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- Certification § 40.6(a)
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- 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:

July 12, 2022

VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL

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Washington, DC 20581

**RE: Implementation of the HRC Steel Options Liquidity Provider Program
COMEX Submission No. 22-285**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Commodity Exchange, Inc. (“COMEX” or “Exchange”) hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC” or “Commission”) that it plans to implement the HRC Steel Options Liquidity Provider Program (“Program”). The proposed Program will become effective on August 1, 2022.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of the Program.

The Exchange reviewed the designated contract market core principles (“Core Principles”) as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act (“CEA” or “Act”). During the review, Exchange staff identified the following Core Principles as potentially being impacted: Monitoring of Trading, Execution of Transactions, Protection of Market Participants, Compliance with Rules, Availability of General Information, and Recordkeeping.

The Program will not impact the Exchange’s ability to perform its trade practice and market surveillance obligations under the CEA. The Exchange will monitor trading in the Program’s products to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse. Additionally, the Exchange has implemented systems to track Program participants’ volume to ensure proper distribution of earned incentives. The products included in this Program are listed for trading in the open and competitive market. Participants in the Program will be selected by Exchange staff using criteria as further stated in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the Exchange rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. All participants must execute a contractual agreement with the Exchange in which each participant will expressly agree to comply with and be subject to, applicable regulations and Exchange rules. The Program is subject to the Exchange’s record retention policies which comply with the CEA.

COMEX certifies that the Program complies with the CEA and the regulations thereunder. There were no substantive opposing views to this Program.

The Exchange certifies that this submission has been concurrently posted on the Exchange’s website at <http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html>.

If you require any additional information regarding this submission, please e-mail CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com or contact Rachel Johnson at 312-466-4393 or via e-mail at Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com. Please reference our COMEX Submission No. 22-285 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

EXHIBIT 1

HRC Steel Options Liquidity Provider Program

Program Purpose

The purpose of the Program is to increase liquidity in the product listed below. The resulting increase in liquidity benefits all participant segments in the market.

Product Scope

U.S. Midwest Domestic Hot-Rolled Coil Steel (CRU) Index Average Price Options (“HRO”) traded on the CME Globex Platform (“Product”).

Eligible Participants

There is no limit to the number of participants that may participate in the Program. Participants may be COMEX members or non-members.

Program Term

Start date is August 1, 2022. End date is July 31, 2023.

Hours

12:30PM – 1:00PM Central Time (CT).

Obligations

In order to be eligible to receive the incentives, participants must quote two-sided markets in the Product, at predetermined widths and minimum quote sizes during a certain percentage of time-in-market.

Incentives

Upon meeting all obligations, as determined by the Exchange, participants will receive predetermined incentives.

Monitoring and Termination of Status

The Exchange shall monitor trading activity and participants’ performance and shall retain the right to revoke participant status if it concludes from review that a participant has failed to meet the requirements of the Program.