

EDGA & EDGX STOCK EXCHANGES					
Regulatory Information Circular					
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**Subject:** United States Copper Index Fund

#### **Background Information on the Fund**

As more fully explained in the Registration Statement (No. 333-170844), the United States Commodity Index Funds Trust (the "Trust") is a Delaware statutory trust, that is organized into four separate series whereas the United States Copper Index Fund ("USCPR" or the "Fund") is a series of the Trust. This circular relates only to the Fund.

#### **Description of the Fund**

The Fund is a commodity pool that issues common units representing fractional undivided beneficial interests in the net assets Fund (each a "Unit" or "Share and collectively "Units" or "Shares"). The Fund or USCPR is not a mutual fund registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and is not subject to regulation under such Act.

The investment objective of the Fund is for the daily changes in percentage terms of its Units' net asset value ("NAV") to reflect the daily changes in percentage terms of the SummerHaven Copper Index Total Return (the "Copper Index"), less the Fund's expenses. The Copper Index is designed as a benchmark for investors seeking attractive risk-adjusted returns on a portfolio of copper futures contracts. The Fund's sponsor does not intend to operate the Fund in a fashion such that its per unit NAV will equal, in dollar terms, the spot price of copper underlying the futures contracts that comprise the Copper Index from time to time.

The sponsor of the Fund is United States Commodity Funds LLC (the "Sponsor"), a Delaware limited liability company that is registered as a commodity pool operator with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and is a member of the National Futures Association. The Sponsor controls the operations of the Fund and will employ a trading advisor for the Fund, as necessary. The trading advisor for the Fund is SummerHaven Investment Management, LLC ("SummerHaven Indexing").

The Copper Index is a single-commodity index designed to be an investment benchmark for copper as an asset class. The Copper Index is composed of copper futures contracts on the COMEX exchange. The Copper Index attempts to maximize backwardation and minimize contango while utilizing contracts in liquid portions of the futures curve. The Copper Index is rules-based and is rebalanced monthly based on observable price signals. The price signal related to the Copper Index is based on "basis." Basis is the annualized percentage difference between the nearest-to-maturity contract's price and the second nearest-to-maturity contract's price. The basis calculation can produce a positive number, such that the nearest-to-maturity

contract is higher than the second nearest-to-maturity contract's price (a condition also referred to as "backwardation"), or it can produce a negative number, such that the nearest-to-maturity contract's price is lower than the second nearest-to-maturity contract's price (a condition also referred to as "contango"). Please see the Fund's <u>prospectus</u> for more information regarding the Fund's basis calculation.

The investment objective of the Fund is for the daily changes in percentage terms of its Units' NAV to reflect the daily changes in percentage terms of the Copper Index, less the Fund's expenses. The Copper Index is designed to reflect the performance of the investment returns from a portfolio of copper futures contracts. The Copper Index is owned and maintained by SummerHaven Indexing and calculated and published by its primary exchange. The Copper Index is comprised of either two or three Eligible Copper Futures Contracts that are selected on a monthly basis based on quantitative formulas relating to the prices of the Eligible Copper Futures Contracts developed by SummerHaven Indexing. The Eligible Copper Futures Contracts that at any given time make up the Copper Index are referred to herein as "Benchmark Component Copper Futures Contracts."

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing to the fullest extent possible in the Benchmark Component Copper Futures Contracts. Then if constrained by regulatory requirements, or in view of market conditions, the Fund will invest next in other Eligible Copper Futures Contracts, and finally to a lesser extent, in other exchange traded futures contracts that are economically identical or substantially similar to the Benchmark Component Copper Futures Contracts if one or more other Eligible Copper Futures Contracts is not available. When the Fund has invested to the fullest extent possible in exchange-traded futures contracts, the Fund may then invest in other contracts and instruments based on the Benchmark Component Copper Futures Contracts, other Eligible Copper Futures Contracts or copper, such as cashsettled options, forward contracts, cleared swap contracts and swap contracts other than cleared swap contracts. Other exchange-traded futures contracts that are economically identical or substantially similar to the Benchmark Component Copper Futures Contracts and other contracts and instruments based on the Benchmark Component Copper Futures Contracts, are collectively referred to as "Other Copper-Related Investments," and together with Benchmark Component Copper Futures Contracts and other Eligible Copper Futures Contracts, "Copper Interests."

