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**Organization Rules and Rule Amendments**

- Certification § 40.6(a)
- Approval § 40.5(a)
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- SIDCO Emergency Rule Change § 40.10(h)

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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 Copper Futures Commercial Partnership Program  
COMEX Submission No. 15-562**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Commodity Exchange, Inc. ("COMEX" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of plans to modify the Copper Futures Commercial Partnership Program ("Program"). The modifications to the Program will become effective on January 1, 2016.

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

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

The Program 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. 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. Participants in the Program will be selected by Exchange staff using criteria as further stated in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the COMEX rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. All participants must execute a contractual agreement with the Exchange in which each participant will expressly agree to comply with and be subject to, applicable regulations and COMEX rules. The Program will be subject to the Exchange's record retention policies which comply with the CEA.

COMEX 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 [CMEXSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com](mailto:CMEXSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com) or contact Rachel Johnson at 312-466-4393 or via e-mail at [Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com](mailto:Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com). Please reference our COMEX Submission No. 15-562 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

# EXHIBIT 1

## Copper Futures Commercial Partnership Program

### **Program Purpose**

The purpose of the Program is to improve liquidity in the product listed below. A more liquid contract benefits all participants in the market.

### **Product Scope**

Copper ("HG") futures ("Product").

### **Eligible Participants**

COMEX may designate up to five (5) participants in the Program. Participants must be COMEX non-members. In order to be eligible for the Program, participants must have an average ADV of 500 trades executed on Globex in the Product over the three (3) calendar months immediately preceding entry into the Program.

### **Program Term**

Start date is September 1, 2014. End date is ~~December 31, 2015~~ December 31, 2016.

### **Hours**

N/A

### **Obligations**

In order to be eligible to receive the Program incentives, participants must maintain a three (3) month trailing average ADV of 500 trades executed on Globex in the Product.

### **Incentives**

Upon meeting all Program obligations, as determined by the Exchange, participants may be eligible to receive predetermined incentives for trades executed on Globex in the Product.

### **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 has failed to meet its obligations or no longer meets the eligibility requirements of the Program.