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Subject: iShares Evolved U.S. Consumer Staples ETF – Anticipated
Liquidation/Anticipated Cash Settlement
Option Symbol: IECS
Date: ???

On June 17, 2022, BlackRock, Inc. announced that it will terminate and subsequently liquidate the iShares Evolved U.S. Consumer Staples ETF (IECS). The fund will cease trading after market close on August 22, 2022. Proceeds of the liquidation are currently scheduled to be sent to shareholders on August 25, 2022.

Contract Adjustment

The option symbol IECS will not change.

Date: Anticipated to occur on or about August 25, 2022

**New Deliverable
Per Contract:** 100 x the cash proceeds amount paid per IECS share, less any applicable transactions costs, pursuant to the liquidation

Note: The determination to include any distributions, if any, in the contract adjustment will be made by OCC on a case-by-case basis.

Settlement: IECS exercise and assignment activity will be subject to delayed settlement, effective August 23, 2022, until the cash proceeds amount paid per IECS share pursuant to the liquidation is determined

Once the final cash amount to be included in the IECS deliverable is determined, settlement in the IECS options will take place through OCC's cash settlement system. Settlement will be accomplished by payment of the difference between the extended strike amount and the cash deliverable.

Acceleration of Expirations

Pursuant to OCC Rule 807, equity stock option contracts whose deliverables are adjusted to call for cash-only delivery will be subject to an **acceleration of the expiration dates for outstanding option series** (See OCC Information Memo 23988).

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