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Organization Rules and Rule Amendments

- Certification § 40.6(a)
- Approval § 40.5(a)
- Notification § 40.6(d)
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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 NYMEX Capped Give-Up Incentive Program
NYMEX Submission No. 15-563**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of plans to modify the NYMEX Capped Give-Up Incentive Program ("Program"). The modifications to the Program will become effective on January 1, 2016.

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

NYMEX reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"). During the review, NYMEX 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 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, NYMEX 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. Specifically, incentives under the Program are only available to brokers that submit previously matched third-party trades in the relevant products. The initiating party, not the broker, selects the venue and the broker earns incentives well after venue selection is made. Principals who submit trades or execute orders for their own account or a proprietary account are not eligible for incentives under the Program. Thus, the Program does not influence the choice made by the principals regarding the execution venue. Participants in the Program will be selected by NYMEX staff using criteria set forth in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the NYMEX rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. The Program is subject to these rules and NYMEX records retention policies that comply with the CEA.

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

NYMEX certifies that this submission has been concurrently posted on the NYMEX 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 NYMEX Submission No. 15-563 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

EXHIBIT 1

NYMEX Capped Give-Up Incentive Program

Program Purpose

The purpose of this Program is to promote central limit order book liquidity in eligible Energy products. More liquid contracts benefit all participants in the market.

Product Scope

All NYMEX products that are traded on Globex, executed via CME Direct Cross, or submitted for clearing through CME ClearPort ("Products").

Eligible Participants

~~NYMEX may designate up to three (3) participants in the Program.~~ There is no limit to the number of participants that may participate in the Program. Participants must be Introducing Brokers and may be NYMEX members or non-members.

Program Term

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

Hours

N/A

Obligations

Participants must be Introducing Brokers who (i) submit matched trades of at least ~~500,000~~ 800,000 contracts per month via the CME ClearPort clearing systems for 3rd parties, and (ii) transact at least ~~400,000~~ 450,000 contract sides per month on Globex on behalf of their customers across the Products.

Program Incentives

Upon meeting all Program obligations, as determined by NYMEX, participants may qualify for predetermined incentives.

Monitoring and Termination of Status

NYMEX 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 or obligations of the Program.