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The Commission, based on the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date mentioned above, unless the Commission determines to order a hearing on the matter.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁵

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[File No. 1-00434]

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application of the Procter & Gamble Company To Withdraw Its Common Stock, \$1.00 Par Value, From Listing and Registration on the National Stock Exchange

January 6, 2005.

On December 16, 2004, the Procter & Gamble Company, an Ohio corporation ("Issuer") filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 12d2-2(d) thereunder,² to withdraw its common stock, \$1.00 par value ("Security"), from

listing and registration on the National Stock Exchange ("NSX").

The Board of Directors ("Board") of the Issuer approved a resolution on December 14, 2004 to withdraw the Issuer's Security from listing and registration on the NSX. The Board states that the following reasons factored into its decision to withdraw the Issuer's Security from the NSX: (i) the Security will remain listed on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE"), which accounts for considerably higher trading volume than the NSX; (ii) maintenance of multiple listings requires significant time and expense in ensuring compliance with the rules and disclosure requirements of both exchanges; and (iii) the benefits of continued listing on the NSX do not outweigh the incremental cost and administrative burden.

The Issuer stated in its application that it has complied with the NSX's rules governing an issuer's voluntary withdrawal of a security from listing and registration.

The Issuer's application relates solely to the withdrawal of the Security from listing on the NSX, and shall not affect its continued listing on the NYSE or its registration under section 12(b) of the Act.³

Any interested person may, on or before February 2, 2005, comment on the facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of the NSX, and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. All comment letters may be submitted by either of the following methods:

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• Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include the File Number 1-00434 or;

Paper Comments

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Commission's Public Reference Room, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. All comments received will be posted without change; we do not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

The Commission, based on the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date mentioned above, unless the Commission determines to order a hearing on the matter.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁴

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-50969; File No. SR-Amex-2004-111]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; American Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Order Granting Accelerated Approval to a Proposed Rule Change Relating to the Extension of the Suspension of Customer Transaction Charges for the Trading of Nasdaq-100 Index Tracking Stock®

January 6, 2005.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on December 28, 2004, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in items I, II, and III below, which items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons. In addition, the Commission is granting accelerated approval of the proposed rule change.

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

The Amex proposes to amend the Amex Equity and Exchange Traded Funds and Trust Issued Receipts Fee Schedules ("Amex Fee Schedules") to extend the suspension of customer transactions charges for the trading of

⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(1).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78l(d).

² 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(d).

⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(1).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78l(b).

Nasdaq-100 Index Tracking Stock® (Symbol: QQQQ) pursuant to the Nasdaq Unlisted Trading Privileges Plan until January 31, 2005.³ The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Office of the Secretary, Amex, and at the Commission.

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 Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of, and basis for, the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it had received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in item III below. The Amex has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

Effective December 1, 2004, the Nasdaq-100 Index Tracking Stock® listed on the Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. It trades on Nasdaq under the symbol QQQQ. The Amex trades the QQQQ on an unlisted trading privileges basis. The Amex amended the Amex Fee Schedules to provide that the customer transaction charges in QQQQ will be \$.0015 per share (\$.15 per 100 shares), capped at \$100 per trade. The Amex, however, has suspended these customer transaction charges for the first month of trading the QQQQ. The Amex is now proposing to extend the suspension of customer transaction charges to January 31, 2005. The Exchange believes that this fee suspension would encourage competition among markets trading QQQQ and enhance the Amex's competitiveness in trading this security.

2. Statutory Basis

The Amex believes the proposed rule change is consistent with section 6(b) of the Act,⁴ in general, and furthers the objectives of section 6(b)(4) of the Act,⁵ in particular, in that it is intended to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges

among its members and issuers and other persons using its facilities.⁶

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change would impose any burden on competition.

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

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

III. 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 rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-Amex-2004-111 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-Amex-2004-111. 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 Web site (<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

Section, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Amex. 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 publicly available. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-Amex-2004-111 and should be submitted on or before February 2, 2005.

