

December 4, 2017

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>

Submission Number CFE-2017-020

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 establish the minimum Block Trade sizes for Cboe Bitcoin (USD) ("XBT") futures in CFE Rule 1302(k) (Block Trades) ("Amendment"). The Amendment will become effective on or after December 18, 2017, on a date to be announced by the Exchange through the issuance of a circular.

Rule 1302(k) provides that the minimum Block Trade quantity for XBT futures is 50 contracts if there is only one leg involved in the trade. Rule 1302(k) also provides that if a Block Trade is executed as a transaction with legs in multiple XBT futures contract expirations, each leg must meet the minimum Block Trade quantity for the XBT futures contract. These provisions are included in the first paragraph of Rule 1302(k) which was included in CFE's product certification for XBT futures designated as CFE submission number CFE-2017-018. The first paragraph of Rule 1302(k) will not become effective until the effectiveness of this rule certification. Additionally, CFE will not permit Block Trades to be consummated in XBT futures until the Amendment becomes effective.

CFE believes that the Amendment is consistent with Designated Contract Market Core Principle 9 (Execution of Transactions) under Section 5 of the Act and contributes to the provision by CFE of a competitive, open, and efficient market and mechanism for executing transactions in XBT futures that protects the price discovery process of trading in the centralized market for the XBT futures contract. In particular, CFE believes that 50 contracts is larger than the size at which a single buy or sell order will customarily be able to be filled in its entirety in the XBT futures contract on CFE's centralized market without incurring a substantial price concession.

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 (http://cfe.cboe.com/aboutcfe/rules.aspx) concurrent with the filing of this submission with the Commission.

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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1302. Contract Specifications

(k) Block Trades. Pursuant to Rule 415(a)(i), the minimum Block Trade quantity for XBT futures is 50 contracts if there is only one leg involved in the trade. If the Block Trade is executed as a transaction with legs in multiple contract expirations, each leg must meet the minimum Block Trade quantity for the XBT futures contract.

The minimum price increment for a Block Trade in the XBT futures contract is 0.005 points USD/XBT.

Authorized Reporters must electronically report Block Trades in XBT futures to the CBOE System pursuant to Rule 415(n) and not by e-mail to the Help Desk.

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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-2017-020 in any related correspondence.

Cboe Futures Exchange, LLC

/s/ Michael Mollet

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