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**Organization:** New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX")

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**Filing Date (mm/dd/yy):** July 29, 2016 **Filing Description:** Modifications to the International Coal Products Volume Incentive Program

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**Organization Rules and Rule Amendments**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Certification                       | § 40.6(a)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Approval                            | § 40.5(a)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Notification                        | § 40.6(d)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Advance Notice of SIDCO Rule Change | § 40.10(a) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certification Swap Class              | § 40.2(d)  |
| <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:**

July 29, 2016

**VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL**

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**RE: Modifications to the International Coal Products Volume Incentive Program  
NYMEX Submission No. 16-312**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") that it plans to modify the International Coal Products Volume Incentive Program ("Program"). The modifications to the Program will become effective on August 15, 2016.

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

The Exchange reviewed the designated contract market Core Principles as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"). During the review, NYMEX staff identified the following Core Principles as potentially being impacted: Prevention of Market Disruption, 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. The Exchange's market regulation staff will monitor trading in the Program's products to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse. Additionally, NYMEX 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 NYMEX rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. All participants must expressly agree to comply with and be subject to, applicable regulations and NYMEX rules. The Program is subject to the Exchange's record retention policies which comply with the CEA.

The Exchange 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 NYMEX Submission No. 16-312 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

# EXHIBIT 1

## International Coal Products Volume Incentive Program

### **Program Purpose**

The purpose of the Program is to incentivize higher levels of volume contribution in the NYMEX coal products listed below. Higher levels of volume and liquidity in the products listed below benefits all participants in the marketplace.

### **Product Scope**

Coal (API4) FOB Richards Bay (ARGUS-McCloskey) Futures ("MFF"), Coal (API2) CIF ARA (ARGUS-McCloskey) Futures ("MTF"), Coal (API 2) cif ARA (Argus/McCloskey) Options ("MTO"), Coal (API 4) fob Richards Bay (Argus/McCloskey) Options ("MFO"), Coal (API 4) fob Richards Bay (Argus/McCloskey) Calendar Option ("RLA"), Coal (API 2) cif ARA (Argus/McCloskey) Calendar Option ("CLA"), Coal (API 4) fob Richards Bay (Argus/McCloskey) Quarterly Option ("RQA"), and Coal (API 2) cif ARA (Argus/McCloskey) Quarterly Option ("CQA") products that are traded on the CME Globex Platform or cleared through the clearing house ("Products").

### **Eligible Participants**

There is no limit to the amount of participants that may participate in the Program. Participants may be NYMEX members or non-members. The Exchange, in its sole discretion, will use a variety of factors in determining whether or not a prospective participant is selected to participate in the Program, including the prospective participant's historical volume in the Products and experience trading NYMEX products and similar contracts. The Exchange may from time to time add or subtract from the above factors as it deems necessary.

### **Program Term**

Start date is March 12, 2015. End date is February 28, 2017.

### **Hours**

N/A

### **Incentives**

Upon meeting all requirements, as determined by the Exchange, participants may be eligible for predetermined incentives.

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

The Exchange shall monitor participants' activity in the Products and retains 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.