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Subject: iShares Evolved U.S. Consumer Staples ETF – Liquidation/Cash
Settlement/Acceleration of Expirations
Option Symbol: IECS
Date: 08/25/2022

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 ceased trading after market close on August 22, 2022. Proceeds of the liquidation are currently scheduled to be sent to shareholders on August 25, 2022.

The per share liquidation amount has been determined to be \$34.721772 cash per IECS share.

Contract Adjustment

The option symbol IECS will not change.

Date: August 25, 2022

New Deliverable
Per Contract: \$3,472.18 Cash ($\34.721772×100)

IECS options, which were subject to delayed settlement from August 23, 2022 through August 24, 2022, are no longer subject to delayed settlement, effective August 25, 2022.

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 23707) Additionally, the exercise by exception (ex by ex) threshold for expiring series will be \$.01 in all account types.

All series of iShares Evolved U.S. Consumer Staples ETF options whose expiration dates are after 9-16-2022 will have their expiration dates advanced to 9-16-2022. Expiration dates occurring before 9-16-2022 (e.g., Flex options) will remain unchanged.

All iShares Evolved U.S. Consumer Staples ETF options will utilize a \$.01 exercise threshold.

Option Symbol: IECS
Existing Expiration: All months

New expiration date: 9-16-2022

Existing American-style iShares Evolved U.S. Consumer Staples ETF options remain exercisable at the option of the holder prior to their expiration. Exercised options will continue to settle in two business days.

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