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#### VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL

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

#### RE: Extension of the FX Futures Block Price Maker Fee Waiver Program CME Submission No. 17-491

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of plans to extend the FX Futures Block Price Maker Fee Waiver Program ("Program") through January 31, 2019. The extension of the Program will become effective on January 1, 2018. All other Program terms remain unchanged.

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

CME reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"). During the review, Exchange 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 incentivize manipulative trading or market abuse or impact the Exchange's ability to perform its trade practice and market surveillance obligations under the CEA. The Exchange's market regulation staff will monitor trading in the Program's products to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse. The Program does not impact the Exchange's order execution. Chapter 4 of the CME rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. The Program is subject to these rules and CME records retention policies that comply with the CEA.

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

CME 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 <u>CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com</u> or contact Rachel Johnson at 312-466-4393 or via e-mail at <u>Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com</u>. Please reference our CME Submission No. 17-491 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

# **EXHIBIT 1**

# FX Futures Block Price Maker Fee Waiver Program

## Program Purpose

The purpose of this Program is to encourage participants to increase liquidity in the products listed below. A more liquid contract benefits all participants in the marketplace.

### Product Scope

The Foreign Exchange ("FX") futures currency pairs listed below ("Products"):

USD/RMB (STD), USD/TRY, EUR/TRY, USD/ZAR, USD/CLP, USD/CNH, INR/USD, CZK/USD, CZK/EUR, HUF/EUR, HUF/USD, ILS/USD, KRW/USD, PLN/USD, PLN/EUR, RMB/USD, and RMB/EUR.

### Eligible Participants

There is no limit to the number of participants in the Program. Participants may be CME members or nonmembers. Participants must be registered with the Exchange as a block price maker. Participants are required to submit an application to the Exchange to enroll in this Program.

### Program Term

Start date is April 1, 2016. End date is December 31, 2017 January 31, 2019.

#### <u>Hours</u>

N/A

#### Incentives

Fee Waivers. Program participants will receive fee waivers for all block transactions in the Products.