

The obligation to calculate voting privileges as provided in the Application will be a contractual obligation of all Participating Insurance Companies under their agreement with the Trusts governing participation in a Fund. Each Participating Insurance Company will vote shares for which it has not received timely voting instructions, as well as shares it owns through its Separate Accounts, in the same proportion as it votes those shares for which it has received voting instructions. Each Qualified Plan will vote as required by applicable law and governing Qualified Plan documents.

7. As long as the 1940 Act requires pass-through voting privileges to be provided to variable contract owners, M&T Bank or any of its affiliates, and any General Account will vote its shares of any Fund in the same proportion of all variable contract owners having voting rights with respect to that Fund; provided, however, that M&T Bank, any of its affiliates or any insurance company General Account shall vote its shares in such other manner as may be required by the Commission or its staff.

8. The Trust will comply with all provisions of the 1940 Act requiring voting by shareholders, which for these purposes, shall be the persons having a voting interest in the shares of the respective Fund, and, in particular, the Trust will either provide for annual meetings (except to the extent that the Commission may interpret section 16 of the 1940 Act not to require such meetings) or comply with section 16(c) of the 1940 Act (although the Trust is not one of the funds of the type described in the section 16(c) of the 1940 Act), as well as with section 16(a) of the 1940 Act and, if and when applicable, section 16(b) of the 1940 Act. Further, the Fund will act in accordance with the Commission's interpretation of the requirements of section 16(a) with respect to periodic elections of trustees and with whatever rules the Commission may promulgate with respect thereto.

9. The Trust will notify all Participants that Separate Account prospectus disclosure or Qualified Plan prospectuses or other Qualified Plan disclosure documents regarding potential risks of mixed and shared funding may be appropriate. The Trust will disclose in its prospectus that (a) shares of the Trust may be offered to Separate Accounts of Variable Contracts and, if applicable, to Qualified Plans; (b) due to differences in tax treatment and other considerations, the interests of various contract owners participating in the Trust and the interests of Qualified Plans investing in the Trust, if

applicable, may conflict; and (c) the Trust's Board will monitor events in order to identify the existence of any material irreconcilable conflicts and to determine what action, if any, should be taken in response to any such conflict.

10. If and to the extent that Rule 6e-2 and Rule 6e-3(T) under the 1940 Act are amended, or proposed Rule 6e-3 under the 1940 Act is adopted, to provide exemptive relief from any provision of the 1940 Act, or the rules promulgated thereunder, with respect to mixed or shared funding, on terms and conditions materially different from any exemptions granted in the order requested in the Application, then the Trust and/or Participating Insurance Companies, as appropriate, shall take such steps as may be necessary to comply with Rules 6e-2 and 6e-3(T), or Rule 6e-3, as such rules are applicable.

11. The Participants, at least annually, will submit to the Board such reports, materials, or data as a Board reasonably may request so that the trustees of the Board may fully carry out the obligations imposed upon the Board by the conditions contained in the Application. Such reports, materials, and data will be submitted more frequently if deemed appropriate by the Board. The obligations of the Participants to provide these reports, materials, and data to the Board, when it so reasonably requests, will be a contractual obligation of all Participants under their agreements governing participation in the Funds.

12. All reports of potential or existing conflicts received by the Board, and all Board action with regard to determining the existence of a conflict, notifying Participants of a conflict, and determining whether any proposed action adequately remedies a conflict, will be properly recorded in the minutes of the Board or other appropriate records, and such minutes or other records shall be made available to the Commission upon request.

13. The Trust will not accept a purchase order from a Qualified Plan if such purchase would make the Qualified Plan shareholder an owner of 10 percent or more of the assets of such Fund unless such Qualified Plan executes an agreement with the Trust governing participation in such Fund that includes the conditions set forth herein to the extent applicable. A Qualified Plan or Qualified Plan participant will execute an application containing an acknowledgment of this condition at the time of its initial purchase of shares of any Fund.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

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Self-Regulatory Organization; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Changes by Nasdaq Liffe Markets, LLC, Relating to Revised Listing Standards

February 10, 2003.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(7) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-7 under the Act,² notice is hereby given that on January 15, 2003, Nasdaq Liffe Markets, LLC ("NQLX") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule changes described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by NQLX. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule changes from interested persons. NQLX also has previously filed the proposed rule change with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC"), together with written certifications under section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act³ ("CEA") on November 18, 2002 and January 6, 2003.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Description of the Proposed Rule Change

First, NQLX proposes amending Rule 325 to specify the reportable position levels for security futures contracts that have 1,000 shares of the underlying security, rather than the usual 100 shares of the underlying security. Second, NQLX proposes adopting a rule change to its Rule 420 as it relates to exchange for physical transactions between two members. Pursuant to this change, instead of requiring the member selling the futures leg to submit the relevant trade information to NQLX, the rule would allow the two members to mutually agree on which member would submit the trade information to NQLX. The remaining changes to Rule 420 correct the numbering in the rule. Below is the text of the proposed rule changes.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(7).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-7.

³ 7 U.S.C. 7a-2(c).