The Fund will offer Creation Baskets consisting of 100,000 Units through the Marketing Agent to Authorized Purchasers. It is expected that the initial Authorized Purchaser will, although it is under no obligation to do so, purchase one or more initial Creation Baskets of the Fund at a per unit price which is expected to initially be \$25.00. In order to satisfy the primary exchange listing standards that at least 100,000 Units of the Fund be outstanding, the Sponsor may purchase one of such Creation Baskets of the Fund from the initial Authorized Purchaser at the initial offering price of such Units and hold it for an indefinite period of time. The Sponsor has agreed not to resell the Units comprising such basket except that it may require the initial Authorized Purchaser to repurchase all of such Units at a per Unit price equal to the Fund's per Unit NAV within 5 days following written notice from the Sponsor, subject to the conditions that (i) on the date of repurchase, the initial Authorized Purchaser must immediately redeem these Units in accordance with the terms of the Authorized Purchaser Agreement and (ii) immediately following such redemption at least 100,000 Units of the Fund remain outstanding.

The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") will serve as securities depository for the Units, which may be held only in book-entry form. Individual certificates will not be issued. Instead, Units will be represented by one or more global certificates. DTC, or its nominee, is the

record or registered owner of all outstanding shares.

It is expected that the proceeds from the initial Authorized Purchaser's purchase will be invested on the day of such purchase and that the initial per Unit net asset value of the Fund will be established as of 4:00 p.m. New York City time that day. Units offered in creation baskets on any subsequent day will be offered at the per unit NAV calculated shortly after the close of the core trading session on the primary exchange.

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

The registration statement for the Fund describes the various fees and expenses for the Fund's Shares. For a more complete description of the Fund and the underlying Index, visit the Fund's website at <a href="https://www.unitedstatescopperindexfund.com">www.unitedstatescopperindexfund.com</a>.

# **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 risks associated with investing directly or indirectly in commodities and copper interests, operating risks of the Fund, risk leverage and volatility, over-the-counter risk, risk of trading in international markets, tax risk and other risks specific to the Fund.

### **Exchange Rules Applicable to Trading in the Shares**

The Shares are considered equity securities, thus rendering trading in the Shares subject to the Exchange's existing rules governing the trading of equity securities.

### **Trading Hours**

Trading in the Shares on EDGA and EDGX Exchanges (the "Exchanges") is on a UTP basis and is subject to the Exchanges equity trading rules. The Shares will trade from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Members trading the Shares during the Extended Market Sessions (Pre-opening and Post-closing sessions) are exposed to the risk of the lack of the calculation or dissemination of underlying index value or intraday indicative value ("IIV"). For certain derivative securities products, an updated underlying index value or IIV may not be calculated or publicly disseminated in the Extended Market hours. Since the underlying index value and IIV are not calculated or widely disseminated during Extended Market hours, an investor who is unable to calculate implied values for certain derivative securities products during Extended Market hours may be at a disadvantage to market professionals.

#### **Trading Halts**

The Exchanges will halt trading in the Shares in accordance with Exchange Rules 14.1(c)(4). The grounds for a halt under this Rule include a halt by the primary market because it stops trading the Shares and/or a halt because dissemination of the IIV or applicable currency spot price has ceased, or a halt for other regulatory reasons. In addition, the Exchanges will stop trading the Shares if the primary market de-lists the Shares.

# **Suitability**

Trading in the Shares on the Exchanges will be subject to the provisions of EDGA and EDGX Exchange Rules 3.7. Members recommending transactions in the Shares to customers should make a determination that the recommendation is suitable for the customer. In addition, members must possess sufficient information to satisfy the "know your customer" obligation that is embedded in Exchange Rules 3.7.

Members also should review FINRA Notice to Members 03-71 for guidance on trading these products. The Notice reminds members of their obligations to: (1) conduct adequate due diligence to understand the features of the product; (2) perform a reasonable-basis suitability analysis; (3) perform customer-specific suitability analysis in connection with any recommended transactions; (4) provide a balanced disclosure of both the risks and rewards associated with the particular product, especially when selling to retail investors; (5) implement appropriate internal controls; and (6) train registered persons regarding the features, risk and suitability of these products.

