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Organization: Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME")

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval | § 40.3(a) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Novel Derivative Product Notification | § 40.12(a) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Swap Submission | § 39.5 |

Official Product Name:

Product Terms and Conditions (product related Rules and Rule Amendments)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certification | § 40.6(a) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certification Made Available to Trade Determination | § 40.6(a) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certification Security Futures | § 41.24(a) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Delisting (No Open Interest) | § 40.6(a) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval | § 40.5(a) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval Made Available to Trade Determination | § 40.5(a) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval Security Futures | § 41.24(c) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval Amendments to enumerated agricultural products | § 40.4(a), § 40.5(a) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | “Non-Material Agricultural Rule Change” | § 40.4(b)(5) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Notification | § 40.6(d) |

Official Name(s) of Product(s) Affected:

Rule Numbers:



Christopher Bowen
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December 5, 2018

VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL

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**RE: Extension of the S&P Floor Calendar Spread Market Maker Discount Program
CME Submission No. 18-502**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of plans to extend the S&P Floor Calendar Spread Market Maker Discount Program ("Program") through January 31, 2020. The extension of the Program will become effective on February 1, 2019. All other Program terms remain unchanged.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of the Program. Modifications appear below, with additions underlined and deletions ~~overstruck~~.

The Exchange reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"). During the review, Exchange staff identified the following Core Principles as potentially being impacted: Monitoring of Trading, Execution of Transactions, Protection of Market Participants, Compliance with Rules, and Recordkeeping.

The Program does not incentivize manipulative trading or market abuse or impact the Exchange's ability to perform its trade practice and market surveillance obligations under the CEA. The Exchange's market regulation staff will monitor trading in the Program's products to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse. Additionally, the Exchange has implemented systems to track Program participants' volume to ensure proper distribution of earned incentives. The products included in this Program are listed for trading in the open and competitive market. The incentives under the Program do not adversely impact price discovery in the centralized market. Participants in the Program will be selected by Exchange staff using criteria set forth in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the Exchange rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. The Program is subject to these rules and the Exchange's records retention policies that comply with the CEA.

The Exchange certifies that the Program complies with the CEA and the regulations thereunder. There were no substantive opposing views to this Program.

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

If you require any additional information regarding this submission, please e-mail CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com or contact Rachel Johnson at 312-466-4393 or via e-mail at Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com. Please reference our CME Submission No. 18-502 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

EXHIBIT 1

S&P Floor Calendar Spread Market Maker Discount Program

Program Purpose

The purpose of the Program is to support participants that are providing spread markets for the Products listed below. The resulting additional open interest and liquidity benefits all participants in the market.

Product Scope

Standard S&P 500 futures and E-mini S&P 500 futures contracts ("Products") that are traded on the CME Globex Platform ("Globex") and the CME trading floor.

Eligible Participants

Participants in the Program must be CME individual equity members. There is no limit to the number of participants that may register for the Program.

Program Term

Start date is September 14, 2016. End date is ~~January 31, 2019~~ January 31, 2020.

Incentives

Fee Discount. Participants will receive a Globex fee discount of \$0.15 for E-mini S&P 500 futures calendar spreads that are traded in the same account as S&P 500 futures calendar spreads. The Fee Discount applies to the lesser of (a) number of contract sides traded in E-mini S&P 500 calendar spreads on Globex, and (b) five (5) times the number of contract sides traded in S&P 500 calendar spreads on the CME trading floor. The Fee Discount will be calculated and applied on a monthly basis.

Monitoring and Termination of Status

CME shall monitor trading activity and participants' performance and shall retain the right to revoke Program participant status if it concludes from review that a Program participant no longer meets the eligibility requirements.