SUBMISSION COVER SHEET **IMPORTANT:** Check box if Confidential Treatment is requested Registered Entity Identifier Code (optional): 16-355 (4 of 4) **Organization: Commodity Exchange, Inc. ("COMEX")** $|\times|$ DCM SEF DCO **SDR** Filing as a: Please note - only ONE choice allowed. Filing Date (mm/dd/yy): 09/01/2016 Filing Description: Amendments to Rule 106.K. ("Transfer to a Trust") Please note only ONE choice allowed per Submission. **Organization Rules and Rule Amendments** Certification § 40.6(a) Approval § 40.5(a) § 40.6(d) Notification Advance Notice of SIDCO Rule Change § 40.10(a) SIDCO Emergency Rule Change § 40.10(h) Rule Numbers: 106.K. **New Product** Please note only ONE product per Submission. Certification § 40.2(a) **Certification Security Futures** § 41.23(a) Certification Swap Class § 40.2(d) Approval § 40.3(a) **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) § 40.4(b)(5) "Non-Material Agricultural Rule Change" Notification § 40.6(d) Official Name(s) of Product(s) Affected: **Rule Numbers:**



September 1, 2016

VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL

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

RE: CFTC Regulation 40.6(a) Certification. Notification Regarding Amendments to

CME/CBOT/NYMEX/COMEX Rule 106.K. ("Tranfer to a Trust"). CME/CBOT/NYMEX/COMEX Submission No. 16-355 (4 of 4)

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME"), The Board of Trade of the City of Chicago, Inc. ("CBOT"), New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX") and Commodity Exchange, Inc. ("COMEX") (collectively, the "Exchanges") hereby notify the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") that they are self-certifying amendments to Rule 106.K ("Transfer to a Trust") to allow a membership to be transferred to trust for which the member's nieces and nephews are beneficiaries, effective on Monday, September 19, 2016.

Rule 106.K. currently allows memberships to be transferred to a trust only where, among other restrictions, the beneficiaries to the trust are limited to "immediate family members" as defined in Rule 106.C. Rule 106.C. defines "Immediate Family Members" as parents, siblings, children, grandchildren, grandparents, fathers-in-law, mothers-in-law, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, and spouses. The proposed revision to Rule 106.K. will allow members to transfer their memberships to a trust for which their nieces or nephews are the beneficiaries in addition to "immediate family members" as defined under Rule 106.C. This revision will provide broader estate planning options for members who do not have direct descendants.

The amendments to each Exchange's Rule 106.K. appear in Exhibit A in blackline format.

The Exchanges reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA" or the "Act") and identified that the amendment to Rule 106.K. may have some bearing on the following Core Principle:

<u>Availability of General Information</u>: As required by this Core Principle, the Exchanges will issue a Special Executive Report ("SER") to the marketplace prior to the amendments becoming effective. The SER will also be availabile on the CME Group website.

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

The Exchanges certify that this submission has been concurrently posted on the Exchanges' website at http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html.

If you require any additional information, 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/CBOT/NYMEX/COMEX Rule 106.K. (blackline format)

Exhibit A

CME/CBOT/NYMEX/COMEX Chapter 1 Membership

(additions are underscored)

CME

106.K. Transfer to a Trust

A member may transfer his membership to a trust for which the member is the grantor. The document(s) establishing the trust shall at all times include the restrictions as to permissible beneficiaries and state that (1) the trust takes the membership subject to all of the rules of the Exchange, as may be amended, (2) the interests in the membership that inure to the beneficiaries of the trust shall be subject to all of the rules of the Exchange, as may be amended, (3) the Exchange's rights with respect to the membership are superior to those of the beneficiaries, and (4) the Exchange shall have no liability to the beneficiaries of the trust in the event of the mishandling of the trust assets by the trustee. Permissible beneficiaries are immediate family members as set forth in Rule 106.C as well as nieces and nephews. The grantor (or the grantor's personal representative) and the trustee (and any successor) shall each provide in the form provided by the Exchange an acknowledgment that the trust takes the membership subject to all of the rules of the Exchange and that the trust is in compliance with the requirements of this Rule. The grantor shall comply with any request to produce trust information made by Exchange staff.

If such a transfer is made by a bona fide gift or bequest, it shall also be subject to the requirements of Rule 106.E.

The grantor's liability to the Exchange under Rule 439 shall continue with respect to any claim arising out of an act or omission occurring prior to such transfer, and the membership will continue to be treated as the asset of the grantor for the purposes of Rule 439 and for otherwise meeting any obligations to the Exchange arising out of the grantor's use of the membership prior to the transfer to the trust, including fines imposed with respect to conduct occurring prior to the transfer.

A membership held pursuant to a transfer under this section may be assigned for membership purposes under Rules 106.J. or 902 or reinstated to the transferor pursuant to this section.

The transfer shall be revoked and the membership shall revert to the transferor upon official notice to the Exchange that the trust has been revoked. The membership must be transferred out of the trust within 90 days of the closing of the member's estate.

CBOT

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A member may transfer his membership to a trust for which the member is the grantor. The document(s) establishing the trust shall at all times include the restrictions as to permissible beneficiaries and state that (1) the trust takes the membership subject to all of the rules of the Exchange, as may be amended, (2) the interests in the membership that inure to the beneficiaries of the trust shall be subject to all of the rules of the Exchange, as may be amended, (3) the Exchange's rights with respect to the membership are superior to those of the beneficiaries, and (4) the Exchange shall have no liability to the beneficiaries of the trust in the event of the mishandling of the trust assets by the trustee. Permissible beneficiaries are immediate family members as set forth in Rule 106.C as well as nieces and nephews. The grantor (or the grantor's personal representative) and the trustee (and any successor) shall each provide in the form provided by the Exchange an acknowledgment that the trust takes the membership subject to all of the rules of the Exchange and that the trust is in compliance with the requirements of this Rule. The grantor shall comply with any request to produce trust information made by Exchange staff.

The transfer of a Series B-3 (GIM) membership to a trust wherein the member/grantor is the trustee shall not count toward the two consecutive assignments specified in Rule 106.T.

If such a transfer is made by a bona fide gift or bequest, it shall also be subject to the requirements of Rule 106.E.

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A membership held pursuant to a transfer under this section may be assigned for membership privileges under Rules 106.H., 106.I., 106.J., 106.R., 106.S. and 902 or reinstated to the transferor pursuant to this section.

The transfer shall be revoked and the membership shall revert to the transferor upon official notice to the Exchange that the trust has been revoked. The membership must be transferred out of the trust within 90 days of the closing of the member's estate.

NYMEX/COMEX

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