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- Novel Derivative Product Notification § 40.12(a)
- Swap Submission § 39.5

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**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 Volatility-Quoted Options Market Maker Program  
CME Submission No. 17-088**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of plans to modify the Volatility-Quoted Options Market Maker Program ("Program"). The modifications to the Program will become effective on April 1, 2017.

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

CME reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"). During the review, CME staff identified the following Core Principles as potentially being impacted: Prevention of Market Disruption, 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. Exchange staff will monitor trading in the Program's products in order to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse. Additionally, the Exchange has implemented systems to track Program participants' volume to ensure proper distribution of earned incentives. The Program does not impact the Exchange's order execution. Participants in the Program will be selected by CME staff using criteria as set forth in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the Exchange rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. All participants must execute a contractual agreement with CME in which each participant will expressly agree to comply with, and be subject to, applicable regulations and Exchange rules. Additionally, the Program is subject to the Exchange's record retention policies, which comply with the CEA.

CME 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 CME Submission No. 17-088 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Enclosure: Exhibit 1

# EXHIBIT 1

## Volatility-Quoted Options Market Maker Program

### Program Purpose

The purpose of this Program is to incentivize participants to build liquidity in volatility-quoted options. The resulting increase in liquidity on the central limit order book benefits all participants in the marketplace.

### Product Scope

Volatility-quoted foreign exchange ("FX") options on Euro/U.S. Dollar futures ("EUR/USD"), Japanese Yen/U.S. Dollar futures ("JPY/USD"), British Pound/U.S. Dollar futures ("GBP/USD"), Australian Dollar/U.S. Dollar futures ("AUD/USD"), Canadian Dollar/U.S. Dollar futures ("CAD/USD"), and Swiss Franc/U.S. Dollar futures ("CHF/USD") that are traded on Globex® (collectively, the "Products").

### Eligible Participants

CME may designate up to five (5) participants in the Program. Participants may be CME 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 or not a prospective participant is selected to participate in the Program, CME may take into account a variety of factors including the strength of the quoting obligations the prospective participant is willing to commit to provide and whether CME staff believes that the prospective participant can maintain such obligations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, CME may add to or subtract from the aforementioned factors as it deems necessary.

### Program Term

Start date is November 14, 2016. End date is December 31, 2017.

### Hours

~~Designated hours from 5:00 AM to 3:00 PM Chicago time ("Hours").~~ Regular Trading Hours ("RTH") and Extended Trading Hours ("ETH").

### Obligations

Participants must quote continuous two-sided markets in the Products at maximum bid/ask spreads and minimum quote sizes.

### Incentives

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

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

The Exchange shall monitor trading activity and participants' performance and shall retain the right to revoke participant status if it concludes from review that a participant has failed to meet the obligations of the Program.