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Registered Entity Identifier Code (optional): 15-251

Organization: Commodity Exchange, Inc. ("COMEX")

Filing as a:  DCM  SEF  DCO  SDR

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Filing Date (mm/dd/yy): 06/10/15 Filing Description: Elimination of Open Outcry Trading Venue in Connection with the Closing of COMEX Open Outcry Futures Trading Pits

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**Organization Rules and Rule Amendments**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Certification                       | § 40.6(a)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Approval                            | § 40.5(a)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Notification                        | § 40.6(d)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Advance Notice of SIDCO Rule Change | § 40.10(a) |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | SIDCO Emergency Rule Change         | § 40.10(h) |

**Rule Numbers:** See filing.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certification                         | § 40.2(a)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certification Security Futures        | § 41.23(a) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certification Swap Class              | § 40.2(d)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval                              | § 40.3(a)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval Security Futures             | § 41.23(b) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Novel Derivative Product Notification | § 40.12(a) |
| <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:**

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 COMEX Open Outcry Futures Trading Pits. COMEX Submission No. 15-251**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Commodity Exchange, Inc. (“COMEX” 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 COMEX 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 COMEX options currently eligible for open outcry trading in the applicable COMEX options trading pits, inclusive of options, options spreads, options combinations and options/futures spreads.

The elimination of open outcry in COMEX 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:

Compliance with Rules: 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 COMEX to enforce compliance with its rules.

Availability of General Information: 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 15-176 (2 of 2) from June 5, 2015, will be issued prior to July 6, 2015.

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

If you require any additional information, please e-mail [CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com](mailto:CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com) or contact the undersigned at 212.299.2200.

Sincerely,

/s/Christopher Bowen  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel