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| Description Provide a brief description of the proposed rule change (limit 250 characters). Filing to trade certain iShare ETFs on CBSX via UTP. | | | | | | | |
| Contact Information Provide the name, telephone number and e-mail address of the person on the staff of the self-regulatory organization prepared to respond to questions and comments on the proposed rule change. First Name Angelo Last Name Evangelou | | | | | | | |
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| Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, | | | | | | | |
| has duly caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized officer. | | | | | | | |
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Form 19b-4 Information







The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the proposal is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act.

Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change





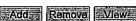


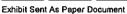
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Exhibit 2 - Notices, Written Comments, **Transcripts, Other Communications**









Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction F, they shall be filed in accordance with Instruction G.

Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire



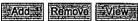




Exhibit Sent As Paper Document

Copies of any form, report, or questionnaire that the self-regulatory organization proposes to use to help implement or operate the proposed rule change, or that is referred to by the proposed rule change.

Exhibit 4 - Marked Coples







The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit the staff to identify immediately the changes made from the text of the rule with which it has been working.

Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text









The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed changes to rule text in place of providing it in Item I and which may otherwise be more easily readable if provided separately from Form 19b-4. Exhibit 5 shall be considered part of the proposed rule change.

Partial Amendment







If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy proposed rule change, it may, with the Commission's permission, file only those portions of the text of the proposed rule change in which changes are being made if the filing (i.e. partial amendment) is clearly understandable on its face. Such partial amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.

1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

- (a) The Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated ("Exchange" or "CBOE") proposes to trade on its stock trading facility, the CBOE Stock Exchange ("CBSX"), eight iShares MSCI international index funds ("Funds") pursuant to unlisted trading privileges ("UTP").
- (b) The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will have any direct effect, or any significant indirect effect, on any Exchange rule in effect at the time of this filing.
 - (c) Not applicable.

2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

- (a) CBOE's Office of the Chairman, pursuant to delegated authority, approved the proposed rule change on March 28, 2007. No further action is required.
- (b) Please refer questions and comments on the proposed rule change to Joanne Moffic-Silver, General Counsel, CBOE, 400 South LaSalle, Chicago, IL 60605, (312) 786-7462 or Angelo Evangelou, (312) 786-7464.
- 3. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory

 Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change
 - (a) <u>Purpose</u>

The Exchange is proposing to trade the following iShares MSCI international

index funds pursuant to unlisted trading privileges:

- iShares MSCI Belgium (Symbol: EWK)
- iShares MSCI France (EWQ)
- iShares MSCI Italy (EWI)

- iShares MSCI Japan (EWJ)
- iShares MSCI Netherlands (EWN)
- iShares MSCI Spain (EWP)
- iShares MSCI Sweden (EWD)
- iShares MSCI Switzerland (EWL)

The Funds seek to provide investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield performance, before fees and expenses, of publicly traded securities in the aggregate in the respective country's markets, as measured by the applicable MSCI Index (each, an "Index").

The Commission previously approved the original listing and trading of the Funds on the American Stock Exchange ("Amex"). The Commission subsequently approved listing of the Funds on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE")² Consequently, each Fund is listed on both Amex and NYSE. The Exchange deems each Fund to be an equity security, thus rendering trading in each Fund subject to the Exchange's existing rules governing the trading of equity securities. The trading hours for each Fund on CBSX would be 8:15 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. Central Time, unless the intraday indicative value ("IIV") of the Fund is not being calculated and widely disseminated before 8:30 a.m., in

See Exchange Act Release No. 36947 (March 8, 1996), 61 FR 10606 (March 14, 1996) (SR-Amex-95-43). The Funds were formerly known as World Equity Benchmark Shares or WEBS.

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which case trading will begin at 8:30 a.m.; and unless the Amex closes trading at 3:00 p.m., in which case trading will end at 3:00 p.m.

Quotations for and last sale information regarding each Fund are disseminated through the Consolidated Quotation System. The value of each Index is updated intraday on a real-time basis as individual component securities of each Index change in price. The intraday value of each Index is disseminated every 15 seconds throughout the trading day. In addition, a value for each Index is disseminated once each trading day, based on closing prices in the relevant exchange markets.

To provide updated information relating to the Funds for use by investors, professionals, and persons wishing to create or redeem them, Amex disseminates through the facilities of the Consolidated Tape Association the IIV for each Fund as calculated by a securities information provider. The IIV for each Fund is disseminated on a per-share basis every 15 seconds during regular Amex trading hours. CBOE Rule 52.3 provides that, if the IIV for a Fund ceases to be widely available, CBSX would cease trading that Fund.³

In connection with the trading of the Funds, the Exchange would inform members and member organizations in an Information Circular of the special characteristics and risks associated with trading the Funds, including how shares of the Funds are created and redeemed, the prospectus or product description delivery requirements applicable to

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 55736 (May 10, 2007) (Approving the addition of provisions to CBOE Rule 52.3, which provisions relate to trading halts for exchange-traded funds trading pursuant to unlisted trading privileges on CBSX).

the Funds, applicable Exchange rules, how information about the value of the Indexes is disseminated, and trading information. In addition, before a member recommends a transaction in a Fund, the member must determine that the Fund is suitable for the customer as required by CBOE Rule 53.6.

