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Organization: Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME")

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**Organization Rules and Rule Amendments**

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**Official Product Name:**

**Product Terms and Conditions (product related Rules and Rule Amendments)**

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| <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  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel  
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July 14, 2021

**VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL**

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Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
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Washington, D.C. 20581

**RE: Modifications to the Nikkei 225 Futures Volume Incentive Program  
CME Submission No. 21-339**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") that it plans to modify its incentive program in support of certain Nikkei 225 futures contracts that are traded on CME Globex® ("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~~.

CME reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"). During the review, CME 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 CME market regulation staff will monitor trading in the Program's products to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse. Additionally, CME has implemented systems to track Program participants' volume to ensure proper distribution of earned incentives. The Program does not impact the Exchange's order execution. Participants in the Program will be selected by CME staff using criteria as further stated in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the CME rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. The Program is subject to these rules.

CME 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 CME Submission No. 21-339 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

# EXHIBIT 1

## Nikkei 225 Futures Volume Incentive Program

### **Program Purpose**

The purpose of this Program is to encourage participation in our Nikkei 225 futures product suite to enhance market liquidity for the products listed below. A more liquid contract on the central limit order book benefits all participants in the marketplace.

### **Product Scope**

Nikkei/Yen Futures (“N1”), Nikkei/USD Futures (“NK”), and BTIC on Yen Denominated Nikkei Stock Average Futures (“NIT”) traded on Globex® (“Products”).

### **Eligible Participants**

There is no limit to the number of participants that can participate in the Program. Participants may be members or non-members. The Program is open to all participants that register with the Exchange.

### **Program Term**

Start date is January 2, 2013. End date is ~~July 31, 2021~~ April 30, 2022.

### **Hours**

N/A

### **Obligations**

In order to be eligible to receive the ~~Program~~ incentives, participants must meet predetermined volume thresholds in the Products.

### **Incentives**

Upon meeting all ~~Program~~ obligations, as determined by the Exchange, participants may be eligible to receive predetermined incentives.

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

The Exchange shall monitor trading activity and participants’ performance and shall retain the right to revoke ~~Program~~ participant status if it concludes from review that a ~~Program~~ participant no longer meets the eligibility requirements of the Program.