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- 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:**



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**VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL**

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Washington, D.C. 20581

**RE: Modifications to the E-mini Futures Volume Incentive Program  
CME Submission No. 18-030**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of plans to modify the E-mini Futures Volume Incentive Program ("Program"). The modifications to the Program will become effective on February 1, 2018.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of this Program. Modifications appear below, with additions underscored and deletions ~~overstruck~~.

The Exchange reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA" or "Act"). During the review, CME staff identified the following Core Principles as potentially being impacted: Monitoring of Trading, Execution of Transactions, Protection of Market Participants, Compliance with Rules, and Recordkeeping.

The Program does not impact the Exchange's ability to perform its trade practice and market surveillance obligations under the CEA and the Exchange's market regulation staff will monitor trading in the Program's products to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse. Additionally, the Exchange has implemented systems to track Program participants' obligations to ensure proper distribution of earned incentives. The incentives in the Program do not impact the Exchange's order execution. Participants in the Program will be selected by Exchange staff using criteria as further stated in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the CME rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. All participants must execute a contractual agreement with the Exchange in which each participant will expressly agree to comply with and be subject to applicable regulations and CME rules. The Program is subject to the Exchange's record retention policies which comply with the CEA.

CME certifies that the Program complies with the CEA and the regulations thereunder. There were no substantive opposing views to this Program.

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 e-mail [CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com](mailto:CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com) or contact Rachel Johnson at 312-466-4393 or via e-mail at [Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com](mailto:Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com). Please reference our CME Submission No. 18-030 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

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# EXHIBIT 1

## E-mini Futures Volume Incentive Program

### **Program Purpose**

The purpose of this Program is to incent market makers to enhance liquidity in the products listed below. The resulting increase in central limit order book liquidity on the CME Globex® Platform benefits all participant segments in the market.

### **Product Scope**

E-mini S&P Real Estate Select Sector Stock Index Futures, E-mini S&P Consumer Staples Select Sector Futures, E-mini S&P Consumer Utilities Select Sector Futures, E-mini S&P Consumer Discretionary Select Sector Futures, E-mini S&P Industrial Select Sector Futures, E-mini S&P Financial Select Sector Futures, E-mini S&P Health Care Select Sector Futures, E-mini S&P Technology Select Sector Futures, E-mini S&P Energy Select Sector Futures, E-mini S&P Materials Select Sector Futures, E-mini FTSE China 50 Index Futures, E-mini FTSE 100 Index (GBP) Futures, E-mini FTSE Emerging Index Futures, E-mini FTSE Developed Europe Index Futures, E-mini USD Denominated FTSE 100 Index Futures, E-mini Russell 1000 Value Index Futures, E-mini Russell 1000 Growth Index Futures, E-mini Russell 1000 Index Futures, E-mini NIFTY 50 Index Futures, E-mini S&P 600 Small Cap Futures, E-mini NASDAQ Biotechnology Index Futures, E-mini Russell 2000 Growth Index Futures, and E-mini Russell 2000 Value Index Futures, ~~and E-mini S&P MidCap 400 Futures~~ ("Products") that are traded on the CME Globex® Platform.

### **Eligible Participants**

There is no limit to the number of participants that may participate in the Program. Participants may be CME members or non-members.

### **Program Term**

Start date is June 1, 2016. End date is ~~January 31, 2018~~ January 31, 2019.

### **Obligations**

Participants must meet certain volume thresholds, as determined by the Exchange, in order to be eligible to receive the Program incentives.

### **Incentives**

Upon meeting all obligations, as determined by the Exchange, participants may be eligible to receive predetermined incentives.

### **Monitoring and Termination of Status**

The Exchange shall monitor trading activity and participants' performance and shall retain the right to revoke Program participant status if it concludes from review that a Program participant no longer meets the eligibility requirements or fails to meet the obligations of the Program.