underlying Fund” and collectively, the “Underlying Funds”) that themselves seek investment results corresponding to their own underlying index. The Underlying Funds invest primarily in distinct asset classes, such as large-capitalization U.S. equity, mid-capitalization U.S. equity, emerging market securities, the aggregate bond market or the U.S. treasury bond market; each such asset class has its own risk profile.

The retirement time horizon, also referred to as a “target date,” is included in the name of an Underlying Index and a Fund that invests in the securities of such Underlying Index. A Fund whose index name refers to a particular target date is designed for investors expecting to retire or to begin to gradually withdraw their money around such target date.

The Underlying Index seeks to represent asset allocations for investors with a target retirement horizon on or around 2050, but only you can determine whether or not the Fund’s asset allocation reflects your risk tolerance and investment needs. The Fund may not be appropriate for all investors with this target retirement horizon. The Underlying Index’s asset allocation may continue to grow more conservative after the target date. The Fund will continue to be exposed to risk of loss after the target date. There is no guarantee that the Fund will provide adequate income through your retirement.

The Fund is designed to broadly meet the investment objectives of investors with an approximate 2050 target retirement horizon by tracking the Underlying Index. As of June 30, 2011, the Fund invested approximately 92% of its assets in Underlying Funds that invest primarily in equity securities and 7% of its assets in Underlying Funds that invest primarily in bonds. As of June 30, 2011, the Fund invested in the iShares S&P 500 Index Fund, iShares S&P MidCap 400 Index Fund, iShares S&P SmallCap 600 Index Fund, iShares Cohen & Steers Realty Majors Index Fund, iShares MSCI EAFE Index Fund, iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund, iShares Barclays Aggregate Bond Fund, iShares Barclays Short Treasury Bond Fund, iShares S&P GSCI Commodity-Indexed Trust and iShares iBoxx \$ High Yield Corporate Bond Fund. BFA may add, eliminate or replace any and / or all Underlying Funds at any time. BFA uses a “passive” or indexing approach to try to achieve the Fund’s investment objective. Unlike many investment companies, the Fund does not try to “beat” the index it tracks and does not seek temporary defensive positions when markets decline or appear overvalued.

Indexing may eliminate the chance that the Fund will substantially outperform the Underlying Index but also may reduce some of the risks of active management, such as poor security selection. Indexing seeks to achieve lower costs and better after-tax performance by keeping portfolio turnover low in comparison to actively managed investment companies.

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The Fund may make commodity-related investments through investments in a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Fund formed in the Cayman Islands (the “Subsidiary”). The Subsidiary will be managed by BFA. The assets of the Subsidiary will be subject to the same investment restrictions and limitations, and follow the

same compliance policies and procedures, as the Fund. The Fund will not invest more than 25% of its total assets (measured at the time of investment) in the Subsidiary.

The Fund generally invests at least 90% of its assets in securities of the Underlying Index. The Fund may invest the remainder of its assets in securities not included in the Underlying Index, but which BFA believes will help the Fund track its Underlying Index and futures contracts, options on futures contracts and options, as well as cash and cash equivalents, including shares of money market funds affiliated with BFA or its affiliates, to the extent permitted under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act").

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The Underlying Index is sponsored by an organization (the "Index Provider") that is independent of the Fund and BFA. The Index Provider determines the composition and relative weightings of the securities in the Underlying Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Underlying Index. The Fund's Index Provider is Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC (a subsidiary of The McGraw-Hill Companies) ("S&P").

Please see the Fund's prospectus for more information regarding the Fund and its investment objective.

The registration statement for the Funds describes the various fees and expenses for the Funds' Shares. For a more complete description of the Funds and the underlying indexes, visit the Issuer Website.

Principal Risks

Interested persons are referred to the discussion in the prospectus for the Fund of the principal risks of an investment in the Fund. These include asset class risk, credit risk, equity securities risk, interest rate risk, issuer risk, management risk, market risk, market trading risk, (for example, trading halts, trading above or below net asset value) model risk, non U.S. securities risk, passive investment risk, reinvestment risk, securities lending risk, subsidiary risk, tracking error risk (factors causing the Fund's performance to not match the performance of the underlying index) and valuation risk.

Exchange Rules Applicable to Trading in the Shares

Trading in the Shares on BATS is subject to BATS equity trading rules.

Trading Hours

The value of the Index underlying the Shares will be disseminated to data vendors every 15 seconds during Regular Trading Hours.

