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**Product Terms and Conditions (product related Rules and Rule Amendments)**

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| <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:



Timothy Elliott  
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July 12, 2024

**VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL**

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**RE: Modifications to the Grain & Oilseed Deferred Futures Contract ~~Market-Maker Program~~ Volume Incentive Program  
CBOT Submission No. 24-292**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

The Board of Trade of the City of Chicago, Inc. ("CBOT" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of plans to modify the Grain & Oilseed Deferred Futures Contract Volume Incentive Program ("Program"). The modifications to the Program will become effective on August 1, 2024.

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

CBOT reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"). During the review, CBOT staff identified the following Core Principles as potentially being impacted: Monitoring of Trading, Execution of Transactions, Protection of Market Participants, Compliance with Rules, Availability of General Information, and Recordkeeping

The Program does not impact the Exchange's ability to perform its trade practice and market surveillance obligations under the CEA. Exchange staff will monitor trading in the Program's products in order 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 Program does not impact the Exchange's order execution. Participants in the Program will be selected by CBOT staff using criteria as set forth in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the Exchange rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. All participants must execute a contractual agreement with CBOT in which each participant will expressly agree to comply with, and be subject to, applicable regulations and Exchange rules. Additionally, the Program is subject to the Exchange's record retention policies, which comply with the CEA.

CBOT 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 [CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com](mailto:CMEGSubmissionInquiry@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 CBOT Submission No. 24-292 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Timothy Elliott  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Enclosure: Exhibit 1

# EXHIBIT 1

## Grain & Oilseed Deferred Futures Contract Market Maker Program Volume Incentive Program

### Program Purpose

The purpose of this Program is to incentivize participants to increase liquidity in the deferred futures products listed below. More liquid contracts on the central limit order book benefit all participants in the marketplace.

### Product Scope

Corn Futures (“ZC”), Soybean Futures (“ZS”), Soybean Meal Futures (“ZM”), Soybean Oil Futures (“ZL”), KC HRW Wheat Futures (“KE”), and Chicago SRW Wheat Futures (“ZW”) (“Products”).

### Eligible Participants

There is no limit to the number of participants that may ~~participate~~ enroll in the Program. Participants must be CBOT full equity member proprietary trading firms. Participants must have had a Globex passive average daily volume (“ADV”) over 800 in contract months four (4) and beyond during the months of March, April, and May 2024.

### Program Term

Start date is January 10, 2017. End date is ~~July 31, 2024~~ July 31, 2025.

### Hours

8:30 AM – 1:20 PM (CST) RTH and ETH.

### Obligations

Volume Obligations: Each participant’s passive Globex ADV in contract months four (4) and beyond in each of the Products during the combined hours of RTH and ETH will be measured from March 2024 through May 2024 (“Product Baseline ADV”). In order to be eligible to receive incentives, participants must grow their passive Globex ADV in contract months four (4) and beyond above the Product Baseline ADV for each given Product.

~~Minimum Quoting Obligations: In order to be eligible to receive incentives, participants must quote continuous two-sided markets in designated contract months of the Products at maximum bid/ask spreads and minimum quote sizes in accordance with the baseline quoting obligations table below. Notwithstanding the foregoing, CBOT may vary the quoting obligations and/or the time-in-market as it deems necessary based on ongoing evaluations of the Program.~~

	<b>ZC, ZS</b>		<b>ZM, ZL, KE, ZW</b>		
	<b>Width (Minimum Price Increment ("MPI"))</b>	<b>Minimum Quote-Size (Contracts)</b>	<b>Width (MPI)</b>	<b>Minimum Quote-Size (Contracts)</b>	<b>Time-in- Market (8:30 AM – 1:20 PM CT)</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Months	4	30	40	15	75%
7 <sup>th</sup> Month	6	15	12	12	75%

\*The first contract month is defined as the nearby contract that can still be traded on Globex® unless it is in its delivery month, at which point the next contract will be named the "Lead Month." The second contract is the month following the Lead Month, and so on.

