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Rule Numbers:

August 22, 2018

VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL

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

Re: CFTC Regulation 40.6(a) Certification. Notification Regarding Expansion of the Trading Days of Basis Trade at Index Close (“BTIC”) Transactions in the Yen Denominated TOPIX Index Futures Contract. CME Submission No. 18-333

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange, Inc. (“CME” or “Exchange”) is notifying the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC” or “Commission”) that it is self-certifying amendments CME Rule 37106. (“Basis Trade at Index Close (“BTIC”) Transactions”) (the “Rule Amendments”) to expand the availability of trading days of BTIC transactions in the Yen Denominated TOPIX Index futures contract (CME Rulebook Chapter 371; Commodity Code: TPY; BTIC Code: TPB) (the “Contract”) effective Sunday, September 9, 2018, for trade date Monday, September 10, 2018.

The schedule that the Exchange’s rules now prescribe for BTIC trading is specified so as to accommodate BTIC transactions in futures products that reference equity indexes reflective of prices or returns on broad-based sets of shares that are listed for trading on securities markets or bourses domiciled either in the Western Hemisphere or in Europe. The Rule Amendments define an alternative schedule for BTIC transacting in the Contract, so as to accommodate the risk-management needs of market participants who characteristically operate during Tokyo business hours. Pursuant to the Rule Amendments, BTIC transactions in the Contract shall be permitted at all times during which the Contract may be traded on the CME Globex electronic trading platform (“CME Globex”), including during the CME Globex pre-opening period. Specifically, BTIC trading in the Contract shall terminate at 3:00 p.m. Tokyo Time (1:00 a.m. Eastern Time) on the **Thursday** prior to the second Friday of the contract month. By contrast, BTIC trading in the Contract currently is permitted only until 3:00 p.m. Tokyo Time (1:00 a.m. Eastern Time) on the **Wednesday** prior to the second Friday of the contract month.

The Exchange reviewed the designated contract market core principles (“Core Principles”) as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act (“CEA” or “Act”) and identified that the following Core Principles may be impacted by this action:

- **Availability of General Information**: The Exchange will publish a Special Executive Report (“SER”) to advise the marketplace of the Rule Amendments. The SER will be posted on the CME Group website.
- **Execution of Transactions**: The Rule Amendments will strengthen the Exchange’s ability to provide a competitive, open, and efficient market mechanism for executing transactions.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Act and CFTC Regulation 40.6(a), the Exchange hereby certifies that the Rule Amendments comply with the Act, including regulations under the Act. There were no substantive opposing views to this proposal.

The Exchange certifies that this submission has been concurrently posted on the CME Group website at <http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html>.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please e-mail CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com or contact the undersigned at (212) 299-2200.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit A -- CME Rulebook Chapter 371 ("Yen Denominated TOPIX Index Futures")
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Exhibit A

CME Rulebook Chapter 371 Yen Denominated TOPIX Index Futures (additions underlined; deletions ~~struck through~~)

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37106. BASIS TRADE AT INDEX CLOSE (“BTIC”) TRANSACTIONS

Futures shall be eligible for BTIC transactions. All BTIC transactions must be executed in accordance with the requirements of Rule 524.B.

37106.A. [Reserved]

37106.B. Price Assignment Procedure for BTIC Futures

The futures price of a BTIC transaction shall be determined by the Exchange no later than 3:45 p.m. Such price determination shall be deemed final.

37106.C. BTIC Order Minimum Price Increment

The minimum price increment shall be 0.1 Index points, equal to ¥500 per contract, for any basis adjustment that is applied to the Index closing level to establish the futures price of a BTIC transaction.

37106.D. BTIC Orders Prohibited on Last Day of Trading

Orders for BTIC transactions ~~[in expiring futures may not be initiated on the last day of trading in such expiring futures.]~~ may be initiated (i) at any time when futures are available for trading on CME Globex and (ii) during the CME Globex pre-open time period for futures.

37106.E. Market Disruption Events

In the event of disruption to the TSE, all pending and executed BTIC transactions in futures shall be cancelled by the Exchange. Such disruption shall be declared by the Exchange in its sole discretion, and may include, without limitation, an unscheduled early closure for the day of the TSE or a regulatory trading halt necessitating an early closure of the TSE.

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