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Via E-Mail

Office of the Secretariat
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
1155 21st Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20581

Re: Rule Certification. NYMEX Submission 05.218: Notification of Amendments to NYMEX Division Rules 9.26, 9.27 and 9.34.

Dear Ms. Jean Webb:

The New York Mercantile Exchange ("NYMEX" or the "Exchange") is notifying the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of amendments to NYMEX Rules 9.26, All Month/Any One Month Position Accountability; 9.27, Expiration and Current Delivery Month Position Limits or Position Accountability; and 9.34, Reporting Levels.

The amendments remove the NYMEX Brent Crude Oil and Northwest Europe Gasoil contracts from NYMEX Division Rules 9.26 and 9.27 for purposes of positions limits and accountability levels. The amendments correspond with similar action taken by NYMEX Europe Limited ("NEL"). Exchange Notice No. 05-345 dated August 26, 2005, announced the migration of these contracts from the NYMEX trading facility in Dublin to NEL in London. Further, NYMEX was granted an order to allow for clearing of these contracts in 2005. NEL received Financial Services Authority ("FSA") recognition as a U.K. investment exchange on September 5, 2005. Brent Crude Oil futures and options and Northwest Europe Gasoil futures began trading in London on September 12, 2005. Additionally, the amendment to the reporting level under NYMEX Division Rule 9.34 removes the "NYMEX" designation for the Brent contract as a matter of housekeeping, as this is no longer a "NYMEX" contract. These amendments will be effective Tuesday, December 20, 2005. Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("Act") and CFTC Rule 40.6, the Exchange hereby certifies that the attached rule amendment complies with the Act, including regulations under the Act.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact me at (212) 299-2940.

Very truly yours,

Nancy M. Minett
Vice President, Compliance

cc: Thomas LaSala
Brian Regan

(Bold and underlined indicates additions; strikethroughs indicate deletions.)

NYMEX Rule 9.26, All Month/Any One Month Position Accountability

Sections (A) through (C) remain unchanged.

(D) I. Futures Contracts Listed for Open Outcry Trading	Net Futures or Futures-Equivalent Position Accountability Level
Light Sweet Crude Oil (also includes WTI Calendar Swap, NYMEX WTI-Brent Spread Calendar Swap, Crude Oil Average Price Options and Crude Oil Look-Alike Options)	20,000 contracts
NYMEX Brent Crude Oil (also includes NYMEX WTI-Brent Spread Calendar Swap and NYMEX Brent Calendar Swap)	20,000 contracts
New York Harbor Unleaded Gasoline (also includes Unleaded Gasoline Average Price Options and Unleaded Gasoline Look-Alike Options)	7,000 contracts
New York Harbor Gasoline Blendstock (RBOB)	7,000 contracts
New York Heating Oil (also includes NY Harbor Calendar Swap, Heating Oil Average Price Options and Heating Oil Look-Alike Options)	7,000 contracts
Northwest Europe Gasoil	7,000 contracts
Natural Gas (also includes Henry Hub Swap, Henry Hub Natural Gas Penultimate Swap and Natural Gas Look-Alike Options)	12,000 contracts
(Remainder of Sections I through IV. Cash-Settled Natural Gas Products are unchanged.)	

Option Contract Gross Option Quadrant Position Accountability Levels

Crude Oil Light Sweet	40,000 contracts
NYMEX Brent Crude Oil	40,000 contracts
N.Y. Heating Oil	20,000 contracts
N.Y. Harbor Unleaded Gasoline	20,000 contracts

(Remainder of Rule 9.26 is unchanged.)

NYMEX Rule 9.27, Expiration and Current Delivery Month Position Limits or Position Accountability

Paragraphs (A) and (B) remain unchanged.

I. Futures Contracts Listed for Open Outcry Trading	Net Futures or Futures-Equivalent Expiration Position Limits
Light, Sweet Crude Oil (also includes WTI Calendar Swap, NYMEX WTI-Brent Spread Calendar Swap, Crude Oil Average Price Options, and WTI Crude Oil Look-Alike Options)	2,000 contracts
New York Harbor Unleaded Gasoline (also includes NY Harbor Calendar Swap, Unleaded Gasoline Average Price Options, and New York Harbor Unleaded Gasoline Look-Alike Options)	1,000 contracts
New York Harbor Gasoline Blendstock (RBOB)	1,000 contracts
New York Heating Oil (also includes NY Harbor Calendar Swap, Heating Oil Average Price Options, and New York Harbor Heating	

Oil Look-Alike Options) 1,000 contracts

Northwest Europe Gasoil

~~1,000 contracts~~

Natural Gas (also includes Henry Hub Swap, Henry Hub Natural Gas Penultimate Swap and Natural Gas Look-Alike Option Contracts)

1,000 contracts

(Remainder of Rule 9.27 is unchanged.)

NYMEX Rule, 9.34 Reporting Levels

(A) The quantities fixed for the purposes of filing a report under Rule 9.33 are:

Commodity

Crude Oil Light Sweet

350 contracts

~~NYMEX~~ Brent Crude Oil

350 contracts

PJM Calendar-Month-LMP Swap (PJM Interconnection, LLC)

1 contract

(Remainder of Rule 9.34 is unchanged.)