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Organization: **Commodity Exchange, Inc. ("COMEX")**

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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 17, 2018

**VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL**

Christopher J. Kirkpatrick  
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**RE: Implementation of the Globex Precious Metals Volume Incentive Program  
COMEX Submission No. 18-031 (2 of 2)**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX") and Commodity Exchange, Inc. ("COMEX") (collectively, the "Exchanges") hereby notify the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of plans to implement the Globex Precious Metals Volume Incentive Program ("Program"). The proposed Program will become effective on February 1, 2018.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of this Program.

The Exchanges reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"). During the review, Exchanges' 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 will not impact the Exchanges' ability to perform their trade practice and market surveillance obligations under the CEA and the Exchanges have implemented systems to track Program participants' volume to ensure proper distribution of earned incentives. The incentives in the Program do not impact the Exchanges' order execution. Participants in the Program will be selected by Exchanges' staff using criteria as further stated in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the NYMEX/COMEX rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. All participants must execute a contractual agreement with the Exchanges in which each participant will expressly agree to comply with and be subject to, applicable regulations and the NYMEX/COMEX rules. The Program is subject to the Exchanges' record retention policies which comply with the CEA.

NYMEX and COMEX certify that the Program complies with the CEA and the regulations thereunder. There were no substantive opposing views to this Program.

The Exchanges certify that this submission has been concurrently posted on the Exchanges' 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 COMEX Submission No. 18-031 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

# EXHIBIT 1

## Globex Precious Metals Volume Incentive Program

### **Program Purpose**

The purpose of this Program is to encourage market participants to increase their Globex® volume in the products listed below. A more liquid contract on the central limit order book benefits all participants in the market.

### **Product Scope**

Gold futures (“GC”), Silver futures (“SI”), Platinum futures (“PL”), and Palladium futures (“PA”) traded on Globex® (“Products”).

### **Eligible Participants**

There is no limit to the number of participants that may participate in the Program. Participants must be COMEX 106.J members and NYMEX members, or COMEX individual members. The Exchanges, in their sole discretion, will use a variety of factors in determining whether a prospective participant is selected to participate in the Program, including the prospective participant’s overall historical volume in the Products and the prospective participant’s ability to maintain threshold volume obligations for the duration of the Program. The Exchanges may from time to time add or subtract from the above factors as they deem necessary.

### **Program Term**

Start date is February 1, 2018. End date is January 31, 2019.

### **Hours**

N/A

### **Obligations**

Participants must meet certain volume thresholds in the Products in order to be eligible to receive the incentives.

### **Incentives**

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

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

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