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Organization: Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME")

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**Organization Rules and Rule Amendments**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Swap Submission                       | § 39.5     |

**Official Product Name:**

**Product Terms and Conditions (product related Rules and Rule Amendments)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certification   | § 40.6(a)            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certification Made Available to Trade Determination     | § 40.6(a)            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certification Security Futures                          | § 41.24(a)           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Delisting (No Open Interest)                            | § 40.6(a)            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval  | § 40.5(a)            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval Made Available to Trade Determination          | § 40.5(a)            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval Security Futures                               | § 41.24(c)           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval Amendments to enumerated agricultural products | § 40.4(a), § 40.5(a) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | “Non-Material Agricultural Rule Change”                 | § 40.4(b)(5)         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Notification  | § 40.6(d)            |

Official Name(s) of Product(s) Affected:

Rule Numbers:



Christopher Bowen  
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May 16, 2022

**VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL**

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Washington, D.C. 20581

**RE: Implementation of the SOFR Options Transition Incentive Pool Program  
CME Submission No. 22-201**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of plans to implement the SOFR Options Transition Incentive Pool Program ("Program"). The proposed Program will become effective on June 1, 2022.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of this Program.

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: Monitoring of Trading, Execution of Transactions, Protection of Market Participants, Compliance with Rules, Availability of General Information, 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, CME 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. The Program does not impact the Exchange's order execution. Participants in the Program will be selected by CME staff using criteria as further stated in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the CME 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 these rules and CME records retention policies that 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. 22-201 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

# EXHIBIT 1

## SOFR Options Transition Incentive Pool Program

### **Program Purpose**

The purpose of this Program is to encourage adoption and incentivize market participants to trade the products listed below. The resulting increase in liquidity on the central limit order book benefits all participant segments in the market.

### **Product Scope**

All Options on One-Month and Three-Month SOFR Futures traded on the CME Globex Platform, traded via Open Outcry, or cleared through CME ClearPort ("Products").

### **Eligible Participants**

There is no limit to the number of participants in the Program. Participants may be CME members or non-members. Participants must have been enrolled in a SOFR or Eurodollar options market maker program within three (3) months prior to June 2022.

### **Program Term**

Start date is June 1, 2022. End date is July 31, 2022.

### **Hours**

N/A

### **Obligations**

In order to be eligible to receive the incentives, participants must meet predetermined volume thresholds and respond to a certain percentage of request-for-quotes ("RFQs") in the Products.

### **Incentives**

Upon meeting all 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 retains the right to revoke participant status if it concludes from review that a participant no longer meets the requirements of the Program.