collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please direct your written comments on this 60-Day Collection Notice to Austin Gerig, Director/Chief Data Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Tanya Ruttenberg via email to *PaperworkReductionAct@sec.gov* by October 23, 2026.

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Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[OMB Control No. 3235–0222]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension: Rule 17f–1

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549–2736

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission (the ''Commission'') is soliciting comments on the collections of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit these existing collections of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Rule 17f–1 (17 CFR 270.17f–1) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the ''Act'') (15 U.S.C. 80a) is entitled: ''Custody of securities with members of national securities exchanges.'' Rule 17f–1 provides that any registered management investment company (''fund'') that wishes to place its assets in the custody of a national securities exchange member may do so only under a written contract that must be ratified initially and approved annually by a majority of the fund's board of directors. The written contract also must contain certain specified provisions. In addition, the rule requires an independent public accountant to examine the fund's assets in the custody of the exchange member at least three times during the fund's fiscal year. The rule requires the written contract and the certificate of each examination to be transmitted to the Commission. The purpose of the rule is to ensure the safekeeping of fund assets.

Commission staff estimates that each fund makes 1 response and spends an average of 3.5 hours annually in complying with the rule's requirements. Commission staff estimates that on an annual basis it takes: (i) 0.5 hours for the board of directors [1] to review and ratify the custodial contracts; and (ii) 3 hours for the fund's controller to assist the fund's independent public auditors in verifying the fund's assets. Approximately 4 funds rely on the rule annually, with a total of 4 responses.[2] Thus, the total annual internal hour burden for rule 17f–1 is approximately 14 hours.[3]

Funds that rely on rule 17f–1 generally use a lawyer to prepare the custodial contract for the board's review and to transmit the contract to the Commission. Commission staff estimates the cost of a lawyer to perform these tasks for a fund each year is $1,548.[4] Funds also must have an independent public accountant verify the fund's assets three times each year and prepare the certificate of examination. Commission staff estimates the annual cost for an independent public accountant to perform this service is $11,550.[5] Therefore, the total annual cost burden for a fund that relies on rule 17f–1 would be approximately $13,098.[6] As noted above, the staff estimates that 4 funds rely on rule 17f–1 each year, for an estimated total annualized external cost burden of $52,392.[7]

The estimate of average burden hours is made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act, and is not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules. Compliance with the collections of information required by rule 17f–1 is mandatory for funds that place their assets in the custody of a national securities exchange member. Responses will not be kept confidential. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

Written comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please direct your written comments on this 60-Day Collection Notice to Austin Gerig, Director/Chief Data Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Tanya Ruttenberg via email to *PaperworkReductionAct@sec.gov* by October 23, 2026.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[OMB Control No. 3235–0619]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension: Rule 163

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services,

[1] Estimates of the number of hours are based on conversations with representatives of mutual funds that comply with the rule. The actual number of hours may vary significantly depending on individual fund assets. The hour burden for rule 17f–1 does not include preparing the custody contract because that would be part of customary and usual business practice.

[2] This estimate is based on a review of Form N—17f–1 filings over the last three years. In 2023 there were six unique filers, in 2024 there were three unique filers, and in 2025 there were four unique filers. (6 + 3 + 4)/3 = 4.33 funds, rounded down to an estimated 4 funds. 4 funds × 1 response per filer = 4 responses.

[3] This estimate is based on the following calculation: (4 respondents × 3.5 hours = 14 hours). The annual burden for rule 17f–1 does not include time spent preparing Form N–17f–1. The burden for Form N–17f–1 is included in a separate collection of information.

[4] This estimate is based on the following calculation: (2 hours of outside counsel time × $774 = $1,548). To calculate the occupational hourly rates used in this release, the Commission uses occupational mean hourly wage data from the Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (''OEWS'') program of the Bureau of Labor Statistics (''BLS'') for ''Securities, Commodity Contracts, and Other Financial Investments and Related Activities'' (''NAICS 523'').

[5] Commission staff estimates that this would require approximately 35 hours for an accountant to complete at a cost of approximately $330 per hour. 35 hours × $330 = $11,550. The occupational wage rate was derived using wage data from the OEWS program of BLS for NAICS 523.

