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Certification Security Futures	§ 41.23(a)
Certification Swap Class	§ 40.2(d)
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Novel Derivative Product Notification	§ 40.12(a)
Swap Submission	§ 39.5
Official Product Name:	
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Certification Security Futures	§ 41.24(a)
Delisting (No Open Interest)	§ 40.6(a)
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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)
	§ 40.6(d)



August 11, 2020

#### VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL

Christopher J. Kirkpatrick Office of the Secretariat Commodity Futures Trading Commission Three Lafayette Centre 1155 21st Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20581

#### RE: Extension of the BTIC on Nikkei 225 Fee Discount Program CME Submission No. 20-359

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of plans to extend the BTIC on Nikkei 225 Fee Discount Program ("Program") through August 31, 2021. The extension of the Program will become effective on September 1, 2020. All other Program terms remain unchanged.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of the Program. Modifications appear below, with additions <u>underlined</u> and deletions <del>overstruck</del>.

The Exchange reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"). 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, and Recordkeeping.

The Program does not incentivize manipulative trading or market abuse or 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. The Program does not impact the Exchange's order execution. Chapter 4 of the Exchange's rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. The Program is subject to these rules and the Exchange's records retention policies that 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 <a href="http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html">http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html</a>.

If you require any additional information regarding this submission, please e-mail <u>CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com</u> or contact Rachel Johnson at 312-466-4393 or via e-mail at <u>Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com</u>. Please reference our CME Submission No. 20-359 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

# **EXHIBIT 1**

# **BTIC on Nikkei 225 Fee Discount Program**

### Program Purpose

The purpose of this Program is to encourage participants to support open interest development and increase liquidity in the products listed below. A more liquid contract benefits all participants in the marketplace.

### Product Scope

Basis Trade at Index Close ("BTIC") on Nikkei/USD Futures ("NK") and Nikkei/Yen Futures ("N1") (collectively, the "Products").

### Eligible Participants

There is no limit to the number of participants in the Program. Participants may be members or nonmembers. The incentives described below will be automatically applied to all BTIC transactions in the Products made by market participants.

### Program Term

Start date is February 19, 2019. End date is August 31, 2020 August 31, 2021.

## <u>Hours</u>

N/A

#### **Incentives**

*BTIC Fee Discounts*: All market participants will receive a reduced fee of \$0.50 for all BTIC transactions in the Products.