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**Organization Rules and Rule Amendments**

- Certification § 40.6(a)
- Approval § 40.5(a)
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- SIDCO Emergency Rule Change § 40.10(h)

Rule Numbers: Not Applicable

**New Product**

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- Certification § 40.2(a)
- Certification Security Futures § 41.23(a)
- Certification Swap Class § 40.2(d)
- Approval § 40.3(a)
- Approval Security Futures § 41.23(b)
- 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: Implementation of the Micro E-mini Futures Market Maker Program  
CME Submission No. 19-161 (1 of 2)**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME") and The Board of Trade of the City of Chicago, Inc. ("CBOT") (collectively, the "Exchanges") hereby notify the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of plans to implement the Micro E-mini Futures Market Maker Program ("Program"). The proposed Program will become effective on May 6, 2019.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of this Program.

The Exchanges 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 does not impact the Exchanges' ability to perform its trade practice and market surveillance obligations under the CEA and the Exchanges' market regulation staff will monitor trading in the Program's products to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse. Additionally, the Exchanges have implemented systems to track Program participants' obligations to ensure proper distribution of earned incentives. The incentives in the Program do not impact the Exchanges' order execution. Participants in the Program will be selected by Exchange staff using criteria as further stated in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the Exchanges' rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. All participants must execute a contractual agreement with the Exchanges in which each participant will expressly agree to comply with and be subject to applicable regulations and the Exchanges' rules. The Program is subject to the Exchanges' record retention policies which comply with the CEA.

The Exchanges certify that the Program complies with the CEA and the regulations thereunder. There were no substantive opposing views to this Program.

The Exchanges certify that this submission has been concurrently posted on the Exchanges' 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. 19-161 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

# EXHIBIT 1

## Micro E-mini Futures Market Maker Program

### Program Purpose

The purpose of this Program is to support development of the products listed below. The resulting increase in liquidity on the central limit order book benefits all participant segments in the market.

### Product Scope

Micro E-mini Standard and Poor's 500 Stock Price Index Futures ("MES"), Micro E-mini Nasdaq-100 Index Futures ("MNQ"), Micro E-mini Russell 2000 Index Futures ("M2K"), and Micro E-mini Dow Jones Industrial Average Index Futures ("MYM") that are traded on the CME Globex Platform ("Products").

### Eligible Participants

The Exchanges may designate up to thirty (30) participants in the Program. Participants may be members or non-members. Potential participants are required to submit an application/bid sheet to the Exchanges 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, the Exchanges' staff may take into account a variety of factors including the strength of the quoting obligations the prospective participant is willing to commit to provide, whether staff believes that the prospective participant can maintain such obligations, and historical volume trading similar products. The Exchanges may, from time to time, add or subtract from the aforementioned requirements as they deem necessary.

### Program Term

Start date is May 6, 2019. End date is October 31, 2019.

### Hours

8:00AM – 3:15PM CT and 5:00PM – 8:00AM CT.

### Obligations

In order to be eligible to receive the incentives, participants must quote two-sided markets in the Products at predetermined average bid/ask spreads and minimum quote sizes during a specified percentage of time-in-market.

### Incentives

Upon meeting the obligations, as determined by the Exchanges, participants may be eligible to receive predetermined incentives.

### Monitoring and Termination of Status

The Exchanges 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 no longer meets the eligibility requirements or fails to meet the obligations of the Program.