[6] This estimate is based on the following calculation: $1,548 + $11,550 = $13,098.

[7] This estimate is based on the following calculation: 4 funds × $ 13,098 = $52,392.

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Rule 163 (17 CFR 230.163) provides an exemption from Section 5(c) of the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a *et seq.*) for certain communications by, or on behalf of, a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 (17 CFR 230.405), before a registration statement is filed, subject to certain conditions. The rule is intended to facilitate capital formation by giving eligible well-known seasoned issuers freedom to communicate with investors at any time, including by means of a written offer other than a statutory prospectus. We estimate that approximately 12 respondents make one filing per year pursuant to Rule 163, for a total of approximately 12 responses annually. We estimate that respondents incur approximately 0.083 hours per Rule 163 response, for a total annual reporting burden of 1 hour (0.083 hours per response × 12 responses). We estimate that respondents incur $72.50 cost burden per Rule 163 response, for a total annual cost of $870 ($72.50 cost per response × 12 responses).

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Written comments are invited on: (a) whether this proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden imposed by the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Modify the NYSE Arca Options Fee Schedule To Eliminate Customer and Professional Customer Fees and Introduce a Floor Broker Incentive for Trading in Certain MSCI Related Index Options

August 19, 2026.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) [1] of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (''Act''),[2] and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,[3] notice is hereby given that on August 11, 2026, NYSE Arca, Inc. (''NYSE Arca'' or the ''Exchange'') filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the ''Commission'') the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

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

The Exchange proposes to modify the NYSE Arca Options Fee Schedule (''Fee Schedule'') to eliminate Customer and Professional Customer fees and introduce a Floor Broker incentive for trading in certain MSCI related Index Options. The Exchange proposes to implement the fee changes effective August 11, 2026. The proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at *www.nyse.com* and at the principal office of the Exchange.

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

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization 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 those statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant parts of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

The Exchange lists a number of index options for which an MSCI index is the underlying security (*i.e.,* MSCI EAFE Index (MXEA), MSCI Emerging Markets Index (MXEF), MSCI World Index (MXWLD), MSCI ACWI Index (MXACW) and MSCI USA Index (MXUSA)) (collectively the ''MSCI Index Options''). The Exchange proposes to modify the Fee Schedule to eliminate Customer and Professional Customer fees for manual executions in all MSCI Index Options and introduce a Floor Broker incentive for trading in MXEA and MXEF. The Exchange proposes to implement the fee changes effective August 11, 2026.[4]

Currently, the Exchange imposes a fee of $0.25 per contract for Customer and Professional Customer manual executions in MXEA and MXEF.[5] The Exchange also imposes a $0.05 per contract fee for Customer and Professional Customer manual executions in MXUSA, MXWLD and MXACW.[6]

The Exchange proposes to lower these fees to $0.00.[7] In addition, the Exchange proposes to amend Endnote 19 to adopt a $0.25 per contract rebate to Participants in the Floor Broker Prepayment Incentive Program on all non-Strategy trading executions in MXEA and MXEF.[8] However, the rebate will not apply to any trades that are included in in the Limit of Fees On Options Strategy Executions.[9]

The elimination of the fees related to Customer and Professional Customer manual transactions in MSCI Options

[1] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

[2] 15 U.S.C. 78a.

[3] 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

[4] The Exchange originally filed to amend the Fee Schedule on July 31, 2026 (SR–NYSEARCA–2026–82). SR–NYSEARCA–2026–82 was withdrawn on August 11, 2026, and replaced by this filing.

[5] *See* Fee Schedule ''NYSE Arca OPTIONS: TRADE-RELATED CHARGES FOR STANDARD OPTIONS, TRANSACTION FEE FOR MANUAL EXCUTIONS PER CONTRACT.''

[6] *Id.*

[7] *See* proposed Fee Schedule ''NYSE Arca OPTIONS: TRADE-RELATED CHARGES FOR STANDARD OPTIONS.''

[8] *See* proposed Fee Schedule amended Endnote 19.

[9] *Id.* The Limit Of Fees On Options Executions applies to Strategy Executions involving (a) reversals and conversions, (b) box spreads, (c) short stock interest spreads, (d) merger spreads, and (e) jelly rolls, and (f) dividends.