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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Discussion

The NRC is issuing a revision in the NRC’s “Regulatory Guide” series. This series was developed to describe and make available to the public information regarding methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the agency’s regulations, techniques that the NRC staff uses in evaluating specific issues or postulated events, and data that the NRC staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.


II. Additional Information

Proposed Revision 2 of RG 1.187 was issued with a temporary identification number (ADAMS Accession No. ML20125A730). Based on the public comments on DG–1356 and the staff responses to the public comments are available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML20125A729. Based on the public comments, subsequent public meetings, and revisions to NEI 96–07, Appendix D, the NRC revised the proposed Revision 2 of RG 1.187 and issued the final Revision 2 on July 7, 2020 (85 FR 40696), with a 30-day post-promulgation public comment period. Revision 2 of RG 1.187 endorsed NEI 96–07, Appendix D, Revision 1, as a means for complying with the requirements of section 50.59 of title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), “Changes, tests and experiments” when conducting digital instrumentation and control (I&C) modifications, with certain qualifications. The post-promulgation public comment period closed on August 6, 2020. Post-promulgation public comments on RG 1.187, Revision 2 and the staff responses to the post-promulgation public comments are available under ADAMS under Accession No. ML21109A001.

The NRC notes that a non-concurrence on RG 1.187, Revision 2, was submitted and entered the Non-Concurrence Process (NCP) under tracking number of NCP–2020–005. The NCP form and attachments are available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML20197A381.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; ICE Clear Europe Limited; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change Relating to the ICE Clear Europe Articles of Association

June 7, 2021.

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 May 25, 2021, ICE Clear Europe Limited (“ICE Clear Europe” or the “Clearing House”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule changes described in Items I, II and III below, which Items have been prepared primarily by ICE Clear Europe. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Clearing Agency’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

ICE Clear Europe Limited (“ICE Clear Europe” or the “Clearing House”) proposes to modify its Articles of Association (the “Articles”). The revisions would not involve any changes to the ICE Clear Europe Clearing Rules or Procedures.

II. Clearing Agency’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, ICE Clear Europe 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. ICE Clear Europe has prepared summaries, set forth in sections (A), (B), and (C) below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

(A) Clearing Agency’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change, Security-Based Swap Submission or Advance Notice

(a) Purpose

The purpose of the amendments is to update the Articles to reflect certain changes in the composition of the ICE Clear Europe Board and the composition and structure of Board committees, to clarify certain director independence standards, to clarify certain super-quorum standards applicable to certain actions relating to CDS clearing, to revise certain provisions regarding directors and to reflect the use of gender-neutral language, as discussed in more detail herein.

In article 3,3 definitions of certain specific committees would be deleted, including the Audit Committee, Board Risk Committee, Compensation Committee and Nomination Committee, and the definition of Committee would be revised to generally reference any committee constituted by the Board under the Articles. Although ICE Clear Europe is not proposing to change its current committee structure at this time, it does not believe the committees need to be defined in the Articles. Since the Board is authorized to create, modify or dissolve committees as it determines to be appropriate, the amendments would facilitate future changes to the committee structure by the Board without need to amend the Articles. The definition of Product Risk Committee, however, would not be removed from the Articles because there are references to this committee throughout the Articles in light of certain specific requirements relating to the CDS Director.

In addition, the amendments would modify certain other definitions, including CDS Director, Committees, Independent Director, Risk Committee and Super-Quorum Matters. These definitions would be updated as follows:

• CDS Director—a sentence would be added to the definition to clarify that the CDS Director may also meet the criteria required of an Independent Director, however, for the avoidance of doubt they will continue to be classified only as a CDS Director.

• Independent Director—this definition would be updated such that instead of describing this person as independent of the Company and of the Clearing House (without further definition of independence), the definition would require the director to
