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Submission No. 17-26
January 30, 2017

Mr. Christopher J. Kirkpatrick
Secretary of the Commission
Office of the Secretariat
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
1155 21st Street, NW
Washington, DC 20581

**Re: Amendments to Rules 3.14 - Cotton Delivery Committee
Submission Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Act and Regulation 40.6**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended, and Commodity Futures Trading Commission Regulation 40.6(a), ICE Futures U.S., Inc. (“IFUS” or “Exchange”) self certifies conforming amendments to Rule 3.14, which change the authority of the Cotton Delivery Committee, as set forth in Exhibit A. On December 29, 2016, the Exchange submitted various amendments to the Cotton No. 2 (“CT”) Futures Contract for approval under the procedures in Commission Regulation 40.5 (see ICE Futures U.S. Submission 16-165). Included with those amendments were changes to Rules 10.32, 10.37 and 10.40, which switch the delegation of authority to determine questions and claims relating to CT Futures deliveries from the Cotton Delivery Committee to the Cotton Committee. The Cotton Delivery Committee will retain the authority to determine questions and claims relating to deliveries against the World Cotton Futures Contract.

Conforming amendments to Rule 3.14, eliminate the delegation of authority to the Cotton Delivery Committee to determine all questions and claims related to delivery of cotton against an Exchange futures contract and specify that the Committee shall have such authority as specified in the Rules to consider and decide questions that may arise in connection with the delivery of Cotton against a World Cotton Futures Contract.

The Exchange is not aware of any opposing views to the amendments, which will become effective on February 14, 2017. The Exchange certifies that the amendments comply with the requirements of the Commodity Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. The Exchange further certifies that, concurrent with this filing, a copy of this submission was posted on the Exchange’s website and may be accessed at (<https://www.theice.com/futures-us/regulation#rule-filings>).

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the undersigned at 212-748-4021 or (jason.fusco@theice.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason V. Fusco". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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EXHIBIT A

Rule 3.14. Cotton Delivery Committee

(a) The Cotton Delivery Committee shall be an Exchange Committee and shall consist of, no less than ten (10) and no more than thirty (30) Persons, as determined by the Board.

(b) The Committee may act as a whole or by multi-person panels appointed by the Chairman.

(c) Six (6) members of the Committee, or a majority of a panel shall constitute a quorum.

(d) The Committee shall have such authority as specified in the Rules to consider and decide [all] questions that may arise in connection with the delivery of Cotton [~~on an Exchange Futures~~] against a World Cotton Futures Contract, including, but not limited to, any question affecting the handling or delivery of such Cotton. [~~Any decision rendered or interpretation or construction made shall be subject to appeal to the Board.~~]