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- 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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**RE: Modifications to the NYMEX Hot-Rolled Coil Steel Market Maker Program  
NYMEX Submission No. 18-089**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of plans to modify the NYMEX Hot-Rolled Coil Steel Market Maker Program ("Program"). The modifications to the Program will become effective on March 9, 2018.

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

The Exchange reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"). During the review, NYMEX 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 NYMEX market regulation staff will monitor trading in the Program's products to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse. Additionally, NYMEX has implemented systems to track Program participants' volume to ensure proper distribution of earned incentives. The products included in this Program are listed for trading in the open and competitive market. Participants in the Program will be selected by Exchange staff using criteria as further stated in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the NYMEX rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. All participants must execute a contractual agreement with NYMEX in which each participant will expressly agree to comply with and be subject to, applicable regulations and NYMEX rules. The Program is subject to the Exchange's record retention policies which comply with the CEA.

The Exchange 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 NYMEX Submission No. 18-089 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

# EXHIBIT 1

## NYMEX Hot-Rolled Coil Steel Market Maker Program

### **Program Purpose**

The purpose of the Program is to build liquidity in Hot-Rolled Coil Steel futures that are traded on the CME Globex Platform (“Globex”). The resulting increase in central limit order book liquidity for this product on Globex benefits all participant segments in the market.

### **Product Scope**

U.S. Midwest Domestic Hot-Rolled Coil Steel (CRU) Index Futures (“HRC”) that are traded on Globex (the “Product”).

### **Eligible Participants**

The Exchange may designate up to four (4) participants in the Program. Participants may be NYMEX members or non-members. Potential participants are required to submit an application/bid sheet to the Exchange as part of a competitive application process which is used to determine eligibility. In determining whether a prospective participant is selected to participate in the Program, the Exchange may take into account a variety of factors including the strength of the quoting obligations the prospective participant is willing to commit to provide, the ability of the prospective participant to maintain such obligations, and the prospective participant’s historical activity in the Product. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Exchange may add or subtract from the aforementioned factors as it deems necessary.

### **Program Term**

Start date is June 1, 2017. End date is June 30, 2018.

### **Hours**

Designated hours during RTH.

### **Obligations**

In order to be eligible to receive Program incentives, participants must quote two-sided markets in the applicable Product, at predetermined average bid/ask spreads and minimum quote sizes.

### **Incentives**

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

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

The Exchange shall monitor participants’ activity in the Product and retains the right to revoke Program participant status if it concludes from review that a Program participant no longer meets the obligations of the Program.