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- Novel Derivative Product Notification § 40.12(a)
- Swap Submission § 39.5

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**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:**



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**VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL**

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**RE: Modifications to the BTIC on Cryptocurrency Futures Market Maker Program  
CME Submission No. 21-498**

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 BTIC on Cryptocurrency Futures Market Maker Program ("Program"). The modifications to the Program will become effective on December 6, 2021.

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, 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 <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 CME Submission No. 21-498 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

# EXHIBIT 1

## BTIC on Cryptocurrency Futures Market Maker Program

### Program Purpose

The purpose of this Program is to support the launch and development of BTIC on cryptocurrency futures. The resulting increase in liquidity benefits all participant segments in the market.

### Product Scope

BTIC on Bitcoin Futures (“BTB”), BTIC on Micro Bitcoin Futures (“MIB”), ~~and~~ BTIC on Ether Futures (“ETB”), and BTIC on Micro Ether Futures (“MRB”) that are traded on the CME Globex Platform and cleared via CME ClearPort (“Products”).

### Eligible Participants

CME may designate up to ten (10) 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 a prospective participant is selected to participate in the Program, Exchange staff may take a variety of factors into consideration including the strength of the quoting obligations the prospective participant is willing to commit to provide, the ability of the prospective participant to maintain such obligations, and historical volume trading similar contracts. The Exchange may, from time to time, add or subtract from the aforementioned requirements as it deems necessary.

### Program Term

Start date is September 27, 2021. End date is ~~April 30, 2022~~ July 31, 2022.

### Hours

5:00PM – 4:00PM CT, Sunday through Thursday.

### Obligations

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

### Incentives

Upon meeting all obligations, as determined by the Exchange, participants will 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.