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## **Rule Self-Certification**

May 13, 2016

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

Re: Rule §40.6 Submission Certification

**Iceberg Orders** 

Reference File: SR-NFX-2016-53

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended ("Act"), and Section 40.6(a) of the regulations promulgated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the Act, NASDAQ Futures, Inc. ("NFX" or "Exchange") amends Chapter IV, Section 4 to permit Iceberg Orders to be transacted as a Combination Order. The amended rule text is attached as Exhibit A and will be implemented as of the Open Session on May 31, 2016 for trade date June 1, 2016.

An Iceberg Order is an Order where a portion of the Order is displayed and a portion of the Order is non-displayed. When the displayed quantity of the Iceberg Order is executed, a non-displayed portion of the remaining balance of the Order will be displayed in the Order Book as a new Order and will not retain its time priority. The non-displayed portion of the Order which becomes displayed after the original portion is executed will be equal to the original non-displayed quantity. Only if the volume is reduced for an Iceberg Order will it retain its position in the time-priority queue. Today, Iceberg Orders may not be transacted in the Combination Order Book. The Exchange will permit Iceberg Orders to transact as Combination Orders.

With respect to the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Act:

• Compliance with Rules. The Exchange specifies the manner in which Futures Participants may access and trade on NFX. Chapter II, Section I provides for the qualifications and rules of participation applicable to Futures Participants as well as Authorized Traders. Futures

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Participants must utilize the Exchange's services in a responsible manner, comply with Rules, cooperate with Exchange investigations and inquiries and observe high standards of integrity. In addition the Rule provides clear and transparent access criteria and requirements for Futures Participants and Authorized Traders. Chapter V, Section 18 describes prohibited activities with respect to the Trading System.

- Availability of Contract Information. The Exchange has indicated within its trading Rules where specific information relates to a particular Contract. The Exchange provides detailed information within the contract specifications for that particular Contract. The Exchange also posts the terms and conditions of Exchange Contracts in its Rulebook along with trading Rules.
- Execution of Transactions. The Exchange operates an electronic trading facility that provides Futures Participants with the ability to execute Orders within the Exchange's Order Book and offers within a predetermined automated trade matching and execution algorithm. Orders submitted into the Trading System will be matched in Price-Time priority. The Exchange specifies the types of Orders that will be accepted by the Trading System in Chapter IV, Section 4.
- Protection of market participants. Chapter III of the Exchange's Rulebook contains prohibitions precluding intermediaries from disadvantaging their customers. These rules apply to trading in all Contracts.

There were no opposing views among the Exchange's Board of Directors, members or market participants. The Exchange hereby certifies that the amendments to Chapter IV, Section 4 complies with the Commodity Exchange Act and regulations thereunder. The Exchange also certifies that a notice of pending certification with the Commission and a copy of this submission have been concurrently posted on the Exchange's website at business.nasdaq.com/futures.

If you require any additional information regarding the submission, please contact Angela S. Dunn at +1 215 496 5692 or via e-mail at angela.dunn@nasdaq.com. Please reference SR-NFX-2016-53 in any related correspondence.

Regards,

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President

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## Exhibit A

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**NASDAQ Futures Rules** 

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## **Chapter IV Trading System**

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## **Section 4 Acceptable Orders**

Orders entered into the Trading System for display and/or execution, as appropriate, are executable against marketable contra-side Orders in the Trading System.

- (a) Types of Orders accepted by the Trading System are as follows:
  - (i) (vii) No change.
  - (viii) Combination Orders.
    - (i) Combination Orders or "Combination Strategies" will be traded in a separate Order Book pursuant to the Rules in Chapter IV, Section 5. The Combination Order Book will accept mass Quotes. Combination Orders may be originated (adding Expiries, Contracts and trading symbols), by either: (i) the Exchange; or (ii) a Futures Participant or its Authorized Traders or Authorized Customers. Combination Orders will first execute against respective legs of Orders before executing against other Combination Orders within the Combination Order Book. Combination Orders shall not update the prices of the respective legs of such Combination Orders in their respective Order Book. The Exchange will disseminate Combination Orders through ITCH and FIX protocols. The following order types may be Combination Orders: Market Orders, Limit Orders and Market-to-Limit Orders and Iceberg Orders.

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