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Novel Derivative Product Notification	§ 40.12(a)	
Swap Submission  Official Product Name:	§ 39.5	
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)	
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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)	
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October 14, 2022

#### **VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL**

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

RE: Modifications to the Japan Basis Trade at Index Close ("BTIC") Market Maker

Program

CME Submission No. 22-462

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of plans to modify the Japan BTIC Market Maker Program ("Program"). The modifications to the Program will become effective on November 1, 2022.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of this Program. Modifications appear below, with additions <u>underlined</u> and deletions <del>overstruck</del>.

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, CME staff identified the following Core Principles as potentially being impacted: Monitoring of Trading, Execution of Transactions, Protection of Market Participants, Compliance with Rules, Availability of General Information, 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 CME 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 CME rules. The Program is subject to the Exchange's record retention policies which comply with the CEA.

CME 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 <a href="http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html">http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html</a>.

If you require any additional information regarding this submission, please e-mail <a href="mailto:CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com">CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com</a> or contact Rachel Johnson at 312-466-4393 or via e-mail at Rachel Johnson@cmegroup.com. Please reference our CME Submission No. 22-462 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

# **EXHIBIT 1**

# **Japan BTIC Market Maker Program**

#### **Program Purpose**

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

### **Product Scope**

BTIC on Yen Denominated Nikkei Stock Average Futures ("NIT") and BTIC on Yen Denominated TOPIX Futures ("TPB") that are traded on the CME Globex Platform ("Products").

### **Eligible Participants**

CME may designate up to seven (7) participants in the Program. Participants may be CME members or non-members. Potential participants are required to submit an application/bid sheet to the Exchange as part of a competitive application process which is used to determine eligibility. In determining whether or not a prospective participant is selected to participate in the Program, Exchange staff may take into account a variety of factors including the strength of the quoting obligations the prospective participant is willing to commit to provide, whether Exchange staff believes that the prospective participant can maintain such obligations, and historical volume trading similar products. The Exchange may, from time to time, add or subtract from the aforementioned requirements as it deems necessary.

#### **Program Term**

Start date is February 19, 2019. End date is October 31, 2022 October 31, 2023.

#### Hours

Designated hours during 9:00AM – 3:00PM (Tokyo Time).

## **Obligations**

In order to be eligible to receive the incentives, participants must quote two-sided markets in the applicable Products at predetermined average bid/ask spreads and minimum quote sizes during a specified percentage of time-in-market.

## **Incentives**

Upon meeting the obligations, as determined by the Exchange, participants may be eligible to receive predetermined incentives.

# **Monitoring and Termination of Status**

The Exchange shall monitor trading activity and participants' performance and shall retain the right to revoke participant status if it concludes from review that a participant no longer meets the eligibility requirements or fails to meet the obligations of the Program.