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Organization: The Board of Trade of the City of Chicago, Inc. ("CBOT")

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**Organization Rules and Rule Amendments**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Certification                       | § 40.6(a)  |
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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:



Timothy Elliott  
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July 15, 2024

**VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL**

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**RE: Modifications to the Yield Futures Market Maker Program  
CBOT Submission No. 24-303**

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 Yield Futures Market Maker 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 and the Exchange's market regulation staff will monitor trading in the Program's products to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse. Additionally, the Exchange has implemented systems to track Program participants' obligations to ensure proper distribution of earned incentives. The incentives in the Program do not impact the Exchange's order execution. Participants in the Program will be selected by Exchange staff using criteria as further stated in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the CBOT rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. All participants must execute a contractual agreement with the Exchange in which each participant will expressly agree to comply with and be subject to, applicable regulations and CBOT rules. 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. 24-303 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Timothy Elliott  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

# EXHIBIT 1

## Yield Futures Market Maker Program

### Program Purpose

The purpose of the Program is to support the development of the products listed below. A more liquid contract on the central limit order book benefits all participants in the market.

### Product Scope

Micro 2-Year Yield Futures (“2YY”), Micro 5-Year Yield Futures (“5YY”), Micro 10-Year Yield Futures (“10Y”), and Micro 30-Year Yield Futures (“30Y”) traded on Globex (“Products”).

### Eligible Participants

There is no limit to the number of participants that may participate in the Program. Participants must be CBOT members.

### Program Term

Start date is August 16, 2021. End date is ~~July 31, 2024~~ January 31, 2025.

### Hours

RTH (7:00AM – 4:00PM Chicago Time) and ETH (5:00PM – 7:00AM).

### Obligations

*Minimum Quoting Obligations:* In order to be eligible to receive incentives, participants must quote two-sided markets in the Products in accordance with the following table. Participants may choose to quote any or all Tiers set forth below.

Tier	Tenor	Product Code	Maximum Width (Bps)	Width (Minimum Price Increment)	Width (Display Width)	Minimum Size (Contracts)	Time-in-Market
1	10-Year	10Y	<del>0.9</del>	<u>9</u>	0.009	10	65% of RTH
	2-Year	2YY	<del>1.0</del>	-	<del>0.010</del>	<del>10</del>	<del>65% of RTH</del>
2	10-Year	10Y	<del>0.6</del>	<u>6</u>	0.006	150	65% of RTH
3	10-Year	10Y	<del>0.5</del>	<u>5</u>	0.005	150	65% of RTH
ETH	10-Year	10Y	<del>0.9</del>	<u>9</u>	0.009	5	75% of ETH

**Extreme Events Clause:** If 10-Year CME Group Volatility Index (CVOL) is 170 or greater for at least three (3) days in a given calendar month, the Exchange may increase the bid/ask spreads by 1.5X.

If 10-Year CVOL is 230 or greater on any day in a given calendar month, the Exchange may reduce the time-in-market across all Tiers. The time-in-market reduction is subject to a floor of 20%.

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	Holiday
<u>2/19/2024</u>	Presidents' Day
<u>3/29/2024</u>	Good Friday
<u>5/27/2024</u>	Memorial Day
<u>6/19/2024</u>	Juneteenth
<u>7/4/2024</u>	Independence Day
<u>9/2/2024</u>	Labor Day
<u>10/14/2024</u>	Columbus Day
<u>11/11/2024</u>	Veterans Day
<u>11/28/2024</u>	Thanksgiving
<u>11/29/2024</u>	Post-Thanksgiving
<u>12/24/2024</u>	Christmas Eve
<u>12/25/2024</u>	Christmas
<u>01/01/2025</u>	New Year's
<u>01/20/2025</u>	Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## **Incentives**

**Fee Waivers:** Upon meeting the Tier 1 obligations for 10Y, as determined by the Exchange, participants will receive fee waivers for Globex volume in the Products.

**Fee Credits:** Upon meeting the Tier 2 obligations, as determined by the Exchange, participants will receive a fee credit per side traded in the Products. Participants also meeting the Tier ETH obligations, as determined by the Exchange, will receive an additional fee credit per side traded in the Products. Fee credits will be subject to the monthly caps, as set forth in the table below.

Tier	Credit Per Side for 10Y	Credit Per Side for 2YY, 5YY, & 30Y
Tier 2	\$0.20	\$0.40
Tier 2 & Tier ETH	\$0.30	\$0.60
Fee Cap	\$15,000	\$5,000

**Tier 1 2YY Monthly Stipend:** Upon meeting the Tier 1 obligations for 2YY, as determined by the Exchange, participants will receive a stipend of \$2,000.

*Tier 3 Monthly Stipend:* Upon meeting the Tier 3 obligations, as determined by the Exchange, participants will receive a stipend of \$2,000.

### **Monitoring and Termination of Status**

The Exchange shall retain the right to revoke participant status if it concludes from review that a participant no longer meets the eligibility requirements or fails to meet the obligations 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 incentives for that applicable month, with the exception of the Monthly Stipend. 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.