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Submission No. 19-185 June 19, 2019

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:** Amendments to New Jurisdiction Volume Incentive Program-Submission Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Act and Regulation 40.6(a)

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended, and Commission Regulation 40.6(a), ICE Futures U.S., Inc. ("Exchange") submits, by written certification, notice that the Exchange is extending the term of the New Jurisdiction Volume Incentive Program (the "Program") through December 31, 2019, as set forth in Exhibit A. The Exchange is extending the term because it believes that the Program, which was launched in February 2013 and set to expire on June 30, 2019, has helped establish tighter markets and greater liquidity in the covered contracts. The amendments to the Program also delete references to products that were delisted by the Exchange. All other Program terms will remain the same.

The Exchange certifies that the amended Program, which will become effective on July 5, 2019, complies with the requirements of the Commodity Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. In particular, the Program complies with Core Principle 4 (Monitoring of Trading), Core Principle 9 (Execution of Transactions) and Core Principle 12 (Protection of Market Participants). The Program is structured to not create incentives for participants to engage in market abuses such as manipulative trading or wash sales. In addition, the Exchange's Market Regulation Department actively monitors for trading abuses using electronic exception reports and can take appropriate action against any participants engaging in market abuses. The Program does not impact order execution priority or otherwise give participants any execution preference or advantage.

The Exchange 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>). The Exchange is not aware of any substantive opposing views by members or others with respect to the amendments to the Program.

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. New Jurisdiction Volume Incentive Program

## **Program Purpose**

The purpose of the Program is to incentivize participants to increase central limit order book volume in the covered products; this increased volume will benefit all participants in the marketplace.

## **Product Scope**

Sugar No. 11, Coffee "C", Cocoa, Cotton No. 2, World Cotton, FCOJ, Sugar No. 16, futures and options contracts.

### **Eligible Participants**

## [PARAGRAPH REDACTED]

### **Program Term**

The Program term shall end on [June] <u>December</u>  $31[\theta]$ , 2019, 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.

#### **Program Incentives**

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#### **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.