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- Certification § 40.6(a)
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- 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)
- "Non-Material Agricultural Rule Change" § 40.4(b)(5)
- Notification § 40.6(d)

**Official Name(s) of Product(s) Affected:**

**Rule Numbers:**

October 6, 2020

**VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL**

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**RE: Modifications to the South American Soybean Market Maker Program  
CBOT Submission No. 20-434**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

The Board of Trade of the City of Chicago, Inc. ("CBOT" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of plans to modify the South American Soybean Market Maker Program ("Program"). The modifications to the Program will become effective on October 22, 2020.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of this Program. Modifications appear below, with additions underlined and deletions ~~overstruck~~.

The Exchange reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA" or "Act"). During the review, CBOT 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 does not impact the Exchange's ability to perform its trade practice and market surveillance obligations under the CEA and the Exchange's market regulation staff will monitor trading in the Program's products to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse. Additionally, the Exchange has implemented systems to track Program participants' obligations to ensure proper distribution of earned incentives. The incentives in the Program do not impact the Exchange's order execution. Participants in the Program will be selected by Exchange staff using criteria as further stated in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the CBOT rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. All participants must execute a contractual agreement with the Exchange in which each participant will expressly agree to comply with and be subject to applicable regulations and CBOT rules. The Program is subject to the Exchange's record retention policies which comply with the CEA.

CBOT certifies that the Program complies with the CEA and the regulations thereunder. There were no substantive opposing views to this Program.

The Exchange 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 [CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com](mailto:CMEGSubmissionInquiry@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 CBOT Submission No. 20-434 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

# EXHIBIT 1

## South American Soybean Market Maker Program

### Program Purpose

The purpose of this Program is to support the development of the product listed below. The resulting increase in liquidity on the central limit order book benefits all participant segments in the market.

### Product Scope

FOB Santos Soybeans Financially Settled (Platts) Futures (“SAS”) that are traded on the CME Globex Platform or cleared through CME ClearPort (the “Product”).

### Eligible Participants

There is no limit to the number of participants that may participate in the Program. Participants may be CBOT members or non-members. Participants must be proprietary trading firms.

### Program Term

Start date is September 21, 2020. End date is March 31, 2021.

### Hours

8:30AM – 4:20PM 1:15PM CT.

### Obligations

*Minimum Quoting Obligations\**: In order to be eligible to receive the incentives, participants must quote continuous two-sided markets in the Product at maximum bid/ask spreads and minimum quote sizes in accordance with the baseline quoting obligations listed below. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Exchange may vary the baseline quoting obligations as it deems necessary based on ongoing evaluations of the Program.

Incentive	Product	Width (Ticks)	Width (Index Pts)	Width (USD)	Size (Contracts)	Time-in-Market	Time Period
Incentive Pool	SAS Months 2—4	4	-.8	\$0.80	8	75%	8:30AM—1:20PM CT
	SAS Months 5—6	6	1.2	\$1.20	4	75%	8:30AM—1:20PM CT
	SAS Months 1—4 and Spot	4	-.8	\$0.80	4	50%	1:05PM—1:20PM CT
Member Fee Waivers; Non-Member Fee Discounts	SAS Month 1	4	-.8	\$0.80	4	20%	8:30AM—1:20PM CT

<u>Program Timeframe</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Width (Ticks)</u>	<u>Width (Index Pts)</u>	<u>Width (USD)</u>	<u>Size (Contracts)</u>	<u>Time-in-Market</u>	<u>Time Period</u>
<u>October 22 – 31, 2020 &amp; November 2020</u>	<u>SAS Months 2 – 3</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>3.00</u>	<u>\$3.00</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>70%</u>	<u>8:30AM – 1:15PM CT</u>
	<u>SAS Months 4 – 5</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>3.00</u>	<u>\$3.00</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>60%</u>	<u>8:30AM – 1:15PM CT</u>
	<u>SAS Close</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>2.00</u>	<u>\$2.00</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>50%</u>	<u>1:10PM – 1:15PM CT</u>
	<u>SAS February Contract</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>5.00</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>60%</u>	<u>8:30AM – 1:15PM CT</u>
	<u>SAS Member Fee Waivers / Non-Member Fee Discounts</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>2.00</u>	<u>\$2.00</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>20%</u>	<u>8:30AM – 1:15PM CT</u>
<u>December 2020 – March 2021</u>	<u>SAS Months 2 – 3</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>2.00</u>	<u>\$2.00</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>70%</u>	<u>8:30AM – 1:15PM CT</u>
	<u>SAS Months 4 – 5</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>2.40</u>	<u>\$2.40</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>60%</u>	<u>8:30AM – 1:15PM CT</u>
	<u>SAS Close</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>2.00</u>	<u>\$2.00</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>50%</u>	<u>1:10PM – 1:15PM CT</u>
	<u>SAS February Contract</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>3.00</u>	<u>\$3.00</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>60%</u>	<u>8:30AM – 1:15PM CT</u>
	<u>SAS Member Fee Waivers / Non-Member Fee Discounts</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>2.00</u>	<u>\$2.00</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>20%</u>	<u>8:30AM – 1:15PM CT</u>

Holiday Quoting Schedule: There will be no quoting obligations on the dates listed below. The Holiday Quoting Schedule may be adjusted by the Exchange. Participants will be given notice of any adjustments to the Holiday Quoting Schedule.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Holiday</u>
11/26/2020	Thanksgiving
11/27/2020	Day After Thanksgiving
12/24/2020	Christmas Eve
12/25/2020	Christmas Day
1/1/2021	New Year's Day
1/18/2021	Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.
2/15/2021	Presidents' Day

## Incentives

Member Fee Waivers: Upon meeting the Minimum Quoting Obligations for Member Fee Waivers, as determined by the Exchange, member participants will receive fee waivers for Globex and ClearPort transactions in the Product.

Non-Member Fee Discounts: Upon meeting the Minimum Quoting Obligations for Non-Member Fee Discounts, as determined by the Exchange, non-member participants will receive a discounted rate of \$0.26 for Globex and ClearPort transactions in the Product.

Incentive Pool\*: Each month, all participants meeting the Minimum Quoting Obligations set forth above for the Incentive Pool will be ranked by Globex and ClearPort volume in the Product. For purposes of volume calculation, the following weightings will be applied:

- (i) Globex aggressor volume = 1X
- (ii) Globex passive volume for outrights = 1.5X
- (iii) ClearPort volume = 2X
- (iv) Each leg of a Globex spread = 0.5X

The top five (5) participants will receive a pro-rata distribution of the Incentive Pool in accordance with the table below. The Incentive Pool will be funded based on market average daily volume (“ADV”) in accordance with the following:

	<b>Tier 1</b>	<b>Tier 2</b>	<b>Tier 3</b>
<b>September Pool Amount</b>	<b>\$47,619</b>	<b>\$57,143</b>	<b>\$66,667</b>
September 21 – 30, 2020 ADV	401 – 300	301 – 500	501+
<b>Pool Amount</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>	<b>\$175,000</b>
October ADV	401 – 300 5 – 25	301 – 500 26 – 200	501+ 201+
November ADV	201 – 400 10 – 50	401 – 600 51 – 300	601+ 301+
December ADV	301 – 600 25 – 100	601 – 800 101 – 400	801+ 401+
January ADV	401 – 800 50 – 200	801 – 1,600 201 – 500	1,601+ 501+
February ADV	401 – 800 100 – 300	801 – 1,600 301 – 600	1,601+ 601+
March ADV	401 – 800 200 – 600	801 – 1,600 601 – 1,000	1,601+ 1,001+

\*The Incentive Pool will be pro-rated for the 8 trading days in September.

### **Monitoring and Termination of Status**

If the Exchange determines that a participant has not met its quoting obligations during one (1) calendar month over the course of the Program, but is within ~~ten percent (10%)~~ twenty percent (20%) of the time-in-market obligation(s), the participant will be eligible to receive the incentives for that applicable month.

If the Exchange determines that a participant has not met its quoting obligations during one (1) additional calendar month, the participant will be eligible to receive all incentives for that applicable month. Excluding the aforementioned time-in-market leniency, participants must meet quoting obligations for all subsequent months in order to continue to receive the incentives.

Upon utilizing the exceptions set forth above, participants that fail to meet quoting obligations in any additional month may be removed from the Program.