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# Ethereum ETFs: When is Ethereum ETFs Approval Date?

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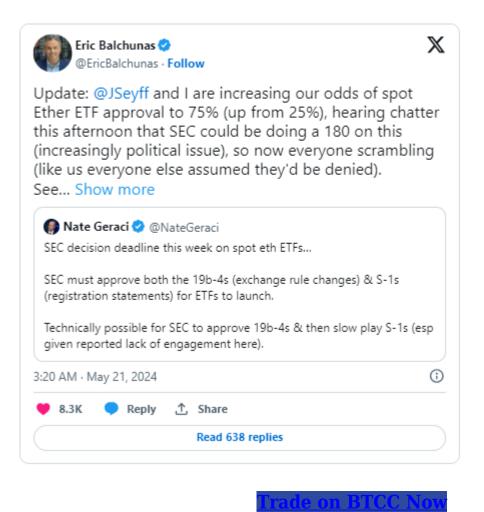
Final deadlines for the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to decide on spot Ethereum exchange-traded fund (ETF) proposals from VanEck and ARK are May 23 and May 24, respectively.

There has been talk that <u>Ethereum</u> ETFs may get the same treatment as the numerous spot <u>Bitcoin</u> ETFs that the SEC approved in January.

The rejection of VanEck's spot ETH ETF application will most certainly lead to the rejection of other applications submitted later this year by Grayscale, Franklin Templeton, Invesco Galaxy, and BlackRock.

Investment firms are preparing for what could be a dismal outcome as the Eth ETF clearance date approaches, because the regulator has not yet signaled its preparedness to allow these products.

Optimism, however, caused Ethereum's price to skyrocket on Monday afternoon, when esteemed Bloomberg analysts James Seyffart and Eric Balchunas raised their "odds" of acceptance from 25% to 75%.



#### **Key Takeaways**

- On May 23 and 24, the SEC will make its final ruling on the spot Ethereum ETF applications submitted by VanEck and ARK.
- Though there is also optimism, the investment community expects the Ethereum ETF approval decision to be denied.
- The SEC's previous designation of Ethereum as a security and worries about the liquidity of its markets have led to skepticism about certification.
- Resubmitting documents in the event of a rejection might push out the launch date of the ETH ETF until late 2024 or early 2025.
- Should the SEC reject, it might run into legal issues akin to those it ran across with Bitcoin ETFs.

## What are Ethereum Etfs?

Traders can benefit from the price fluctuations of Ethereum (ETH) or a group of cryptocurrencies that include Ethereum through Ethereum exchange-traded funds (ETFs), even if they don't own ETH directly. An easy way to trade Ethereum without the hassle of buying, storing, and managing the cryptocurrency directly, these tokens are designed like standard exchange-traded funds (ETFs), where investors can purchase and sell shares on stock exchanges during the trading day.

Keep in mind that depending on the jurisdiction, you may only be allowed to purchase Ethereum ETFs that are deemed regulated financial instruments. Nevertheless, their accessibility could differ across nations.





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## Fund Companies Engaged in Active Dialogue with SEC Before BTC ETFs

In the time leading up to the SEC's approval of Bitcoin ETFs, the fund companies actively communicated with the regulator and provided numerous revised documents in response to their concerns.

The filing of spot Ethereum ETFs, however, has seen far less activity in this area. Many are expecting a disapproving order because of the lack of public participation.

Katherine Dowling, general counsel for Bitwise, told Bloomberg that "most people are universally expecting a disapproval order." Bitwise applied for a spot-Ether ETF in March.

"You're not seeing the types of public activities that you would see if there was going to be an approval."

A research analyst at digital asset investment firm Fineqia International, Matteo Greco, recently stated that doubt regarding rapid clearance is fueled by concerns about the liquidity of ETH's spot and futures markets, as well as its past designation as a security by the SEC.

If the files are denied, the issuers will have to resubmit them, which may delay approval until at least Q1 or Q4 of 2025, according to the analyst.

According to Greco, there's also the possibility of "slow-playing" the S-1s while approving the 19b-4 files. In order to launch Spot ETH ETFs, the SEC needs to approve both the 19b-4s and the S-1s.

