SUBMISSION COVER SHEET **IMPORTANT:** Check box if Confidential Treatment is requested Registered Entity Identifier Code (optional): <u>15-249</u> Organization: The Board of Trade of the City of Chicago, Inc. ("CBOT") \times DCM SEF DCO **SDR** Filing as a: Please note - only ONE choice allowed. Filing Date (mm/dd/yy): <u>06/10/15</u> Filing Description: <u>Elimination of Open Outcry</u> **Trading Venue in Connection with the Closing of CBOT Open Outcry Futures Trading Pits** Please note only ONE choice allowed per Submission. **Organization Rules and Rule Amendments** Certification § 40.6(a) Approval § 40.5(a) Notification § 40.6(d) Advance Notice of SIDCO Rule Change § 40.10(a) SIDCO Emergency Rule Change § 40.10(h) Rule Numbers: See filing. **New Product** Please note only ONE product per Submission. 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:**



June 10, 2015

VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL

Mr. Christopher J. Kirkpatrick Office of the Secretariat Commodity Futures Trading Commission Three Lafayette Centre 1155 21st Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20581

RE: CFTC Regulation 40.6(a) Certification. Elimination of Open Outcry Trading Venue in

Connection with the Closing of CBOT Open Outcry Futures Trading Pits.

CBOT Submission No. 15-249

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

The Board of Trade of the City of Chicago, Inc. ("CBOT" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") that it is self-certifying the elimination of the open outcry trading venue in connection with the closing of CBOT open outcry futures trading on July 2, 2015. Beginning on July 6, 2015, open outcry trading pursuant to Rule 521 ("Requirements for Open Outcry Trades") will remain eligible solely in existing CBOT options currently eligible for open outcry trading in the applicable CBOT options trading pits, inclusive of options, options spreads, options combinations and options/futures spreads.

The elimination of open outcry in CBOT futures pits will not occur until after the close of open outcry trading on July 2, 2015.

The Exchange reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA" or "Act") and identified that the elimination of open outcry futures trading in all futures trading pits may have some bearing on the following Core Principles:

<u>Compliance with Rules</u>: The elimination of open outcry trading in all futures pits represents a change to the terms and conditions of all affected futures products currently trading via open outcry on the trading floor. This venue elimination has been widely communicated to market participants and will not otherwise affect the ability of CBOT to enforce compliance with its rules.

<u>Availability of General Information</u>: Information on the upcoming closing of all CBOT futures trading pits has been widely disseminated. A Special Executive Report reminding the marketplace of the upcoming elimination of open outcry futures trading in futures pits, including rule changes separately self-certified in Submission 15-175 from June 5, 2015, will be issued prior to July 6, 2015.

CBOT certifies that this submission has been concurrently posted on the CME Group website at http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html.

lf	you	require	any	additional	information,	please	e-mail	CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com	or
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Sincerely,

/s/Christopher Bowen Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel