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Submission No. 15-159 September 18, 2015

Mr. Christopher J. Kirkpatrick Secretary of the Commission Office of the Secretariat Commodity Futures Trading Commission Three Lafayette Centre 1155 21<sup>st</sup> Street, NW Washington, DC 20581

Re: Amendments to Rule 27.11 Submission Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Act and Regulation 40.6

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended, and Commission Regulation 40.6(a), ICE Futures U.S., Inc. ("IFUS" or "Exchange") self certifies amendments to the IFUS Rule 27.11, as set forth in Exhibit A. The Exchange is amending Rule 27.11 to clarify the calendar spread quote convention in place for Credit Index Futures Contracts and all physically settled Gold and Silver Contracts. For these contracts, a buyer of the calendar spread will be a buyer of the front month and seller of the back month and a seller of the calendar spread will be a seller of the front month and a buyer of the back month.

The Exchange is not aware of any opposing views to the amendment, which will become effective on October 5, 2015. The Exchange certifies that the amendment to the Procedures complies with the requirements of the Commodity Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. Specifically, the amendments comply with Core Principle 7 (Availability of general Information) as they provide information concerning the mechanisms of trading. The Exchange further certifies that, concurrent with this filing, a copy of this submission was posted on the Exchange's website and may be accessed at (https://www.theice.com/notices/RegulatoryFilings.shtml).

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the undersigned at 212-748-4021 or (jason.fusco@theice.com).

Sincerely,

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## **EXHIBIT A**

## Rule 27.11. Acceptable Orders

- (a) The following order types are supported by the ETS and shall be available in such futures and options contracts as determined by the Exchange from time to time (listed in alphabetical order):
  - (i) "Calendar Spread orders" Calendar Spread orders are orders to purchase one (1) or more Exchange Futures Contracts and sell an equal number of Exchange Futures Contracts in the same Commodity at a stated price difference. All Exchange Futures Contracts comprising the Calendar Spread Order must be for the same Person. Calendar Spread orders may either trade against other matching Calendar Spread orders or may be traded against outright contracts. When traded against outright contracts, the outright contract prices are always used for each of the legs of the Calendar Spread order. When traded against another Calendar Spread order, the prices of the legs of such Transactions will be generated by a Calendar Spread algorithm determined by the Exchange and the prices of the legs of such Transactions may exceed the daily price limit for the respective product.
    - (A) For ETS Calendar Spread orders for Cocoa, Coffee "C"<sup>®</sup>, Cotton No. 2<sup>®</sup>, FCOJ, Sugar No. 11<sup>®</sup>, Sugar No. 16, Corn, Wheat, Soybeans, Soybean Meal Soybean Oil, Credit Index, [and] Energy and all physically settled Gold and Silver Contracts, a buy order is defined as purchasing the near month and selling the far month, and a sell order is defined as a selling the near month and purchasing the far month.
    - (B) For ETS Calendar Spread orders for Financial Contracts and Index Contracts, a buy order is defined as purchasing the far month and selling the near month, and a sell order is defined as selling the far month and purchasing the near month.