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| <input type="checkbox"/> | "Non-Material Agricultural Rule Change" | § 40.4(b)(5) |
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Official Name(s) of Product(s) Affected:

Rule Numbers:

June 16, 2022

VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL

Mr. Christopher J. Kirkpatrick
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Commodity Futures Trading Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20581

**Re: CFTC Regulation 40.6(a) Certification. Reduction of Block Trade Minimum Threshold for Certain Equity Index Futures Contracts and Basis Trade at Index Close (BTIC) Transactions.
CBOT Submission No. 22-230 (2 of 2)**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. and The Board of Trade of the City of Chicago, Inc. (collectively, the “Exchanges”) certify to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC” or “Commission”) a reduction of the block trade minimum threshold for certain equity index futures contracts and Basis Trade at Index Close (“BTIC”) transactions effective Sunday, July 17, 2022 for trade date Monday, July 18, 2022, as more specifically described in the table below (the “Rule Amendments”).

Contract Title or BTIC Transaction	Rulebook Chapter	Commodity or BTIC Code	Current Futures and BTIC Block Trade Minimum Threshold RTH, ETH, and ATH	Reduced Block Trade Minimum Threshold RTH, ETH, and ATH	Block Trade Reporting Window (Futures and BTIC) (unchanged)
E-mini Russell 2000 Growth Index Futures	CME 394	R2G	40	<u>15</u>	15 minutes
BTIC on E-mini Russell 2000 Growth Index Futures	CME 394	2GT	40	<u>15</u>	15 minutes
E-mini Russell 2000 Value Index Futures	CME 395	R2V	40	<u>15</u>	15 minutes
BTIC on E-mini Russell 2000 Value Index Futures	CME 395	2VT	40	<u>15</u>	15 minutes
S&P 500 Growth Index Futures	CME 355	SG	50	<u>15</u>	15 minutes
BTIC on S&P 500 Growth Index Futures	CME 355	SGT	50	<u>15</u>	15 minutes
S&P 500 Value Index Futures	CME 356	SU	50	<u>15</u>	15 minutes
BTIC on S&P 500 Value Index Futures	CME 356	SUT	50	<u>15</u>	15 minutes
E-mini S&P 500 ESG Index Futures	CME 364	ESG	250	<u>100</u>	15 minutes
BTIC on E-mini S&P 500 ESG Index Futures	CME 364	EGT	250	<u>100</u>	15 minutes
Nasdaq Veles California Water Index Futures	CME 417	H2O	25	<u>10</u>	15 minutes
BTIC on E-mini S&P 500 Stock Price Index Futures	CME 358	EST	500	RTH: 500 ETH: <u>100</u> ATH: <u>100</u>	15 minutes

BTIC on E-mini Nasdaq-100 Index Futures	CME 359	NQT	500	RTH: 500 ETH: 100 ATH: 100	15 minutes
BTIC on E-mini CBOT Dow Jones Industrial Average Index Futures (\$5 multiplier)	CBOT 27	YMT	500	RTH: 500 ETH: 100 ATH: 100	15 minutes

The Rule Amendments are intended to facilitate sourcing of liquidity in block transactions for the Contracts. The Rule Amendments are being implemented to align the manner in which the Contracts are transacted by market participants in the equity market.

The Exchanges reviewed the designated contract market core principles (“Core Principles”) as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act (“CEA” or “Act”) and identified that the Rule Amendments may have some bearing on the following Core Principles:

Availability of General Information: The Exchanges will release a Special Executive Report (“SER”) regarding the Rule Amendments. The SER will also be posted on the CME Group website.

Daily Publication of Trading Information: The Exchanges will continue to publish contract trading volumes, open interest levels, and price information daily on its website and through quote vendors for the Contracts.

Prevention of Market Disruption: Trading in the Contracts will continue to be subject to the rules of the Exchanges, which include prohibitions on manipulation, price distortion, and disruption to the cash settlement process.

Compliance with Rules: The Exchanges will continue its normal practice to establish, monitor, and enforce compliance with the rules of the Contracts, including the reduction of the minimum price increments for the Contracts.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Act and CFTC Regulation 40.6(a), the Exchanges hereby certify that the Rule Amendments comply with the Act, including regulations under the Act. There were no substantive opposing views to the proposal.

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

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact the undersigned at (212) 299-2200 or via e-mail at CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel