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Submission No. 20-45 May 18, 2020

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

# **Re:** Amendment to the IFC Liquidity Provider Volume Incentive Program Submission Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Act and Regulation 40.6

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Pursuant to Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") Regulation 40.6(a), ICE Futures U.S., Inc. ("IFUS" or "Exchange") hereby submits by written certification, an amendment extending the term of the IFC Liquidity Provider Volume Incentive Program ("Program"), as set forth in Exhibit A. The Exchange believes that the Program, which was launched on July 30, 2018 with the listing of Canola Futures and Options Contracts has helped increase liquidity and volume in the product. As such, the Exchange is extending the Program , which was set to expire on June 30, 2020, for another year. All other terms remain unchanged.

The Exchange certifies that the amendment to the Program, which will become effective on July 1, 2020, complies with the requirements of the Commodity Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. In particular, the Program continues to comply with Core Principle 4 (Monitoring of Trading), Core Principle 9 (Execution of Transactions) and Core Principle 12 (Protection of Market Participants). The Program does not impact order execution priority or otherwise give participants any execution preference or advantage. In addition, the Exchange's Market Regulation Department actively monitors for trading abuses using electronic exception reports and will take appropriate action against any participants engaging in market abuses.

The Exchange is not aware of any opposing views with regard to the amendment to the Program and further certifies that, concurrent with this filing, a redacted copy of this submission (consistent with the petition for Confidential Treatment filed contemporaneously with the Commission) was posted on the Exchange's website at <u>https://www.theice.com/futures-us/regulation#rule-filings</u>

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at 212-748-4021 or at jason.fusco@theice.com.

Sincerely,

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Division of Market Oversight cc: New York Regional Office

# EXHIBIT A

## ICE Futures U.S., Inc. IFC Liquidity Provider Volume Incentive Program

#### **Program Purpose**

The Program is intended to incentivize participants to increase their proprietary trading volumes in covered products; this increased volume will benefit all participants in the marketplace.

### **Product Scope**

Canola futures and option contracts.

#### **Eligible Participants**

#### [REDACTED]

#### Program Term

The Program term shall end on June 30, 20[20]21, unless extended by the Exchange. The Exchange reserves the right to amend or end the program and/or to terminate any participant at any time prior to that date.

#### Obligations

Participants are required to provide the Exchange with information acceptable to the Exchange detailing Participants' trading activity under the program, and the Exchange may require an additional third party verification report. Participant may receive the stated fee discount via a rebate that will be paid to Participant's Clearing Member on a monthly basis. Such rebate will be paid after the Participant and/or Clearing Member have provided to the Exchange and accounting of Participant's executed program volume and demonstrated that a higher fee has been charged. All rebate requests must be provided to ICE Futures U.S. audit personnel by the 7<sup>th</sup> business day of the subsequent calendar month.

#### **Program Incentives**

### [REDACTED]

### Monitoring and Termination of Status

The Exchange shall monitor trading activity and Participants performance and shall retain the right to revoke Participants' status if it concludes from review that a Program Participant has failed to meet its obligations or no longer meets the eligibility requirements of this Program.