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Submission No. 17-213
December 1, 2017

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: Extension of ICE Futures U.S. Grains Futures Market Maker Program
Submission Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Act and Regulation 40.6**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended, and Commission Regulation 40.6, ICE Futures U.S., Inc. (“Exchange”) submits, by written certification, notice that the Exchange is extending the term of the ICE Futures U.S. Grains Futures Market Maker Program (“the Program”) through December 31, 2019. The Program was initiated with the launch of the Exchange’s Cash Settled U.S. Agricultural Contracts on May 14, 2012 and was set to expire on December 31, 2017. It is being extended as part of an on-going effort to build greater liquidity in the cash settled agricultural markets. All other program terms remain unchanged, as set forth in Exhibit A.

The Exchange certifies that the Program complies 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 so that it does 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 notice of pending certification was posted on the Exchange’s website. A redacted copy of this submission may be accessed at (<https://www.theice.com/notices/RegulatoryFilings.shtml>). The extension will become effective on January 1, 2018. The Exchange is not aware of any substantive opposing views with respect to the amendments.

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 written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jason V. Fusco
Assistant General Counsel
Market Regulation

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cc: Division of Market Oversight
New York Regional Office

EXHIBIT A

Grains Futures Market Maker Program

Program Purpose

The purpose of the program is to promote liquidity in Grains Futures on ICE in the central limit order book; this increased liquidity will benefit all participants in the marketplace.

Product Scope

All Grain & Oilseed Futures

Eligible Participants

[REDACTED]

Program Term

The Program shall end on December 31, 20[47] 19, unless extended by the Exchange. The Exchange reserves the right to amend or end the program and/or to terminate any participant at any time prior to that date.

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 meets the eligibility requirements of this Program.