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## **BY ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION**

Submission No. 17-42 February 24, 2017

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

**Re:** Weekly Notification of Rule Changes

Submission Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Act and Regulation 40.6 (d)

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended, and Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission") Regulation 40.6(d), ICE Futures U.S., Inc. ("Exchange") submits notification to the Commission that, during the preceding week, the Exchange amended Rule 6.12(b) as set forth in Exhibit A. The Exchange changed a cross reference in the rule to coincide with the amendments to the Commission Regulations setting forth the aggregation exemption available to independent account controllers of affiliated entities.

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

Sincerely,

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cc: Division of Market Oversight

New York Regional Office

## Exhibit A

## Rule 6.12. Aggregation of Positions

- (a) The position limits and position accountability levels established by these Rules shall apply to all positions held by any Person, including those positions in accounts for which such Person by power of attorney or otherwise directly or indirectly holds positions or controls trading; and in the case of positions held by two (2) or more Persons acting pursuant to an expressed or implied agreement or understanding, the same as if all of the positions were held by or the trading of the positions were done by, a single Person.
- (b) An 'eligible entity', as defined in CFTC Regulation 150.1(d) need not aggregate its positions with the eligible entity's client positions or accounts carried by an authorized 'independent account controller', as defined in Regulation 150.1(e), provided that the positions are not held in the spot month during such time as a notice period or spot month position limit is in effect. If an independent account controller is affiliated with an eligible entity or another independent account controller, each of the affiliated entities must comply with the requirements specified in CFTC Regulation 150.[3]4(a)(4)(i)(A-D).
- (c) The Exchange may exclude any Person from the aggregation requirements of paragraph (a) of this Rule upon receipt of a written request in the form specified by the Exchange, which details the circumstances of the request, in the following instances:
  - (i) With respect to the positions or accounts of a separately organized entity (an "owned entity"): if the sharing of information associated with such aggregation creates a reasonable risk that such sharing would cause any Person to violate state or federal law or the law of a foreign jurisdiction, or regulations adopted thereunder, *provided that* a written officer's certification to that effect accompanies the request, and *provided further that* such Person does not have actual knowledge of information associated with such aggregation.
  - (ii) With respect to the positions or accounts of an owned entity in which a Person holds an ownership or equity interest equal to or greater than 10% (except for positions which are subject to Federal position limits): if the individuals controlling the trading decisions of the relevant accounts do not have knowledge of the trading decisions made by each other, the accounts trade pursuant to separately developed and independent trading strategies, there are written procedures designed to preclude access to information regarding the trades, positions and strategies of each account, and there is no sharing of personnel controlling the respective trading decisions.