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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)
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- 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:



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VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL

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**RE: Modifications to the BTIC on Sector Futures Market Maker Program
CME Submission No. 19-280**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of plans to modify the BTIC on Sector Futures Market Maker ("Program"). The modifications to the Program will become effective on August 1, 2019.

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

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, CME staff identified the following Core Principles as potentially being impacted: Monitoring of Trading, Execution of Transactions, Protection of Market Participants, Compliance with Rules, 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 CME 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 CME rules. The Program is subject to the Exchange's record retention policies which comply with the CEA.

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 or contact Rachel Johnson at 312-466-4393 or via e-mail at Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com. Please reference our CME Submission No. 19-280 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

EXHIBIT 1

BTIC ON SECTOR FUTURES MARKET MAKER PROGRAM

Program Purpose

The purpose of this Program is to enhance liquidity in BTIC on Sector futures. The resulting increase in central limit order book liquidity on the CME Globex® Platform ("Globex") benefits all participant segments in the market.

Product Scope

BTIC on CME E-Mini Select Sector Index futures and BTIC on E-mini NASDAQ Biotechnology Index futures ("BIT") that are traded on Globex ("Products").

Eligible Participants

CME may designate up to seven (7) participants in the Program. Participants may be CME members or non-members. Potential participants are required to submit an application/bid sheet to the Exchange as part of a competitive application process which is used to determine eligibility. In determining whether a prospective participant is selected to participate in the Program, Exchange staff may take a variety of factors into consideration including the strength of the quoting obligations the prospective participant is willing to commit to provide, the ability of the prospective participant to maintain such obligations, and historical volume trading the Products and similar contracts. The Exchange may, from time to time, add or subtract from the aforementioned requirements as it deems necessary.

Program Term

Start date is August 1, 2018. End date is ~~July 31, 2019~~ July 31, 2020.

Hours

Regular Trading Hours ("RTH") (8:30AM – 3:00PM CST).

Obligations

In order to be eligible to receive the Program incentives, participants must quote two-sided markets in the Products, at predetermined bid/ask spreads and minimum quote sizes.

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 participant status if it concludes from review that a participant no longer meets the eligibility requirements or fails to meet the obligations of the Program.