The Exchange intends to utilize its existing surveillance procedures applicable to derivative products to monitor trading in the Funds. The Exchange represents that these procedures are adequate to monitor Exchange trading of the Funds.

With respect to trading halts, the Exchange may consider all relevant factors in exercising its discretion to halt or suspend trading in the Funds. Trading in the Funds may be halted because of market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in the Funds inadvisable. These may include: (1) the extent to which trading is not occurring in the securities comprising the Indexes and/or the financial instruments of the Funds, or (2) whether other unusual conditions or circumstances detrimental to the maintenance of a fair and orderly market are present. In addition, trading in the Funds would be subject to trading halts caused by extraordinary market volatility pursuant to the Exchange's "circuit breaker" rule.⁴

Moreover, the Exchange represents that it would cease trading a Fund if the listing market stopped trading that Fund because of a regulatory halt similar to a halt based on CBOE Rule 6.3. UTP trading in the Funds is also governed by the trading halts provisions of CBOE Rule 52.3 relating to temporary interruptions in the calculation or

CBOE Rule 6.3B.

wide dissemination of IIVs or the values of underlying indexes.

(b) <u>Statutory Basis</u>

CBOE believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act")⁵ and the rules and regulations under the Act applicable to a national securities exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.⁶ Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)⁷ requirements that an exchange have rules that are designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and to protect investors and the public interest. In addition, CBOE believes that the proposal is consistent with Rule 12f-5 under the Act⁸ because it deems each Fund to be an equity security, thus rendering trading in each Fund subject to the Exchange's existing rules governing the trading of equity securities.

4. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition CBOE does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

5. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78a <u>et seq.</u>

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78(f)(b).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78(f)(b)(5).

⁸ 17 CFR 240.12f-5.

The Exchange neither solicited nor received comments on the proposal.

6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

CBOE does not consent to an extension of the time-period for Commission action.

7. Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) or Section 19(b)(7)(D)

CBOE requests that the Commission grant accelerated approval of this proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act. The Exchange believes that accelerated approval is appropriate because the proposed rule change does not raise any new regulatory issues for the Commission to consider and does not disturb the protection of investors or the public interest.

8. Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization or of the Commission

Not applicable.

9. Exhibits

Exhibit 1. Completed Notice of Proposed Rule Change for publication in the Federal Register.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-; File No. SR-CBOE-2007-49)

[date]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of Proposed Rule Change by the Chicago Board Options Exchange to Trade Certain iShares MSCI International Index Funds Pursuant to Unlisted Trading Privileges

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"), and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, notice is hereby given that on May 10, 2007, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated ("CBOE" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice and order to solicit comments on the proposal from interested persons and to approve the proposal on an accelerated basis.

I. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change</u>

The Chicago Board Options Exchange is proposing to trade, on the CBOE Stock Exchange ("CBSX"), eight iShares MSCI international index funds ("Funds") pursuant to unlisted trading privileges ("UTP"). The text of the proposed rule change is available from the Exchange's website (http://www.cboe.org/Legal), at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

II. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis</u> for, the Proposed Rule Change

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange 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 III below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory</u> <u>Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change</u>

1. Purpose

The Exchange is proposing to trade the following iShares MSCI international index funds pursuant to unlisted trading privileges:

- iShares MSCI Belgium (Symbol: EWK)
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The Exchange intends to utilize its existing surveillance procedures applicable to derivative products to monitor trading in the Funds. The Exchange represents that these procedures are adequate to monitor Exchange trading of the Funds.

With respect to trading halts, the Exchange may consider all relevant factors in exercising its discretion to halt or suspend trading in the Funds. Trading in the Funds may be halted because of market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in the Funds inadvisable. These may include: (1) the extent to which trading is not occurring in the securities comprising the Indexes and/or the financial instruments of the Funds, or (2) whether other unusual conditions or circumstances detrimental to the maintenance of a fair and orderly market are present. In

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addition, trading in the Funds would be subject to trading halts caused by extraordinary market volatility pursuant to the Exchange's "circuit breaker" rule.⁶

Moreover, the Exchange represents that it would cease trading a Fund if the listing market stopped trading that Fund because of a regulatory halt similar to a halt based on CBOE Rule 6.3. UTP trading in the Funds is also governed by the trading halts provisions of CBOE Rule 52.3 relating to temporary interruptions in the calculation or wide dissemination of IIVs or the values of underlying indexes.

2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

CBOE believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act")⁷ and the rules and regulations under the Act applicable to a national securities exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.⁸ Specifically, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)⁹ requirements that an exchange have rules designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and to protect investors and the public interest. In addition, CBOE believes that the proposal is consistent with Rule 12f-5 under the Act¹⁰ because it deems each Fund to be an equity

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¹⁰ 17 CFR 240.12f-5.

security, thus rendering trading in each Fund subject to the Exchange's existing rules governing the trading of equity securities.

- B. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

 CBOE does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.
 - C. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed</u> Rule Change Received from Members, Participants or Others

The Exchange neither solicited nor received comments on the proposal.

III. <u>Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action</u>

Within 35 days of the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

- (A) by order approve such proposed rule change, or
- (B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

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 <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-CBOE-2007-49 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-CBOE-2007-49. 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 website (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, Station Place, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated. 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-CBOE-2007-49 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

Secretary

¹⁷ CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).