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- Certification § 40.6(a)
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- SIDCO Emergency Rule Change § 40.10(h)

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- Certification § 40.2(a)
- Certification Security Futures § 41.23(a)
- Certification Swap Class § 40.2(d)
- Approval § 40.3(a)
- Approval Security Futures § 41.23(b)
- Novel Derivative Product Notification § 40.12(a)
- Swap Submission § 39.5

Official Product Name:

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

- Certification § 40.6(a)
- Certification Made Available to Trade Determination § 40.6(a)
- Certification Security Futures § 41.24(a)
- Delisting (No Open Interest) § 40.6(a)
- Approval § 40.5(a)
- Approval Made Available to Trade Determination § 40.5(a)
- Approval Security Futures § 41.24(c)
- Approval Amendments to enumerated agricultural products § 40.4(a), § 40.5(a)
- "Non-Material Agricultural Rule Change" § 40.4(b)(5)
- Notification § 40.6(d)

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

Rule Numbers:



Timothy Elliott
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July 31, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL

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**RE: Modifications to the E-mini S&P 500 Options Large Trade Discount Program
CME Submission No. 24-333**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. (“CME” or “Exchange”) hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC” or “Commission”) of plans to modify the E-mini S&P 500 Options Large Trade Discount Program (“Program”). The modifications to the Program will become effective on August 15, 2024.

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

CME reviewed the designated contract market 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: 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 CME 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 CME 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.

CME 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 or contact Rachel Johnson at 312-466-4393 or via e-mail at Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com. Please reference our CME Submission No. 24-333 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Timothy Elliott
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Enclosure: Exhibit 1

EXHIBIT 1

E-mini S&P 500 Options Large Trade Discount Program

Program Purpose

The purpose of this Program is to support participants that are executing large trades in the products listed below. More liquid contracts benefit all participants in the marketplace.

Product Scope

All E-mini S&P 500 Options (“Products”).

Eligible Participants

There is no limit to the number of participants that may participate in the Program. Participants may be CME members or non-members. Participants must have averaged at least 100 sides per day in E-mini S&P 500 Option blocks during the previous three (3) calendar months prior to enrollment in the Program.

Program Term

Start date is May 1, 2024. End date is ~~September 30, 2024~~ January 31, 2025.

Hours

N/A

Incentives*

CME Member Fee Discounts: Upon meeting all eligibility requirements, as determined by the Exchange, CME members will receive the following fee discounts:

- i. *Block Fee Discounts:* Fee discount of \$0.17 per side for qualifying Large** Block Trades/Spreads in the Products.
- ii. *Globex Fee Discounts:* Members must choose between: (i) in-program fee discount of \$0.17 per side for qualifying Large** Globex Trades/Spreads in the Products, or (ii) opt out of in-program Globex fee discounts and retain volume tier fee discounts set forth in the CME Fee Schedule.

Non-Member Fee Discounts: Upon meeting all eligibility requirements, as determined by the Exchange, non-members will receive the following fee discounts:

- i. *Block Fee Discounts:* Fee discount of \$0.22 per side for qualifying Large** Block Trades/Spreads in the Products, with the exception of CBOE members who will receive a discount of \$0.18.
- ii. *Globex Fee Discounts:* Fee discount of \$0.18 per side for qualifying Large** Globex Trades/Spreads in the Products.

*For both members and non-members, there will be a monthly fee discount cap of ~~\$125,000~~ \$400,000 per participant across both block and Globex fee discounts.

**Large Globex and Block Trades/Spreads are defined as follows: (1) *Globex:* outrights and legs greater than or equal to 1,500 contracts executed on Globex at the match event and side level, and (2) *Block:* outrights and legs greater than or equal to 250 contracts executed on Clearport.