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Submission No. 17-46
March 3, 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: Deletion of Rule 3.14 - Elimination of 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 the deletion of IFUS Rule 3.14 eliminating the Exchange’s Cotton Delivery Committee. As described below, all of the Cotton Delivery Committee’s responsibilities have been shifted to the Cotton Committee.

Historically, the product committee, the Cotton Committee, has had a greater level of authority than the Cotton Delivery Committee. As such, both the Cotton Committee and the Exchange believe that any interpretations of the terms and conditions of IFUS cotton contracts, including delivery terms, should be made by the product committee and not the delivery committee. Earlier this year, the Exchange amended IFUS Rule 3.14 in connection with amendments to the terms and conditions of Exchange’s Cotton No. 2 Futures (“CT”) Contract that switched the delegation of authority to determine questions and claims relating to CT deliveries from the Cotton Delivery Committee to the Cotton Committee (see IFUS Submission No. 17-26). As a result of these amendments, the Cotton Delivery Committee was charged with one remaining responsibility. The Cotton Delivery Committee still had the authority to determine questions and claims relating to World Cotton Futures (“WCT”) Contract deliveries.

In conjunction with this submission, the Exchange is now amending the terms and conditions of the WCT Contract to switch the delegation of authority to determine questions and claims relating to WCT deliveries from the Cotton Delivery Committee to the Cotton Committee (see IFUS Submission No. 17-44). This will leave the Cotton Delivery Committee with no responsibilities under the Exchange’s rules. As such, the Exchange is deleting Rule 3.14 and eliminating the Cotton Delivery Committee.

The Exchange is not aware of any opposing views to the amendments, which will become effective on March 20, 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", written in a cursive style.

Jason V. Fusco
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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 questions that may arise in connection with the delivery of Cotton against a World Cotton Futures Contract, including, but not limited to, any question affecting the handling or delivery of such Cotton.~~