Spot ETH ETFs and other innovative products can be listed on national security exchanges like the NYSE and Nasdaq through the 19b-4s registration. When issuing new securities to the public, the first paperwork needed is the S-1.

In April, the value of Ether dropped about 20% due to the dwindling expectations of approval. Ethereum is a popular blockchain platform that allows users to create and run decentralized apps; its native coin is Ether.

SEC Chair Gary Gensler has hinted that the staking function of Ethereum, where users secure their tokens on the blockchain to verify transactions and gain rewards, might potentially subject Ether to the SEC's authority as a securities regulator.

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## SEC's Decision to Provide Clarity on its Position Regarding ETH ETFs

Whatever happens, the SEC's decision will reveal its position on spot Ethereum ETFs. The regulator's thoughts on these products can be better understood with this openness, even if issuers are gloomy about approval.

Dowling warned that there would be an opportunity for a response. Everything is simply speculation at the moment.

There can be legal action if the application is turned down. The August court victory of Grayscale Investments over the SEC was a driving force behind the January approval of spot Bitcoin funds.

Spot Bitcoin ETF approval "should in no way signal the Commission's willingness to approve listing standards for crypto asset securities," Gensler warned the public in January.

"Furthermore, the approval in no way indicates the Commission's stance on the regulatory treatment of other cryptocurrencies or the degree to which certain market participants in the cryptocurrency space are currently in violation of federal securities laws," he went on to say.



## **Anticipate Legal Routes for Digital Assets Under Gensler**

Some experts have pointed out that the SEC could be setting a precedent that requires a literal court order to authorize any spot crypto product if it rejects Ether ETFs.

"Any advancement in the digital-asset space is going to have to come through the judiciary channels as long as Gary Gensler chairs the SEC," Mark Connors, director of research at 3iQ Corp, told Morningstar.

Similarly, analysts at JP Morgan anticipate that the SEC would "face a legal challenge and eventually lose" prior to approving spot Ethereum ETFs. Considering Grayscale's victory over the agency before to its acceptance of Bitcoin products, they implied that "the template is likely to be similar to Bitcoin" in their statement.

It should be mentioned that the SEC is currently facing criticism for its position on cryptocurrency. A month ago, Consensys, an Ethereum developer, took legal action against the SEC, claiming that the federal regulator had engaged in a "unlawful seizure of authority" over Ethereum.

## **Ethereum's Legal Situation Affects ETF Prospects**

Furthermore, ETH's legitimacy is still up for discussion. No one ever questioned Bitcoin's commodity character, even after the first ETF denials.

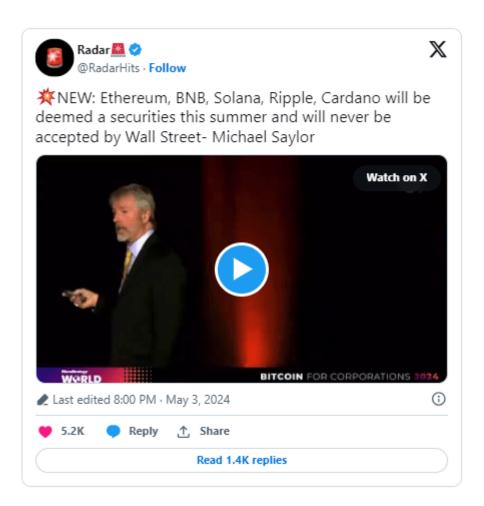
According to nterview with Anndy Lian, a government blockchain advisor and expert:

"BTC has been generally recognized as a commodity by various regulatory bodies, including the CFTC. However, the SEC has not provided a clear stance on ETH's classification, and recent comments by SEC Chair Gary Gensler have not explicitly

categorized ETH as a commodity, which adds to the uncertainty."

Michael Saylor, co-founder of MicroStrategy and a Bitcoin maximalist, has added fuel to the fire by predicting that, upon the rejection of the spot ETH ETF in May 2024, it will become "very clear" that Ethereum is classified as a security and not a commodity.

