

**SUBMISSION COVER SHEET**

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**Registered Entity Identifier Code (optional):** 20-511 (1 of 2)

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

**Filing as a:**     DCM     SEF     DCO     SDR

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**Filing Date (mm/dd/yy):** December 10, 2020    **Filing Description:** Modifications to the E-mini Equity Index Futures BTIC Market Maker Program

**SPECIFY FILING TYPE**

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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) |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | SIDCO Emergency Rule Change         | § 40.10(h) |

**Rule Numbers:** Not Applicable

**New Product**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certification                         | § 40.2(a)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certification Security Futures        | § 41.23(a) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certification Swap Class              | § 40.2(d)  |
| <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 10, 2020

**VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL**

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**RE: Modifications to the E-mini Equity Index Futures BTIC Market Maker Program  
CME Submission No. 20-511 (1 of 2)**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME") and The Board of Trade of the City of Chicago, Inc. ("CBOT") (collectively, the "Exchanges") hereby notify the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of plans to modify the E-mini Equity Index Futures BTIC ("Basis Trade at Index Close") Market Maker Program ("Program"). The modifications to the Program will become effective on February 1, 2021.

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

The Exchanges 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: Monitoring of Trading, Execution of Transactions, Protection of Market Participants, Compliance with Rules, and Recordkeeping.

The Program does not impact the Exchanges' ability to perform their trade practice and market surveillance obligations under the CEA and the Exchanges' market regulation staff will monitor trading in the Program's products to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse. Additionally, the Exchanges have implemented systems to track Program participants' obligations to ensure proper distribution of earned incentives. The incentives in the Program do not impact the Exchanges' order execution. Participants in the Program will be selected by Exchange staff using criteria as further stated in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the Exchanges rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. All participants must execute a contractual agreement with the Exchanges in which each participant will expressly agree to comply with and be subject to applicable regulations and the Exchanges rules. The Program is subject to the Exchanges' record retention policies which comply with the CEA.

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

The Exchanges certify that this submission has been concurrently posted on the CME Group website at <http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html>.

If you require any additional information regarding this submission, please e-mail [CMESubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com](mailto:CMESubmissionInquiry@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 CME Submission No. 20-511 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

# EXHIBIT 1

## E-mini Equity Index Futures BTIC Market Maker Program

### Program Purpose

The purpose of this Program is to support the development of consistent two-sided BTIC quote markets on the CME Globex Platform for the products listed below. The resulting increase in central limit order book liquidity on the CME Globex Platform benefits all participant segments in the market.

### Product Scope

BTIC on E-mini Standard and Poor's 500 Stock Price Index® Futures ("EST"), BTIC on E-mini NASDAQ 100 Index® Futures ("NQT"), BTIC on E-mini Russell 1000 Index Futures ("R1T"), BTIC on E-mini Russell 2000 Index Futures ("RLT"), BTIC CBOT E-mini Dow Jones Industrial Average<sup>SM</sup> Index Futures (\$5 Multiplier) ("YMT"), and E-mini S&P MidCap 400 BTIC Futures ("EMT"), and Nearby BTIC+ Futures on E-mini S&P 500 Stock Price Index Futures ("ES1") that are traded on Globex ("Products").

### Eligible Participants

The Exchanges may designate up to ten (10) participants in the Program. Participants must be members. Potential participants are required to submit an application/bid sheet to the Exchanges as part of a competitive application process which is used to determine eligibility. In determining whether or not a prospective participant is selected to participate in the Program, Exchange staff may take into account a variety of factors including the strength of the quoting obligations the prospective participant is willing to commit to provide, whether Exchange staff believes that the prospective participant can maintain such obligations, and historical volume trading similar contracts. The Exchanges may, from time to time, add or subtract from the aforementioned requirements as they deem necessary.

### Program Term

Start date is November 16, 2015. End date is ~~January 31, 2024~~ January 31, 2022.

### Obligations

In order to be eligible to receive the Program incentives, participants must quote two-sided markets in the applicable Products, at predetermined average bid/ask spreads and minimum quote sizes.

### Incentives

Upon meeting all obligations, as determined by the Exchanges, participants may be eligible to receive predetermined incentives.

### Monitoring and Termination of Status

The Exchanges 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 fails to meet the obligations of the Program.