The Shares will trade on BATS between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. ET. Please note that trading in the Shares during the Exchange's Pre-Opening and After Hours Trading Sessions may result in additional trading risks which include: (1) that the current underlying indicative value may not be updated during the Pre-Opening and After Hours Trading Sessions, (2) lower liquidity in the Pre-Opening and After Hours Trading Sessions may impact pricing, (3) higher volatility in the Pre-Opening and After Hours Trading Sessions may impact pricing, (4) wider spreads may occur in the Pre-Opening and After Hours Trading Sessions, and (5) because the indicative value is not calculated or widely disseminated during the Pre-Opening or After Hours Trading Sessions, an investor who is unable to calculate an implied value for the Shares in those sessions may be at a disadvantage to market professionals.

Dissemination of Data

The Consolidated Tape Association will disseminate real time trade and quote information for the Shares to Tape B.

Name	Listing Market	Trading Symbol	IOPV Symbol	NAV Symbol
iShares S&P Target Date 2045 Index Fund	NYSE Arca	TZW	TZW.IV	TZW.NV
iShares S&P Target Date 2050 Index Fund	NYSE Arca	TZY	TZY.IV	TZY.IV

Delivery of a Prospectus

BATS Members should be mindful of applicable prospectus delivery requirements under the federal securities laws with respect to transactions in the Fund. Prospectuses may be obtained through the Funds' website. The prospectus for the Fund does not contain all of the information set forth in the Funds' Registration Statement (including the exhibits to the Registration Statement), parts of which have been omitted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC. For further information about the Fund, please refer to its Registration Statement.

In the event that the Fund relies upon an order by the SEC exempting the Shares from certain prospectus delivery requirements under Section 24(d) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 and in the future make available a written product description, BATS Rule 14.1(c)(3) requires that BATS Members provide to all purchasers of Shares a written description of the terms and characteristics of such securities, in a form prepared by the Issuer of the Fund, no later than the time a confirmation of the first transaction in the Shares is delivered to such purchaser. In addition, BATS Members shall include such a written description with any sales material relating to the Shares that is provided to customers or the public. Any other written materials provided by a BATS member to customers or the public making specific reference to the Shares as an investment vehicle must include a statement in substantially the following form: "A circular describing the terms and characteristics of [*the UTP Derivative Securities*] has been prepared by the [*open-ended management investment company name*] and is available from your broker. It is recommended that you obtain and review such circular before purchasing [*the UTP Derivative Securities*]."

A BATS member carrying an omnibus account for a non-member broker-dealer is required to inform such non-member that execution of an order to purchase Shares for such omnibus account will be deemed to constitute agreement by the non-member to make such written description available to its customers on the same terms as are directly applicable to BATS member under this rule.

Upon request of a customer, BATS Members also shall provide a copy of the Prospectus.

Suitability

Trading in the securities on BATS will be subject to the provisions of Exchange Rule 3.7. Members recommending transactions in the securities to customers should make a determination that the recommendation is suitable for the customer.

Trading Halts

BATS will halt trading in the Shares of a security in accordance with BATS Rule 14.1(c)(4). The grounds for a halt under BATS Rule 14.1(c)(4) include a halt by the primary market because the intraday indicative value of the security and/or the value of its underlying index are not being disseminated as required, or a

halt for other regulatory reasons. In addition, BATS will stop trading the Shares of a security if the primary market de-lists the security.

Exemptive, Interpretive and No-Action Relief Under Federal Securities Regulations

The Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) has issued letters granting exemptive, interpretive and no-action relief from certain provisions of rules under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for exchange-traded securities listed and traded on a registered national securities exchange that meet certain criteria.

AS WHAT FOLLOWS IS ONLY A SUMMARY OF THE RELIEF OUTLINED IN THE NO-ACTION LETTERS REFERENCED ABOVE, THE EXCHANGE ADVISES INTERESTED PARTIES TO CONSULT THE NO-ACTION LETTERS FOR MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION REGARDING THE MATTERS COVERED THEREIN AND THE APPLICABILITY OF THE RELIEF GRANTED IN RESPECT OF TRADING IN SECURITIES. INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD ALSO CONSULT THEIR PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS.

Regulation M Exemptions

Generally, Rules 101 and 102 of Regulation M prohibit any “distribution participant” and its “affiliated purchasers” from bidding for, purchasing, or attempting to induce any person to bid for or purchase any security which is the subject of a distribution until after the applicable restricted period, except as specifically permitted in Regulation M. The provisions of the Rules apply to underwriters, prospective underwriters, brokers, dealers, and other persons who have agreed to participate or are participating in a distribution of securities.

