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Submission No. 19-297
October 7, 2019

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

**Re: Amendments to MSCI EAFE Index Contracts Designated Market Maker Program
Submission Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Act and Regulation 40.6**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Pursuant to Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC”) Regulation 40.6(a), ICE Futures U.S., Inc. (“IFUS” or “Exchange”) hereby submits by written certification, notice that the Exchange is amending the MSCI EAFE Index Contracts Designated Market Maker Program (“Program”), as set forth in Exhibit A.

The Exchange certifies that the amended Program, which will become effective on October 22, 2019, complies with the requirements of the Commodity Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. In particular, the Program complies with Core Principle 4 (Monitoring of Trading), Core Principle 9 (Execution of Transactions) and Core Principle 12 (Protection of Market Participants). The Program does not impact order execution priority or otherwise give participants any execution preference or advantage. In addition, the Exchange’s Market Regulation Department actively monitors for trading abuses using electronic exception reports and will take appropriate action against any participants engaging in market abuses.

The Exchange is not aware of any opposing views with regard to the Program and further certifies that, concurrent with this filing, a copy of this submission was posted on the Exchange’s website at (<https://www.theice.com/futures-us/regulation#rule-filings>).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason V. Fusco". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Jason V. Fusco
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cc: Division of Market Oversight
New York Regional Office

EXHIBIT A

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ICE Futures MSCI EAFE Index Contracts Designated Market Maker Program

Program Purpose

The purpose of the Program is to incentivize participants to increase central limit order book liquidity in the Exchange's MSCI EAFE Index futures and related contracts; this enhanced liquidity will benefit all participants in the marketplace.

Product Scope

Futures contracts on the MSCI EAFE Index - contract symbol MFS (the "EAFE Contract"); and the MSCI World, ACWI, Canada, USA, North America, Pacific, Euro, Europe and Pan Euro Indexes (collectively the "EAFE-Associated Contracts").

Eligible Participants

IFUS may designate any number of participants in the Program. In order to be considered for selection into the Program, potential participants must have maintained a sufficient monthly average volume in one or more of the Program contracts over the past six months at the time of application. Notwithstanding the foregoing the Exchange may add or subtract from the aforementioned criteria as it deems necessary.

Program Term

The initial term of the program term shall begin on July 1, 2019 and end on December 31, 2019.

Obligations

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Program Incentives

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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 Participants' status if it concludes from review that a Program Participant has failed to meet its obligations or no longer meets the eligibility requirements of this Program.