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The SEC adopted amendments to the Fund Names Rule in September 2023 ("Amendments").[1] The compliance dates for the Amendments are currently December 11, 2025 for larger entities and June 11, 2026 for smaller entities.

Today, ICI submitted a letter (linked below) to SEC Chair Gensler, requesting that the SEC (i) extend the compliance dates of the Amendments by at least 18 months, and (ii) base the compliance dates on a fund's fiscal year-end. We state in the letter that extending and amending the compliance dates in this way will provide funds with adequate time to complete implementation in an orderly manner, including incorporating expected, but not yet issued, staff FAQs. We also state that this will allow the incoming administration the opportunity to appropriately determine whether and how to address the substantive challenges and complexities the Amendments present. Finally, we state that these changes will allow all funds—irrespective of their fiscal year-ends—a full compliance period to update their disclosures while avoiding costly and disruptive off-cycle filings, all to the ultimate benefit of fund investors.

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Notes

[1] See <u>Investment Company Names</u>, SEC Release No. 33-11238 (Sept. 20, 2023). ICI's <u>Fund Names Rule Resource Center</u> contains more information about the Names Rule, as amended in 2023.

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