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☐	Approval Security Futures	§ 41.23(b)
☐	Novel Derivative Product Notification	§ 40.12(a)
☐	Swap Submission	§ 39.5

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☐	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:** **Implementation of the APAC Copper Options Liquidity Provider Program**
> **COMEX Submission No. 19-160**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Commodity Exchange, Inc. ("COMEX" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") that it plans to implement the APAC Copper Options Liquidity Provider Program ("Program"). The proposed Program will become effective on May 1, 2019.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of the Program.

The Exchange reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA" or "Act"). During the review, Exchange 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 will not impact the Exchange's ability to perform its trade practice and market surveillance obligations under the CEA. The Exchange will monitor trading in the Program's products 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 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 Exchange rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair, or abusive practices. All participants must execute a contractual agreement with the Exchange in which each participant will expressly agree to comply with and be subject to, applicable regulations and Exchange rules. The Program is subject to the Exchange's record retention policies which comply with the CEA.

COMEX 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 or contact Rachel Johnson at 312-466-4393 or via e-mail at Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com. Please reference our COMEX Submission No. 19-160 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

EXHIBIT 1

APAC Copper Options Liquidity Provider Program

Program Purpose

The purpose of the Program is to increase liquidity in the products listed below. The resulting increase in liquidity for the products listed below benefits all participant segments in the market.

Product Scope

Copper Options ("HX"), Copper Weekly Options Week 1 ("H1E"), Copper Weekly Options Week 2 ("H2E"), Copper Weekly Options Week 3 ("H3E"), Copper Weekly Options Week 4 ("H4E"), and Copper Weekly Options Week 5 ("H5E") that are traded on the CME Globex Platform or cleared through CME ClearPort (collectively, the "Products").

Eligible Participants

There is no limit to the number of participants that may participate in the Program. Participants may be COMEX members or non-members.

Program Term

Start date is May 1, 2019. End date is January 31, 2020.

Obligations

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

Incentives

Upon meeting all 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 Program participant status if it concludes from review that a Program participant has failed to meet the requirements of the Program.