Following that, you will realize that all of the underlying cryptocurrencies—Ethereum, BNB, Solana, Ripple, Cardano, etc.—are merely unregistered security tokens. "A spot ETF will never wrap any of them," Saylor noted.





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## When Will ETH ETF be Approved?

Although there is a general agreement that VanEck's application would be rejected on May 23, 2024, insiders in the industry still think that a spot ETH ETF will be allowed in the end.

The lengthy process leading up to the approval of spot Bitcoin ETF serves as a point of comparison.

The SEC denied all applications that were submitted to it prior to its approval in January 2024. U.S. approval of spot Bitcoin ETFs was contingent upon crypto fund manager Grayscale's victory in a case against the SEC.

Grayscale contended in its petition that spot Bitcoin ETFs can be traded honestly and without manipulation or fraud because of the oversight and regulation that BTC futures ETFs are subject to.

Market watchers now predict that spot ETH ETFs will face the same legal hurdles in their pursuit of SEC clearance.

According to a study by JPMorgan analysts, the SEC is likely to lose a court battle if it denies the approval of spot Ethereum ETFs. The report states that the template will likely be similar to Bitcoin, and that futures-based Ethereum ETFs are already approved.

## **ETH Price Prediction**

## **Variability in Short-Term Prices**

The market was anticipating that 2024 would see a significant increase in the price of ether due to encouraging news regarding spot ETH ETFs.

Since May 10, 2024, when expectations of ETH ETF approvals as early as May 2024 were crushed, the price of ETH has fallen by 24%.

Looking for additional market catalysts to play catch-up, the second-largest cryptocurrency will need them in 2024 as ETH continues to underperform large-cap peers like BTC, Solana (SOL), and BNB.

According to Lian, as the market responds to the news, "a rejection could lead to short-term price volatility and possibly a decrease in price," as reported by Techopedia.

Lian chimed in:

"Even if the SEC rejects the spot ETH ETF, Ethereum may not run out of market catalysts. Other potential catalysts for a bull run could include technological advancements, increased adoption, further integration into DeFi, RWA, and the broader crypto market dynamics."

## In 2024, ETH will be the "Basket Case."

Ethereum was referred to as the "basket case" of this crypto cycle by Markus Thielen, founder of 10x Research, elsewhere.

According to Thielen's email note to investors, the research group was initially "very bullish" on Ethereum. However, they changed their mind after seeing a dramatic drop in Ethereum gas fees,

which they interpret as indicating "nearly zero demand for transactions with ETH."

As a result of rising on-chain Treasury rates (5.1%) and declining staking yield (2.9% on Lido as of writing), Thielen continued, "more people realize this," and the demand for ETH will decrease.

"Right now, we would be more comfortable holding a short position in ETH than a long one in BTC as Ethereum's fundamentals are fragile, which is not yet reflected in ETH prices,"Thielen stated.

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## **Conclusion**

Under Chair Gensler, the US SEC has taken a tough stance on the cryptocurrency business. Many well-known cryptocurrency businesses and individuals have been the targets of litigation launched by the securities regulator in the last year. These include CZ, Binance, Coinbase, Kraken, and Uniswap.

Perhaps the only way to see spot Ethereum ETFs through to 2024 is to follow a similar strategy to Grayscale's litigation, which allowed for spot Bitcoin ETFs in the US.