IV. Commission's Findings and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of Proposed Rule Change

After careful consideration, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder, applicable to a national securities exchange.⁷ In particular, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with section 6(b)(4) of the Act,⁸ in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members and other persons using its facilities. The Commission believes that the proposed change in customer transaction charges is not unreasonable and should not discriminate unfairly among market participants.

The Amex has requested that the Commission find good cause for approving the proposed rule change prior to the thirtieth day after publication of notice thereof in the **Federal Register**. The Commission notes that granting accelerated approval of the proposal would allow the extension of the suspension of customer transactions charges for the trading of QQQQ to coincide with the extension of the suspension of transaction charges for the trading of QQQQ.⁹ Accordingly, the Commission finds good cause, pursuant to section 19(b)(2) of the Act,¹⁰ for approving the proposed rule change prior to the thirtieth day after the date of publication of notice thereof in the **Federal Register**.

V. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to section 19(b)(2) of the Act,¹¹ that the proposed rule change (SR-Amex-2004-

³ The Exchange also submitted a proposed rule change extending the suspension of the specialist's and registered traders' transaction charges for the trading of QQQQ. See File No. SR-Amex-2004-110.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

⁶ The Commission changed this sentence to reflect statutory basis for the proposed rule change pursuant to section 6(b)(4) of the Act, rather than section 6(b)(5). Telephone conversation between Claire P. McGrath, Senior Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, Amex, and Ted Venuti, Attorney, Division of Market Regulation, Commission (January 4, 2005).

⁷ In approving this proposal, the Commission has considered its impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

⁹ See File No. SR-Amex-2004-110, *supra* note 3.

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

111) is hereby approved on an accelerated basis.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹²

J. Lynn Taylor,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-50970; File No. SR-Amex-2004-110]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; American Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Extend the Suspension of the Specialist's and Registered Traders' Transaction Charges for the Trading of Nasdaq-100 Index Tracking Stock®

January 6, 2005.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on December 28, 2004, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in items I, II, III below, which items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Amex has designated the proposed rule change as "establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge" under section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act,³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder,⁴ which renders the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission. 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 Amex proposes to amend the Amex Equity and Exchange Traded Funds and Trust Issued Receipts Fee Schedules ("Amex Fee Schedules") to extend the temporary suspension of the specialist's and registered traders' transaction charges for the trading of Nasdaq-100 Index Tracking Stock® (Symbol: QQQQ) pursuant to the Nasdaq Unlisted Trading Privileges Plan. The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Office of the

Secretary, Amex, and at the Commission.

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 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 IV below. The Amex has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

Effective December 1, 2004, the Nasdaq-100 Index Tracking Stock® listed on the Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. It trades on Nasdaq under the symbol QQQQ. The Amex trades the QQQQ on an unlisted trading privileges basis. The transaction charges for the specialist and registered traders are \$0.0037 (\$0.37 per 100 shares) and \$0.0038 (\$0.38 per 100 shares) respectively. These transaction charges are also subject to a \$300 per trade maximum. The Amex, however, has suspended these charges through December 31, 2004. The Amex now proposes to amend the Amex Fee Schedules to suspend the transaction charges for the specialist and registered traders until January 31, 2005. The Exchange believes that this fee suspension would encourage competition among markets trading QQQQ and enhance the Amex's competitiveness in trading this security.

2. Statutory Basis

The Amex believes the proposed rule change is consistent with section 6(b) of the Act,⁵ in general, and furthers the objectives of section 6(b)(4) of the Act,⁶ in particular, in that it is intended to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among its members and issuers and other persons using its facilities.⁷

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

⁷ The Commission changed this sentence to reflect statutory basis for the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 6(b)(4) of the Act, rather than Section 6(b)(5). Telephone conversation between Claire P. McGrath, Senior Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, Amex, and Ted Venuti, Attorney, Division of Market Regulation, Commission (January 4, 2005).

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition.

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

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change establishes or changes a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange, and, therefore, has become effective pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act⁸ and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.⁹ At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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

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⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

¹² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.