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|   | Certification   | § 40.6(a)            |
|   | Approval  | § 40.5(a)            |
|   | Notification  | § 40.6(d)            |
|   | Advance Notice of SIDCO Rule Change                     | § 40.10(a)           |
|   | SIDCO Emergency Rule Change                             | § 40.10(h)           |
| Rule Numbers: See filing.   |   |                      |
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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)                         |   |                      |
| rroduct Terms   | •   | ·                    |
|   | 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:  |   |                      |



December 27, 2018

## **VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL**

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

Re: CFTC Regulation 40.6(d) Notification. The Board of Trade of the City of Chicago,

Inc. ("CBOT" or "Exchange") Weekly Notification of Rule Amendments.

**CBOT Submission No. 18-550** 

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Pursuant to Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") Regulation 40.6(d), the Exchange submits this weekly notification of the following rule amendments made effective during the week of December 17, 2018.

On December 17, 2018, the Exchange issued CME Group Market Regulatory Advisory Notice ("MRAN") RA1803-3 as a reminder that Exchange Rule 508 ("Giving and Receiving of Gratuities") prohibits members, member firms and broker associations and employees of these individuals and entities from giving gifts or gratuities in excess of \$100 per year to any employee of another member, member firm or broker association. MRAN RA1803-3 is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

If you require any additional information, please contact the undersigned at (212) 299-2200 or via e-mail at CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit A – MRAN #RA1803-3

## **Exhibit A**

## MARKET REGULATION ADVISORY NOTICE

Exchange CME & CBOT

Subject Reminder Regarding Giving and Receiving of Gratuities

Rule References Rule 508

Advisory Date December 17, 2018

As a reminder, CME and CBOT Rule 508 ("Giving and Receiving of Gratuities") prohibits members, member firms and broker associations and employees of these individuals and entities from giving gifts or gratuities in excess of **\$100 per year** to any employee of another member, member firm or broker association. This rule is substantially similar to the restrictions imposed under FINRA Rule 3220 ("Influencing or Rewarding Employees of Others").

**CME & CBOT RA1803-3** 

The text of CME and CBOT Rule 508 is reprinted below:

## 508. GIVING AND RECEIVING OF GRATUITIES

**Advisory Number** 

A member, member firm, broker association or an employee of any of the foregoing may not give, directly or indirectly, to any employee of another member, member firm or broker association any gratuities or gifts with an aggregate market value in excess of \$100 within any twelve-month period.

This rule applies notwithstanding any internal policy of an entity that allows for gifts in excess of \$100. The requirements of this rule apply to both the providers and the recipients of such gifts and gratuities.

Questions regarding this advisory may be directed to the following individuals in Market Regulation:

Robert Sniegowski, Executive Director, Rules & Regulatory Outreach, 312.341.5991 Andrew Vrabel, Executive Director, Global Investigations, 312.435.3622

For media inquiries concerning this Advisory Notice, please contact CME Group Corporate Communications at 312.930.3434 or <a href="mailto:news@cmegroup.com">news@cmegroup.com</a>.