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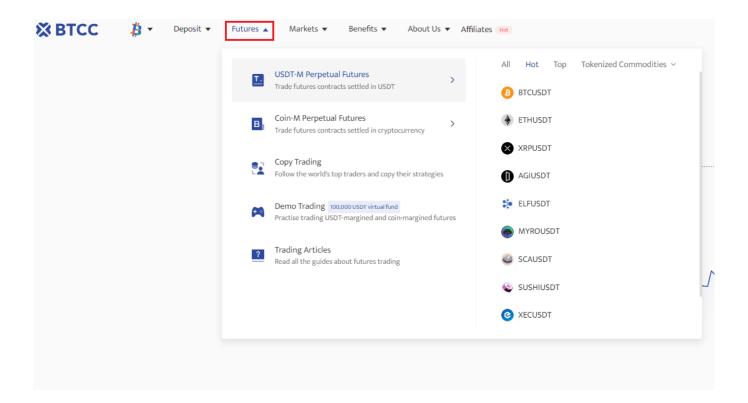
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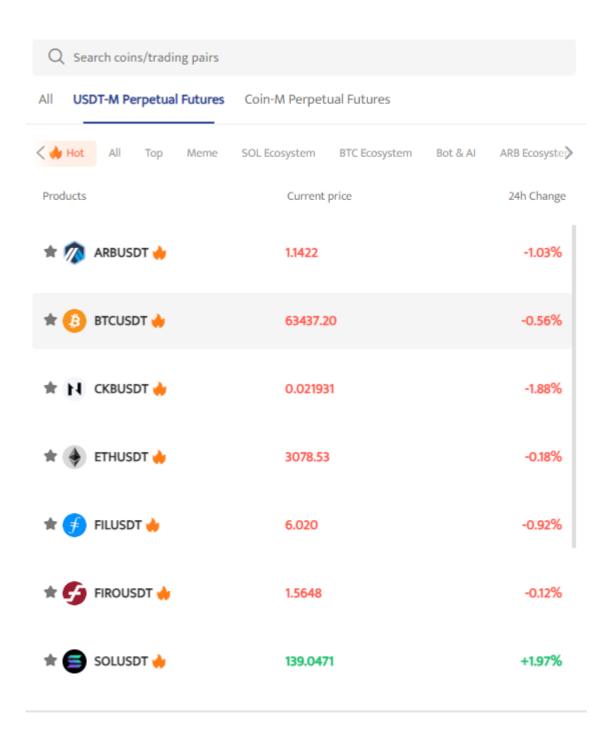
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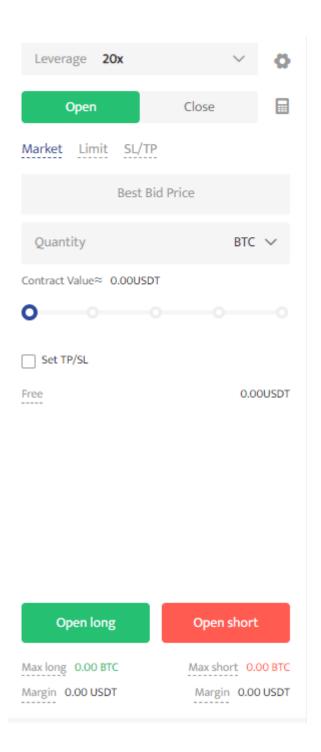
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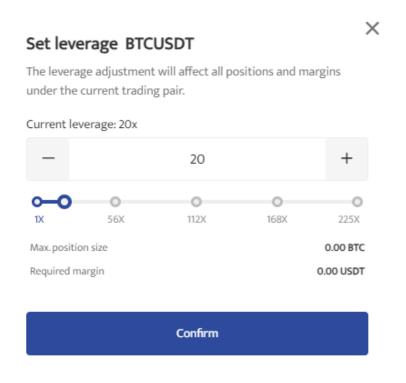
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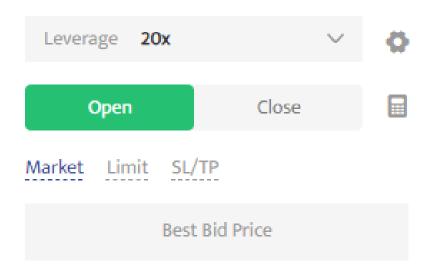