The SEC has granted an exemption from Rule 101 under Regulation M to permit persons participating in a distribution of shares of the above-mentioned Fund to engage in secondary market transactions in such shares during their participation in such a distribution. In addition, the SEC has granted relief under Regulation M to permit persons who may be deemed to be participating in the distribution of Shares of the above-mentioned Fund (i) to purchase securities for the purpose of purchasing Creation Unit Aggregations of Fund Shares and (ii) to tender securities for redemption in Creation Unit Aggregations. Further, the SEC has clarified that the tender of Fund Shares to the Fund for redemption does not constitute a bid for or purchase of any of the Fund’s securities during the restricted period of Rule 101. The SEC has also granted an exemption pursuant to paragraph (e) of Rule 102 under Regulation M to allow the redemption of Fund Shares in Creation Unit Aggregations during the continuous offering of Shares.

Rule 10b-10 (Customer Confirmations for Creation or Redemption of Fund Shares)

Broker-dealers who handle purchases or redemptions of Fund Shares in Creation Unit size for customers will be permitted to provide such customers with a statement of the number of Creation Unit Aggregations created or redeemed without providing a statement of the identity, number and price of shares of the individual securities tendered to the Fund for purposes of purchasing Creation Unit Aggregations (“Deposit Securities”) or the identity, number and price of shares to be delivered by the Trust for the Fund to the redeeming holder (“Redemption Securities”). The composition of the securities required to be tendered to the Fund for creation purposes and of the securities to be delivered on redemption will be disseminated each business day and will be applicable to requests for creations or redemption, as the case may be, on that day. This exemptive relief under Rule 10b-10 with respect to creations and redemption is subject to the following conditions:

- 1) Confirmations to customers engaging in creations or redemptions must state that all information required by Rule 10b-10 will be provided upon request;
- 2) Any such request by a customer for information required by Rule 10b-10 will be filed in a timely manner, in accordance with Rule 10b-10(c); and

- 3) Except for the identity, number, and price of shares of the component securities of the Deposit Securities and Redemption Securities, as described above, confirmations to customers must disclose all other information required by Rule 10b-10(a).

Rule 10b-17 (Untimely Announcement of Record Dates)

The SEC has granted an exemption from the requirements of Rule 10b-17 that will cover transactions in the Shares.

Section 11(d)(1); Rule 11d1-2 (Customer Margin)

The SEC has taken a no-action position under Section 11(d)(1) that will permit broker-dealers that do not create Shares but engage in both proprietary and customer transactions in such Shares exclusively in the secondary market to extend or maintain or arrange for the extension or maintenance of credit on the Shares, in connection with such secondary market transactions. For broker-dealers that engage in the creation of Shares, the SEC has also taken a no-action position under Rule 11d1-2 that will cover the extension or maintenance or the arrangement for the extension or maintenance of credit on the Shares that have been owned by the persons to whom credit is provided for more than 30 days.

Rule 14e-5

An exemption from Rule 14e-5 has been granted to permit any person acting as a dealer-manager of a tender offer for a component security of the Fund (1) to redeem Fund Shares in Creation Unit Aggregations from the issuer that may include a security subject to such tender offer and (2) to purchase Fund Shares during such tender offer. In addition, a no-action position has been taken under Rule 14e-5 if a broker-dealer acting as a dealer-manager of a tender offer for a security of the Fund purchases or arranges to purchase such securities in the secondary market for the purpose of tendering such securities to purchase one or more Creation Unit Aggregations of Shares, if made in conformance with the following:

- 1) such bids or purchases are effected in the ordinary course of business, in connection with a basket of 20 or more securities in which any security that is the subject of a distribution, or any reference security, does not comprise more than 5% of the value of the basket purchase; or
- 2) purchases are effected as adjustments to such basket in the ordinary course of business as a result of a change in the composition of the underlying index; and
- 3) such bids or purchases are not effected for the purpose of facilitating such tender offer.

SEC Rule 15c1-5 and 15c1-6 (Disclosure of Control and interest in Distributions)

The SEC has taken a no-action position under Rule 15c1-5 that will permit a broker-dealer to execute transactions in Shares without disclosing any control relationship with an issuer of a component security. In addition, the SEC has taken a no-action position under Rule 15c1-6 that will permit a broker dealer to execute transactions in the Shares without disclosing its participation or interest in a primary or secondary distribution of a component security.

This Information Circular is not a statutory prospectus. BATS Members should consult the prospectus for a security and the security's website for relevant information.

Please contact Membership Services at 913.815.7002 with any inquiries regarding this Information Circular.