

**SUBMISSION COVER SHEET**

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Registered Entity Identifier Code (optional): 19-331

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

Filing as a:  DCM  SEF  DCO  SDR

Please note - only ONE choice allowed.

Filing Date (mm/dd/yy): August 22, 2019 Filing Description: Implementation of the BTIC+ & TACO+ Trading Discount Program

**SPECIFY FILING TYPE**

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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) |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | SIDCO Emergency Rule Change         | § 40.10(h) |

Rule Numbers: **Not Applicable**

**New Product**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certification                         | § 40.2(a)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certification Security Futures        | § 41.23(a) |
| <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:

August 22, 2019

**VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL**

Christopher J. Kirkpatrick  
Office of the Secretariat  
Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
Three Lafayette Centre  
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Washington, DC 20581

**RE: Implementation of the BTIC+ & TACO+ Trading Discount Program  
CME Submission No. 19-331**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of plans to implement the BTIC+ & TACO+ Trading Discount Program ("Program"). The proposed Program will become effective on September 9, 2019.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of the Program.

CME 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 will 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 CME rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. The Program is subject to these rules and CME 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.

CME 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 [CMESubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com](mailto:CMESubmissionInquiry@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. 19-331 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

# EXHIBIT 1

## BTIC+ & TACO+ Trading Discount Program

### Program Purpose

The purpose of this Program is to incentivize participants to support the launch and development of the products listed below. A more liquid contract benefits all participants in the marketplace.

### Product Scope

Nearby BTIC+ Futures on E-mini Standard and Poor's 500 Stock Price Index Futures ("ES1"), Deferred BTIC+ Futures on E-mini Standard and Poor's 500 Stock Price Index Futures ("ES2"), and TACO+ Futures on E-mini Standard and Poor's 500 Index Futures ("EQ1") ("Products").

### Eligible Participants

There is no limit to the number of participants in the Program. Participants must be CME members. Participants are required to submit an application to the Exchange to enroll in this Program.

### Program Term

Start date is September 9, 2019. End date is January 31, 2020.

### Hours

N/A

### Incentives

*Fee Discounts:* Beginning September 9, 2019, the first seven (7) participants that exceed 2,500 contracts traded in the Products ("Qualifying Participants") will be eligible to receive Fee Discounts on all Globex and ex-pit transactions in the Products in accordance with the table below. In the event of a tie, eligibility will be determined by: (i) total volume in September, then (ii) total volume in week 1, defined as September 9 – 13, 2019, then (iii) trade date of first contract traded, and if still a tie, (iv) time of first trade.

Qualification Period*	Fee Discounts	Duration of Fee Discounts
September 9 – 13, 2019	\$1.25	October 2019 – January 2020
September 14 – 30, 2019	\$0.75	October 2019 – January 2020

\*Participants qualifying after September 30, 2019 will be eligible for Fee Discounts of \$0.75 on all Globex and ex-pit transactions in the Products beginning the first day of the month following qualification.

*September 2019 Stipend:* Qualifying participants will be ranked by total volume in the Products during the month of September 2019. The top three (3) participants will be eligible to receive a September 2019 Stipend in accordance with the following:

Rank	Stipend
1	\$25,000
2	\$15,000

3	\$5,000
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**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 has failed to meet the requirements of the Program.