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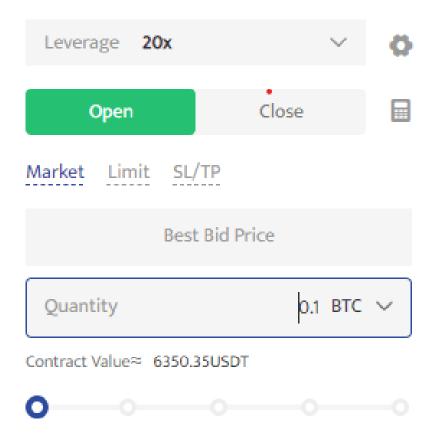
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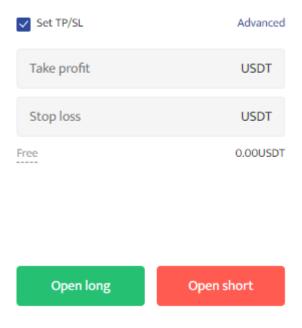
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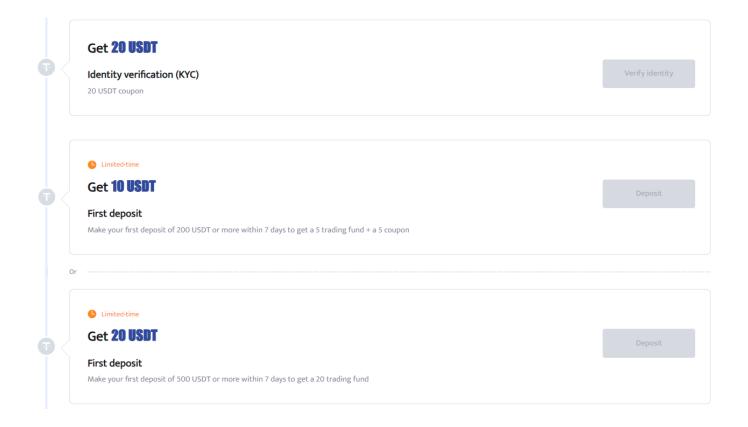
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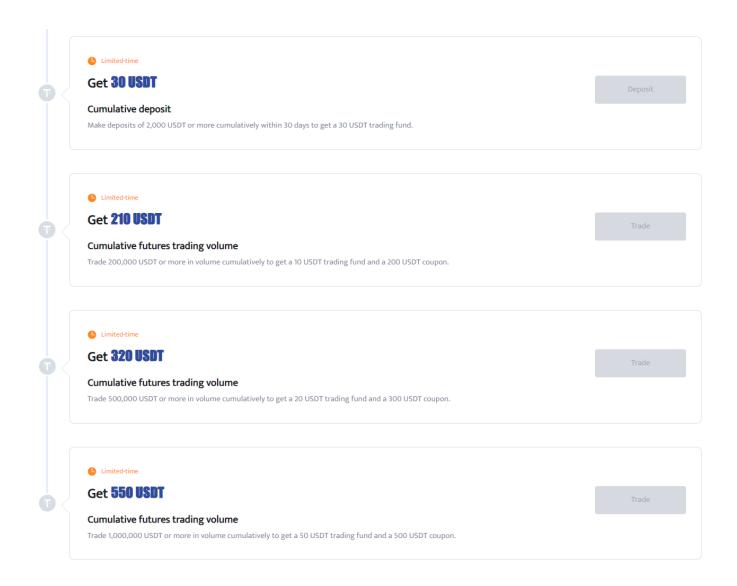
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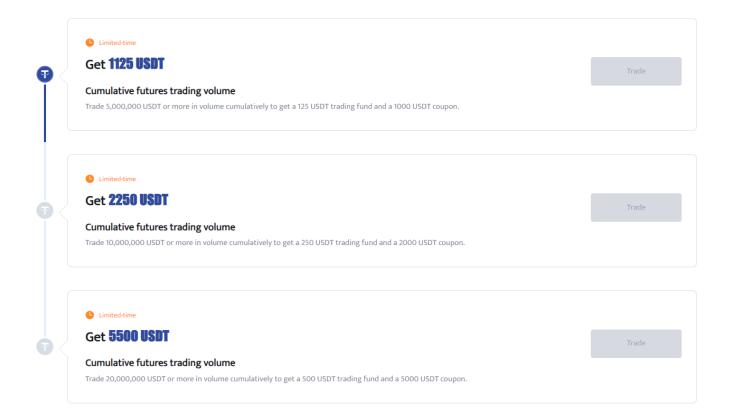
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