#### **Delivery of a Prospectus**

Pursuant to federal securities laws, investors purchasing Shares must receive a prospectus prior to or concurrently with the confirmation of a transaction. Investors purchasing Shares directly from the Funds (by delivery of the Deposit Amount) must also receive a prospectus.

Prospectuses may be obtained through the Distributor or on the Funds' website. The Prospectus does not contain all of the information set forth in the 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 the Trust's registration statement.

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

The Commission has issued letters dated April 9, 2007, November 21, 2005 and August 17, 2001 (together, the No-Action Letters") granting exemptive, interpretive and no-action relief from certain provisions of and rules under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for exchange-traded funds listed and traded on a registered national securities exchange that meet certain criteria. Members should refer to the No-Action Letters available at <a href="www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a> for additional information.

# **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 Commission issued a No-Action Letter by which persons participating in a distribution of shares of a fund may engage in secondary market transactions in such shares during their participation in such a distribution, despite the requirements of from Rule 101 under Regulation M. In addition, the SEC has permitted persons who may be deemed to be participating in the distribution of shares of a 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 Commission 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 Commission has issued a No-Action Letter to paragraph (e) of Rule 102 under Regulation M which allow the redemption of fund shares in creation unit aggregations during the continuous offering of shares.

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

Broker–dealers who handle purchases or redemptions of Fund shares in Creation Units 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 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 redemptions 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);
- 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).

#### SEC Rule 14e-5

The Commission has permitted any person acting as a dealer-manager of a tender offer for a component security of 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 has been issued under Rule 14e-5 states that 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, it must be made in conformance with the following:

- i. 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 purchased; or
- ii. 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
- iii. such bids or purchases are not affected for the purpose of facilitating such tender offer.

## Section 11(d)(1); SEC Rules 11d1-1 and 11d1-2

Section 11(d)(1) of the Act generally prohibits a person who is both a broker and a dealer from effecting any transaction in which the broker-dealer extends credit to a customer on any security which was part of a new issue in the distribution of which he participated as a member of a selling syndicate or group within thirty days prior to such transaction. The SEC has clarified that Section 11(d)(1) does not apply to broker-dealers that are not Authorized Participants (and. therefore, do not create Creation Unit Aggregations) that engage in both proprietary and customer transactions in Shares of the Fund in the secondary market, and for broker-dealer Authorized Participants that engage in creations of Creation Unit Aggregations. This relief is subject to specific conditions, including the condition that such broker-dealer (whether or not an Authorized Participant) does not, directly or indirectly, receive from the fund complex any payment, compensation or other economic incentive to promote or sell the Shares of the Fund to persons outside the fund complex, other than non-cash compensation permitted under NASD Rule 2830(I)(5)(A), (B) or (C). (See letter from Catherine McGuire, Chief Counsel, SEC Division of Market Regulation, to Securities Industry Association, Derivative Products Committee, dated November 21, 2005.) The SEC also has taken a no-action position under Section 11(d)(1) of the Act that broker-dealers may treat Shares of the Fund, for purposes of Rule 11d1-2, as "securities issued by a registered open-end investment company as defined in the Investment Company Act" and thereby extend credit or maintain or arrange for the extension or maintenance of credit on Shares that have been owned by the persons to whom credit is provided for more than 30 days, in reliance on the exemption contained in the rule.

#### SEC Rule 15c1-5 and 15c1-6

The Commission has issued a No-Action letter with respect to Rule 15c1-5 and Rule 15c1-6 as to the required disclosure of control by a broker or dealer with respect to creations and redemptions of fund shares and secondary market transactions therein. (See <u>letter</u> from Catherine McGuire, Chief Counsel, SEC Division of Market Regulation, to Securities Industry Association, Derivative Products Committee, dated November 21, 2005.)

This Regulatory Information Circular is not a statutory <u>Prospectus</u>. Members should consult the Trust's Registration Statement, SAI, Prospectus and the Fund's <u>website</u> for relevant information.

# Appendix A

Ticker	Ticker Fund Name	
CPER	United States Copper Index Fund	911718104