

**SUBMISSION COVER SHEET**

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**Organization:** The Board of Trade of the City of Chicago, Inc. ("CBOT")

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Certification                       | § 40.6(a)  |
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| <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:**



Christopher Bowen  
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**VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL**

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**RE: Modifications to the CBOT Market Maker Program for Long-Term U.S. Treasury Bond Futures  
CBOT Submission No. 21-330**

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") of plans to modify the CBOT Market Maker Program for Long-Term U.S. Treasury Bond Futures ("Program"). The modifications to the Program will become effective on August 1, 2021.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of this Program. Modifications appear below, with additions underscored and deletions ~~overstruck~~.

CBOT reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"). During the review, CBOT 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 does not impact the Exchange's ability to perform its trade practice and market surveillance obligations under the CEA and the Exchange's market regulation staff 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' obligations to ensure proper distribution of earned incentives. The incentives in the Program do not impact the Exchange's order execution. Participants in the Program will be selected by Exchange staff using criteria as further stated in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the CBOT 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 CBOT rules. The Program is subject to the Exchange's record retention policies which comply with the CEA.

CBOT 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](mailto:CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com) or contact Rachel Johnson at 312-466-4393 or via e-mail at [Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com](mailto:Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com). Please reference our CBOT Submission No. 21-330 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

# EXHIBIT 1

## Market Maker Program for CBOT Long-Term U.S. Treasury Bond Futures

### Program Purpose

The purpose of the Program is to incent market makers to enhance liquidity in the product listed below. A more liquid contract benefits all participants in the market.

### Product Scope

CBOT Long-Term U.S. Treasury Bond futures traded on Globex® ("Product").

### Eligible Participants

The Program is available to members. Up to seven (7) participants shall be admitted to the Program. Participants are not eligible to participate in other programs that include the Long-Term U.S. Treasury Bond futures contract. New participants are required to submit a Bid Sheet to the Exchange which is used to determine eligibility. Exchange staff will use a variety of factors in determining whether or not a prospective market maker is selected to participate in the Program, including past performance in Long-Term U.S. Treasury Bond futures, the ability to commit to and maintain at least the required quoting obligations, and the ability to meet certain average daily volume requirements in the Product. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Exchange may, from time to time, add to or subtract from the factors listed above as it deems necessary.

### Program Term

Start date is January 10, 2010. End date is ~~July 31, 2021~~ January 31, 2022.

### Hours

RTH (7:00AM – 4:00PM).

### Obligations

Quoting Requirements: In order to be eligible to receive ~~Program~~ incentives, participants must quote in the Product during at least sixty-five percent (65%) of the time from 7:00AM – 4:00PM Chicago Time, continuous two-sided markets for the front month outright contract in the Product in accordance with the table below.

Tier	Spread	Width (Ticks)	Size (2-Sided)
Tier 1	3.0/32 <sup>nd</sup>	3	6
Tier 2	2.0/32 <sup>nd</sup>	2	10
Tier 3	2.0/32 <sup>nd</sup>	2	18

**Extreme Events Clause:** If 10-Year CME Group Volatility Index (CVOL) is 105 or greater for at least three (3) days in a given calendar month, the obligations below may be implemented. Participants will be given notice that the Extreme Events Clause has taken effect.

- (i) Bid/Ask Spread: Increased by 2X
- (ii) Size: Decreased by 0.5X (rounded up)

**Holiday Quoting Schedule:** There will be no quoting obligations on the dates listed below. The Holiday Quoting Schedule may be adjusted by the Exchange. Participants will be given notice of any adjustments to the Holiday Quoting Schedule.

Holiday	Date	Quoting Obligation
Presidents' Day	February 15, 2021	None
Good Friday	April 2, 2021	None
Memorial Day	May 31, 2021	None
Independence Day (Observed)	July 5, 2021	None
Labor Day	September 6, 2021	None
Columbus Day	October 11, 2021	None
Veterans Day	November 11, 2021	None
Thanksgiving	November 25, 2021	None
Day after Thanksgiving	November 26, 2021	None
Christmas (Observed)	December 24, 2021	None
Christmas (Observed)	December 27, 2021	None
New Year's (Observed)	December 31, 2021	None
New Year's (Observed)	January 3, 2022	None
Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.	January 17, 2022	None

## **Program Incentives**

### Tier 1

***Fee Discounts:*** Upon meeting all Program obligations, as determined by the Exchange, participants will be eligible to receive fee discounts of \$0.07 for all volume traded in the Product on Globex®.

### Tier 2

***Fee Waivers:*** Upon meeting all Program obligations, as determined by the Exchange, participants will be eligible to receive fee waivers for all volume traded in the Product on Globex®.

***Fee Credits:*** Upon meeting all Program obligations, as determined by the Exchange, participants will be eligible to receive a \$0.15 fee credit per contract traded in the Product subject to a monthly cap of \$30,000.

### Tier 3

***Fee Waivers:*** Upon meeting all Program obligations, as determined by the Exchange, participants will be eligible to receive fee waivers for all volume traded in the Product on Globex®.

***Fee Credits:*** Upon meeting all Program obligations, as determined by the Exchange, participants will be eligible to receive a \$0.15 fee credit per contract traded in the Product subject to a monthly cap of \$50,000.

### **Monitoring and Termination of Status**

The Exchange shall retain the right to revoke ~~Program~~ participant status if it concludes from review that a ~~Program~~ participant no longer meets the eligibility requirements or fails to meet the obligations of the Program.

If the Exchange determines that a participant has not met its quoting obligations during ~~two (2)~~ one (1) calendar months over the course of the Program but is within twenty percent (20%) of the time-in-market obligations, the participant will be eligible to receive the incentives for ~~each~~ that applicable month.

If the Exchange determines that a participant has not met its quoting obligations during one (1) additional calendar month, the participant will be eligible to receive incentives for that applicable month. Participants must meet quoting obligations for all subsequent months in order to continue to receive the ~~Program~~ incentives.

Upon utilizing the exceptions set forth above, participants that fail to meet quoting obligations in any additional month may be removed from the Program.