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- Certification § 40.6(a)
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- Certification § 40.2(a)
- Certification Security Futures § 41.23(a)
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- Approval Security Futures § 41.23(b)
- Novel Derivative Product Notification § 40.12(a)
- Swap Submission § 39.5

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:

November 17, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL

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

Re: CFTC Regulation 40.6(a) Certification. Notification Regarding the Reduction of Block Trade Minimum Quantity Threshold Levels for the Russell 1000 Index Futures Contracts. CME Submission No. 20-479

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. (“CME” or “Exchange”) is certifying to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC” or “Commission”) a reduction of the block trade minimum quantity threshold levels of the Russell 1000 Index futures contracts as noted in the table 1 below effective on Sunday, December 6, 2020 for trade date Monday, December 7, 2020 (collectively, the “Rule Amendments”).

CME GLOBEX/ CME CLEARPORT/ CLEARING CODE	PRODUCT/RULEBOOK CHAPTER	BLOCK TRADE MINIMUM THRESHOLD LEVEL	REPORTING WINDOW
R1B	BTIC on Russell 1000 Total Return Index Futures/397*	50 <u>15</u>	RTH - 5 ETH/ATH - 15
RS1	E-mini Russell 1000 Index Futures/383	50 <u>15</u>	RTH - 5 ETH/ATH - 15
R1T	BTIC on E-mini Russell 1000 Index Futures/383	50 <u>15</u>	RTH - 5 ETH/ATH - 15
RSG	E-mini Russell 1000 Growth Index Futures/384	50 <u>15</u>	RTH - 5 ETH/ATH - 15
RGT	BTIC on E-mini Russell 1000 Growth Index Futures/384	50 <u>15</u>	RTH - 5 ETH/ATH - 15
RSV	E-mini Russell 1000 Value Index Futures/385	50 <u>15</u>	RTH - 5 ETH/ATH - 15
RVT	BTIC on E-mini Russell 1000 Value Index Futures/385	50 <u>15</u>	RTH - 5 ETH/ATH - 15

*The Russell 1000 Total Return Futures contract (Rulebook Chapter 397; Commodity Code: R1R) is not block eligible.

The Rule Amendments are being implemented to align such levels with other contracts with similar liquidity levels and are intended to broaden the scope of potential market participants without negatively impacting participation in the Exchange's central limit order book ("CLOB") markets.

The Exchange reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("DCM Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA" or "Act") and identified that the Rule Amendments may have some bearing on the following Core Principles:

Availability of General Information: As required by this Core Principle, the Exchange will publish a Special Executive Report ("SER") to advise the marketplace of the Rule Amendments. The SER will also be available on the CME Group website.

Daily Publication of Trading Information: Block trade volume and pricing information will continue to be published on the Exchange's website and via quote vendors.

Execution of Transactions: A designated contract market may authorize transactions that are executed away from the DCM's centralized marketplace for bona fide business purposes. Accordingly, the Exchange has long established block standards for a wide array of futures and options products. The actions certified herein serve solely to improve the alignment of block trade standards for the pertinent futures products.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Act and CFTC Regulation 40.6(a), the Exchange hereby certifies that the Rule Amendments comply with the Act and regulations thereunder. There were no substantive opposing views to the Rule Amendments.

The Exchange certifies that this submission has been concurrently posted on the CME Group website at <http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html>

If you require any additional information regarding this submission, please contact the undersigned at 212.299.2200 or via email at CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel