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Submission No. 16-154
November 29, 2016

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 Softs Futures Market Maker Program -
Submission Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Act and Regulation 40.6(a)**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended, and Commission Regulation 40.6(a), ICE Futures U.S., Inc. (“Exchange”) submits, by written certification, notice that the Exchange is extending the term Softs Futures Market Maker Program (the “Program”) through December 31, 2017, as set forth in Exhibit A. The Exchange is extending the term because it believes that the Program, which was launched in July 2013 and set to expire on December 31, 2016, has helped establish tighter markets and greater liquidity in the covered contracts.

The Exchange certifies that the amendments to the Program comply with the requirements of the Commodity Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. In particular, the amendments comply with Core Principle 4 (Monitoring of Trading), Core Principle 9 (Execution of Transactions) and Core Principle 12 (Protection of Market Participants). The Program is structured to not create incentives for participants to engage in market abuses such as manipulative trading or wash sales. 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 Program does not impact order execution priority or otherwise give participants any execution preference or advantage.

The Exchange further certifies that, concurrent with this filing, a redacted copy of this submission (consistent with the petition for Confidential Treatment filed contemporaneously with the Commission) was posted on the Exchange’s website at (<https://www.theice.com/futures-us/regulation#rule-filings>). No substantive opposing views were expressed by members or others with respect to the amendment, which will become effective on January 1, 2017.

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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Market Regulation

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cc: Division of Market Oversight

EXHIBIT A

ICE Futures U.S. Softs Futures Market Maker Program

Program Purpose

The purpose of the Program is to incentivize participants to increase central limit order book liquidity in the products listed below; this enhanced liquidity will benefit all participants in the marketplace.

Product Scope

Sugar No. 11, Coffee "C", Cotton No. 2, World Cotton, Cocoa, FCOJ and Sugar No. 16 contracts.

Eligible Participants

IFUS may designate up to 20 participants in the Program, who may be Exchange members or non-members. In order to be considered for selection into the Program, potential participants must have maintained a sufficient monthly average volume in program or other Exchange contracts over the past three months at the time of application. Notwithstanding the foregoing the Exchange may add or subtract from the aforementioned criteria as it deems necessary. Eligible participants will be selected for the Program at the sole and absolute discretion of the Exchange, which will be based on demonstrated satisfaction of the historical volume requirements set forth above and the likelihood that such participant will increase its central limit order book volume as a result of enrollment.

Program Term

The end date shall be December 31, 201[6]7.

Obligations

[REDACTED]

Program Incentives

[REDACTED]

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