Extreme Events Clause: If the at-the-money ("ATM") implied volatility exceeds the values in Table A for two (2) consecutive trading days for any of the six (6) Products, the obligations in Table B may be implemented for the impacted Product(s). Participants will be given notice that the Extreme Events Clause has taken effect.

(i) **Table A**

<b>Product</b>	<b>30-Day Constant Maturity (ATM Implied Volatility)</b>
ZC	35%
ZS	28%
ZW	35%
KE	35%
ZL	35%
ZM	30%

(ii) **Table B**

	<b>ZC, ZS</b>		<b>ZM, ZL, KE, ZW</b>		
	<b>Width (MPI)</b>	<b>Minimum Quote-Size (Contracts)</b>	<b>Width (MPI)</b>	<b>Minimum Quote-Size (Contracts)</b>	<b>Time-in- Market (8:30 AM – 1:20 PM CT)</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Months	6	20	15	10	75%
7 <sup>th</sup> Month	9	10	18	8	75%

Once the Extreme Events Clause is in effect, if ATM implied volatility is less than the levels in Table A during the two (2) consecutive days prior to expiration, the Minimum Quoting Obligations will be reinstated. If the ATM volatility meets or exceeds the levels in Table A, the Extreme Events Clause obligations will continue for the next full month.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Exchange may further reduce the bid/ask spreads, sizes, or time-in market obligations based on ongoing evaluations of market conditions and volatility. Participants will be given notice that the Extreme Events Clause has taken effect.

Holiday Quoting Schedule: There will be no quoting obligations on the dates listed below. The Holiday Quoting Schedule may be adjusted by the Exchange. Participants will be given notice of any adjustments to the Holiday Quoting Schedule.

Date	Name of Holiday
2/19/2024	Presidents' Day
3/29/2024	Good Friday
5/27/2024	Memorial Day
6/19/2024	Juneteenth
7/4/2024	Independence Day

## Incentives

Fee Credits: Participants that exceed their Product Baseline ADV for a given Product will receive fee credits for all passive Globex volume in contract months four (4) and beyond above the Product Baseline ADV in accordance with the following. Fee credits are applied per Product and will be capped per month as set forth in the table below.

- (i) RTH: \$0.50 per side (inclusive of outrights and spreads)
- (ii) ETH: \$0.75 per side (inclusive of outrights and spreads)

Fee Credit Cap Per Month	
Product	Cap
ZC	\$9,000
ZS	\$10,000
ZW	\$11,000
KE	\$11,000
ZM	\$10,000
ZL	\$10,000

Passive Volume Credits: Upon meeting all obligations, as determined by the Exchange, participants will be eligible to receive Passive Volume Credits. Participant's volume will receive the applicable credits set forth in the table below. Passive Volume Credits will be capped at \$19,000 per month, per participant for ZW, KE, ZM, and ZL. Passive Volume Credits will be capped at \$13,000 per month, per participant for ZC and ZS.

Passive Volume Credits	
Contract Month	Fee Credit
1-3	n/a
4	\$0.20
5	\$0.40
6	\$0.60
7	\$0.80
8	\$1.00
9	\$1.20
10+	\$1.40

## Monitoring and Termination of Status

The Exchange shall monitor trading activity and participants' performance and shall retain the right to revoke participant status if it concludes from review that a participant has failed to meet its obligations or no longer meets the eligibility requirements of the Program.

~~If the Exchange determines that a participant has not met its quoting obligations during one (1) calendar month over the course of the Program, but is within twenty percent (20%) of the time in market obligations, the participant will be eligible to receive the incentives for that applicable month.~~

~~If the Exchange determines that a participant has not met its quoting obligations during one (1) additional calendar month, the participant will be eligible to receive all incentives for that applicable month. Participants must meet quoting obligations for all subsequent months in order to continue to receive the incentives.~~

~~Upon utilizing the exceptions set forth above, participants that fail to meet quoting obligations in any additional month may be removed from the Program.~~