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Registered Entity Identifier Code (optional): 15-576

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

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Filing Date (mm/dd/yy): December 14, 2015 Filing Description: Modifications to the Fee Schedule for Over-the-Counter ("OTC") Credit Default Swaps ("CDS")

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**Organization Rules and Rule Amendments**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Certification                       | § 40.6(a)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Approval                            | § 40.5(a)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Notification                        | § 40.6(d)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Advance Notice of SIDCO Rule Change | § 40.10(a) |
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Rule Numbers: **Not Applicable**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certification                         | § 40.2(a)  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval                              | § 40.3(a)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval Security Futures             | § 41.23(b) |
| <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:

December 14, 2015

**VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL**

Christopher J. Kirkpatrick  
Office of the Secretariat  
Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
Three Lafayette Centre  
1155 21st Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20581

**RE: CFTC Regulation 40.6(a) Certification. Modifications to the Fee Schedule for Over-the-Counter (“OTC”) Credit Default Swaps (“CDS”).  
CME Submission No. 15-576**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. (“CME”) hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC” or “Commission”) that it plans to modify the fee schedule (“Fee Schedule”) that applies to over-the-counter (“OTC”) Credit Default Swaps (“CDS”) cleared at CME. The modifications to the Fee Schedule will be effective on January 1, 2016.

The modifications extend the existing Fee Schedule discounts for all CDS cleared activity at CME. All market participants that clear OTC North American Index CDS products and OTC European iTraxx Index CDS products will be entitled to receive a 25% discount off their base clearing fees.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the Fee Schedule that will be applicable to OTC CDS transactions cleared at CME, with additions underscoring and deletions ~~overstruck~~.

CME reviewed the derivatives clearing organization 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:

- **Participant and Product Eligibility**: The Fee Schedule sets forth fees that apply to all market participants. CME believes the modifications should encourage customers to submit additional volume into the system and would promote increased central clearing of OTC CDS transactions.
- **Rule Enforcement**: CME does not believe the Fee Schedule or proposed modifications incentivize market abuse in any way and do not otherwise impact any aspects of CME’s risk management, settlement procedures, treatment of funds or default rules or procedures. Chapter 4 of CME rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices.

CME certifies that the Fee Schedule and proposed modifications set forth in Exhibit 1 comply with the CEA and the regulations thereunder. There were no substantive opposing views to the Fee Schedule or proposed modifications.

CME 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](mailto:CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com) or contact me at 312-466-7478 or via e-mail at [Tim.Elliott@cmegroup.com](mailto:Tim.Elliott@cmegroup.com). Please reference our CME Submission No. 15-576 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Tim Elliott  
Executive Director and Associate General Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

# EXHIBIT 1

## OTC CREDIT DEFAULT SWAP NORTH AMERICAN INDEX CLEARING FEE SCHEDULE

(Additions underlined and deletions ~~overstruck~~)

### OTC CREDIT DEFAULT SWAP NORTH AMERICAN INDEX CLEARING FEE SCHEDULE

<b>North American Index CDS Fee Schedule A</b>	
<b>Monthly Volume cleared (\$B)</b>	<b>Base Fee* (max of) \$ per million notional</b>
0 - 1.0	\$6.00
1.0 – 3.0	\$5.40
3.0 – 10	\$4.80
10 – 20	\$4.20
20+	\$3.60

<b>North American Index CDS Fee Schedule B</b>	
<b>Monthly Volume cleared (\$B)</b>	<b>Base Fee* (max of) \$ per million notional</b>
0 – 2	\$6.00
2 – 5	\$5.30
5 – 15	\$4.70
15 – 30	\$4.10
30+	\$3.50

\*All market participants that clear OTC North American Index CDS products will be entitled to receive a 25% discount off their base clearing fees ~~through December 31, 2015~~.

Fee Schedule A is the default fee schedule for all market participants clearing OTC North American Index CDS products at CME Group. Market participants may elect to participate in Fee Schedule B, the Flat Rate program, which charges base clearing fees via a single blended flat rate for each transaction cleared during a subsequent period.

## OTC CREDIT DEFAULT SWAPS EUROPEAN ITRAXX FEE SCHEDULE

(Additions underlined)

<b>European iTraxx Index CDS Fee Schedule A</b>	
<b>Monthly Volume cleared (€ B)</b>	<b>Base Fee* (max of) € per million notional</b>
0 - 1.0	€ 6.00
1.0 – 3.0	€ 5.40
3.0 – 10	€ 4.80
10 – 20	€ 4.20
20+	€ 3.60

<b>European iTraxx Index CDS Fee Schedule B</b>	
<b>Monthly Volume cleared (€ B)</b>	<b>Base Fee* (max of) € per million notional</b>
0 – 2	€ 6.00
2 – 5	€ 5.30
5 – 15	€ 4.70
15 – 30	€ 4.10
30+	€ 3.50

~~\*All market participants that clear OTC European iTraxx Index CDS products will be entitled to receive a 50% discount off their base clearing fees through June 30, 2015.~~

\*All market participants that clear OTC European iTraxx Index CDS products will be entitled to receive a 25% discount off their base clearing fees ~~from June 30, 2015 through December 31, 2015.~~

Fee Schedule A is the default fee schedule for all market participants clearing OTC European iTraxx Index CDS products at CME Group. Market participants may elect to participate in Fee Schedule B, the Flat Rate program, which charges base clearing fees via a single blended flat rate for each transaction cleared during a subsequent period.