

December 1, 2016

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

Re: <u>CBOE Futures Exchange, LLC Rule Certification</u> <u>Submission Number CFE-2016-016</u>

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended ("Act"), and 40.6(a) of the regulations promulgated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") under the Act, CBOE Futures Exchange, LLC ("CFE" or "Exchange") hereby submits a CFE rule amendment ("Amendment") to amend CFE Rule 601 (Fraudulent Acts) at the request of the Commission staff. The Amendment will become effective on December 15, 2016.

CFE Rule 601 prohibits CFE Trading Privilege Holders and their related parties from engaging in any fraudulent act or in any scheme to defraud, deceive, or trick, in connection with or related to any trade on or other activity related to the Exchange or the clearing organization for the Exchange. Pursuant to CFE Rule 308, Rule 601 also applies to any person that initiates or executes a transaction on or subject to Exchange rules directly or through an intermediary and to any person for whose benefit such a transaction is initiated or executed. The Amendment broadens the language of Rule 601 to also prohibit attempts to engage in any fraudulent act or scheme prohibited by Rule 601. This change is consistent with CFE Rule 604 (Adherence to Law) which prohibits conduct in violation of applicable law, including any provisions of the Act and Commission regulations which prohibit attempts to engage in fraudulent acts, such as Commission Regulation 180.1 (Prohibition on the employment, or attempted employment, of manipulative and deceptive devices).

CFE believes that the Amendment is consistent with Designated Contract Market Core Principles 2 (Compliance with Rules), 4 (Prevention of Market Disruption) and 12 (Protections of Markets and Market Participants) under Section 5 of the Act in that prohibiting attempts to engage in fraudulent acts serves to protect market integrity.

CFE believes that the impact of the Amendment will be beneficial to the public and market participants. CFE is not aware of any substantive opposing views to the Amendment. CFE hereby certifies that the Amendment complies with the Act and the regulations thereunder. CFE further certifies that CFE has posted a notice of pending certification with the Commission and a copy of this submission on CFE's Web site (<u>http://cfe.cboe.com/aboutcfe/rules.aspx</u>) concurrent with the filing of this submission with the Commission.

CFE intends to file the Amendment as it may relate to security futures with the Securities

and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 19(b)(7) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

The Amendment, marked to show additions in <u>underlined</u> text and deletions in [bracketed] text, consists of the following:

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CBOE Futures Exchange, LLC Rules

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Rule 601. Fraudulent Acts

Neither a Trading Privilege Holder nor any of its Related Parties shall engage or attempt to engage in any fraudulent act or engage or attempt to engage in any scheme to defraud, deceive or trick, in connection with or related to any trade on or other activity related to the Exchange or the Clearing Corporation.

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Questions regarding this submission may be directed to Arthur Reinstein at (312) 786-7570 or Nicole Gordon at (312) 786-8109. Please reference our submission number CFE-2016-016 in any related correspondence.

CBOE Futures Exchange, LLC

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