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

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Official Name(s) of Product(s) Affected:

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December 21, 2015

VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL

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

Re: CFTC Regulation 40.6(a) Certification. Notification Regarding Amendments to CME Rules 26101.C. ("Price Increment") and 588.H. ("Globex Non-Reviewable Trading Ranges") for the Euro/U.S. Dollar ("EUR/USD") Futures Contract. CME Submission No. 15-323

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME" or "Exchange") is notifying the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") that it is self-certifying amendments to CME Rules 26101.C. ("Price Increments") and 588.H. ("Globex Non-Reviewable Trading Ranges") for the Euro/U.S. Dollar ("EUR/USD") futures contract, effective on Sunday, January 10, 2016 for trade date Monday, January 11, 2016.

Specifically, CME is amending CME Rule 26101.C. to reduce the price increment of the EUR/USD futures contract from \$.0001 (\$12.50) to \$.00005 (\$6.25) per Euro. The Exchange has received numerous requests from market participants to reduce the tick size of EUR/USD futures on the basis that market liquidity in the futures has improved dramatically over the past few years. The Exchange believes that amending the contract's current tick increment will allow market liquidity to improve further to match other competitive over-the-counter and exchange-traded venues for the Euro. These amendments are provided in Appendix A in blackline format.

Also effective at the same time, the Exchange is amending CME Rule 588.H. ("Globex Non-Reviewable Trading Ranges") to modify the non-reviewable trading range of EUR/USD futures on CME Globex from 40 to 40.0 ticks to accommodate the proposed half-tick reduction in EUR/USD futures. These amendments are provided in Appendix B in blackline format.

The Exchange reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("Act" or "CEA") and identified that the rule amendments to CME Rules 26101.C. and 588.H. may have some bearing on the following Core Principles:

- **Compliance with Rules:** The Exchange shall continue its normal practice to establish, monitor, and enforce compliance with the rules of the contract markets for EUR/USD futures, including the terms and conditions of the contracts' newly revised rules and procedures for price increments.
- **Contracts Not Readily Subject to Manipulation:** Reducing the tick size of EUR/USD futures will not make the contract more susceptible to market manipulation. Reducing the tick size of the contract will allow the contract to match other competitive over-the-counter and futures markets in the Euro with respect to this feature.

- Prevention of Market Disruption: Reducing the tick size of EUR/USD futures, and then applying it to existing open interest starting with the March 2016 futures expiration, will not impede the Exchange's capacity and responsibility to prevent manipulation, price distortion, and disruptions to the contract through currently established market surveillance, compliance, and enforcement practices and procedures.
- Availability of General Information: The Exchange will amend the CME Rulebook accordingly on the effective date, which is publically available on the CME Group website. In addition, the Exchange will publish a Special Executive Report ("SER") to advise the marketplace of these amendments. The SER will also be posted on the CME Group website.
- Execution of Transactions: Reducing the tick size of EUR/USD futures will have no impact on the central limit order book for this contract. This change will not impede the Exchange's ability as a designated contract market to provide a competitive, open, and efficient market mechanism for executing transactions that protects the price discovery and final cash settlement processes of the contract.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Act and CFTC Regulation 40.6(a), CME hereby certifies that the amendments to CME Rules 26101.C. and 588.H. comply with the Act, including all regulations under the Act. There were no substantive opposing views to this proposal.

CME certifies that this submission has been concurrently posted on the Exchange's website at <http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html>.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact the undersigned at (212) 299-2200 or via e-mail at CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachments: Appendix A: Amendments to CME Rule 26101.C. (blackline format)
Appendix B: Amendments to the CME Rule 588.H. (blackline format)

Appendix A

CME Rulebook Rule 26101.C.

(Additions are underlined; deletions are ~~struck through~~)

CME Rulebook

Chapter 261: Euro/U.S. Dollar (EUR/USD) Futures

26101. TRADING SPECIFICATIONS

26101.C. Price Increments

Minimum price fluctuations shall be in multiples of \$.00005~~\$.0001~~ per Euro, equivalent to \$6.25~~\$12.50~~ per contract. ~~Trades may also occur in multiples of \$.00005 per Euro, commonly referred to as one half tick, for Euro/U.S. dollar futures intra-currency spreads, executed as simultaneous transactions on the trading floor pursuant to Rule 542.A. and on GLOBEX® pursuant to Rule 542.F.; and for Euro/U.S. dollar futures All-Or-None (AON) transactions executed pursuant to section "All-Or-None Transactions" of Rule 521.~~

Appendix B

Amendments to the Globex Non-Reviewable Trading Ranges Table of CME Rule 588.H.

(Additions are underlined)

CME Rulebook

Chapter 5: Trading Qualifications and Practices

588.H. Globex Non-Reviewable Trading Ranges (Table)

FX Products Futures

	Globex Symbol	Globex Non-Reviewable Ranges (NRR)	NRR: Globex Format	NRR: Ticks
EUR/USD Futures	6E	40 <u>.0</u> ticks	40 <u>.0</u>	40 <u>.0</u>