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Organization Rules and Rule Amendments

- Certification § 40.6(a)
- Approval § 40.5(a)
- Notification § 40.6(d)
- Advance Notice of SIDCO Rule Change § 40.10(a)
- SIDCO Emergency Rule Change § 40.10(h)

Rule Numbers: Not Applicable

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- Certification § 40.2(a)
- Certification Security Futures § 41.23(a)
- Certification Swap Class § 40.2(d)
- Approval § 40.3(a)
- Approval Security Futures § 41.23(b)
- Novel Derivative Product Notification § 40.12(a)
- Swap Submission § 39.5

Official Product Name:

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:



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VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL

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**RE: Modifications to the CME Commodity Trading Advisors/Hedge Fund Incentive Program
CME Submission No. 18-494**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of plans to modify the CME Commodity Trading Advisors ("CTA")/Hedge Fund Incentive Program ("Program"). The modifications to the Program will become effective on February 1, 2019.

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

CME reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"). During the review, CME 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 and does not 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. The Program does not impact the Exchange's order execution. Participants in the Program will be selected by the Exchange's staff using criteria as further stated 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. The Program is subject to the Exchange's record retention policies which comply with the CEA.

CME 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. 18-494 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

EXHIBIT 1

CME CTA/HEDGE FUND INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Program Purpose

The purpose of this Program is to incentivize CTAs and hedge funds to trade FX products on the CME Globex® Platform. The resulting increase in central limit order book liquidity for FX products on the CME Globex® Platform benefits all participant segments in the market.

Product Scope

All standard size FX futures and options contracts that are traded on the CME Globex® Platform (“Products”).

Eligible Participants

There is no limit to the number of participants that may be selected for the Program. All approved CTAs and hedge funds may participate. Hedge funds will only receive the fee discounts for trades made in accounts 100% percent managed by the hedge fund. CTAs will only receive fee discounts for trades made in accounts comprising of pooled investment vehicles and managed accounts 100% managed by the CTA (i.e., individual managed accounts for whom the CTA has power of attorney for the sole purpose of trading). Additionally, CTAs and hedge funds must meet the following criteria to qualify:

- Have more than \$50 million in assets under management (including both pooled investment vehicles and managed accounts); and,
- Have a relationship with a CME clearing member.

Program Term

Start date is December 23, 2011. End date is ~~January 31, 2019~~ January 31, 2020.

Hours

The incentives will apply to all trades made in the Products by all participants regardless of the execution time.

Program Incentives

Once accepted into the Program, participants will be eligible to receive the following incentives:

Fee Discounts. All participants that trade the Products will be entitled to participate in progressive fee volume discounts for trades executed in the Products on Globex®, excluding standard size futures traded via FX Link. The applicable rates charged will be based on each respective participant’s average daily volume (“ADV”) in the Products on Globex®, excluding standard size futures traded via FX Link, measured over a preceding three (3) month period in accordance with the following:

- (i) For ADV that is between 0 and 250 sides, the all-in fee per side charged will be \$1.20.
- (ii) For ADV that is between 251 and 1000 sides, the all-in fee per side charged will be ~~\$0.98~~ \$1.00.
- (iii) For ADV that is between 1001 and 2000 sides, the all-in fee per side charged will be ~~\$0.87~~ \$0.90.

- (iv) For ADV that is between 2001 and 5000 sides, the all-in fee per side charged will be ~~\$0.77~~ \$0.80.
- (v) For ADV that exceeds 5000 sides, the all-in fee per side charged will be ~~\$0.65~~ \$0.70.

FX Link Fee Discounts. All participants that trade standard size futures via FX Link will receive a flat rate of \$0.60 per contract side traded.

Monitoring and Termination of Status

The Exchange 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 of the Program.