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Organization: The Board of Trade of the City of Chicago, Inc. ("CBOT")

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Filing Description: Amendments to Block Trade Minimum Threshold for the Soybean Oil Weekly Options Contracts.

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Organization Rules and Rule Amendments

- Certification § 40.6(a)
- Approval § 40.5(a)
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- Advance Notice of SIDCO Rule Change § 40.10(a)
- SIDCO Emergency Rule Change § 40.10(h)

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New Product

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- Certification § 40.2(a)
- Certification Security Futures § 41.23(a)
- Certification Swap Class § 40.2(d)
- Approval § 40.3(a)
- Approval Security Futures § 41.23(b)
- Novel Derivative Product Notification § 40.12(a)
- Swap Submission § 39.5

Official Product Name:

Product Terms and Conditions (product related Rules and Rule Amendments)

- Certification § 40.6(a)
- Certification Made Available to Trade Determination § 40.6(a)
- Certification Security Futures § 41.24(a)
- Delisting (No Open Interest) § 40.6(a)
- Approval § 40.5(a)
- Approval Made Available to Trade Determination § 40.5(a)
- Approval Security Futures § 41.24(c)
- Approval Amendments to enumerated agricultural products § 40.4(a), § 40.5(a)
- "Non-Material Agricultural Rule Change" § 40.4(b)(5)
- Notification § 40.6(d)

Official Name(s) of Product(s) Affected:

Rule Numbers:

January 5, 2018

VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL

Mr. Christopher J. Kirkpatrick
Office of the Secretariat
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
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Washington, DC 20581

**Re: CFTC Regulation 40.6(a) Certification. Amendments to Block Trade Minimum Threshold for the Soybean Oil Weekly Options Contracts.
CBOT Submission No. 18-012**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Pursuant to Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC” or “Commission”) Regulation 40.6(a), The Board of Trade of the City of Chicago, Inc. (“CBOT” or the “Exchange”) hereby notifies the Commission that it is self-certifying amendments to the block trade minimum threshold pursuant to CBOT Rule 526. (“Block Trades”) which shall become effective on trade date Monday, January 8, 2018 (see Submission No. 17-420 dated December 4, 2017).

More specifically, effective on trade date Tuesday, January 23, 2018, the Exchange will amend the Soybean Oil Weekly options contracts’ block trade minimum threshold from 100 contracts during Regular Trading Hours (“RTH”) and 50 contracts during European Trading Hours (“ETH”) and Asian Trading Hours (“ATH”) to 150 contracts during RTH and 75 contracts during ETH and ATH. The amendments harmonize the Soybean Oil weekly options contracts’ block trade minimum thresholds with the minimum thresholds becoming effective on January 8, 2018, in monthly Soybean Oil options contracts.

- Availability of General Information: The Exchange will publish a Special Executive Report advising the marketplace of the amendments to the block trade minimum thresholds in Soybean Oil weekly options contracts which will be emailed to subscribers and posted on the CME Group website.
- Execution of Transactions: A designated contract market may authorize transactions that are executed away from the designated contract market’s centralized marketplace for bona fide business purposes. The amendments harmonize the block trade minimum thresholds for the monthly and weekly Soybean Oil options and comply with this Core Principle.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Act and CFTC Regulation 40.6(a), the Exchange certifies that the amendments comply with the Act and regulations thereunder. There were no substantive opposing views to the is proposal.

The Exchange certifies that this submission has been concurrently posted on the Exchange’s website at <http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html>.

If you require any additional information regarding this submission, please contact the undersigned at 212.299.2200 or via email at CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel