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- 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:



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**VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL**

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**RE: Modifications to the Micro Treasury Futures Market Development Program  
CBOT Submission No. 24-353**

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 Micro Treasury Futures Market Development Program ("Program"). The modifications to the Program will become effective on September 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 [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 CBOT Submission No. 24-353 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Timothy Elliott  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Enclosure: Exhibit 1

# EXHIBIT 1

## Micro Treasury Futures Market Development Program

### Program Purpose

The purpose of this Program is to encourage participants to support the ~~launch and~~ development of the products listed below. More liquid contracts on the central limit order book benefit all participants in the marketplace.

### Product Scope

Micro Ultra 10-Year U.S. Treasury Note Futures (“MTN”) and Micro Ultra U.S. Treasury Bond Futures (“MWN”) traded on the CME Globex Platform and cleared via CME ClearPort (“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 March 25, 2024. End date is ~~August 31, 2024~~ February 28, 2025.

### Hours

7:00AM – 4:00PM CT (“RTH”) and 5:00PM – 7:00AM CT (“ETH”).

### Obligations

*Minimum Quoting Obligations:* In order to be eligible to receive incentives, participants must quote continuous two-sided markets in 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.

Product	Width (32nds)	Width (Minimum Price Increment “MPI”)	Width (Display Width)	Size (Contracts)	Time-in- Market	Time Period (CT)
MTN	1.5	<u>3</u>	0.046875	200 <u>10</u>	65%	RTH
	2	<u>4</u>	0.0625	400 <u>5</u>	<del>75%</del> <u>65%</u>	ETH
MWN	3	<u>3</u>	0.09375	400 <u>10</u>	65%	RTH
	4	<u>4</u>	0.125	50 <u>5</u>	<del>75%</del> <u>65%</u>	ETH

**Extreme Events Clause:** If the 10-Year Treasury CME Group Volatility Index (“CVOL”) is 170 or greater for at least three (3) trading days in a calendar month, the following quoting obligation modifications may be implemented by the Exchange for all Products:

- (i) Width (MPI) (32nds) increased by  $\geq 1/32^{\text{nd}}$  for MTN and  $2/32^{\text{nd}}$  for MWN

If 10-Year Treasury CVOL is 230 or greater on any day in a given calendar month, the Exchange may reduce the time-in-market across all Products. 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
3/29/2024	Good Friday
5/27/2024	Memorial Day
6/19/2024	Juneteenth
7/4/2024	Independence Day
9/2/2024	Labor Day
10/14/2024	Columbus Day
11/11/2024	Veterans Day
11/28/2024	Thanksgiving
11/29/2024	Post-Thanksgiving
12/24/2024	Christmas Eve
12/25/2024	Christmas
1/1/2025	New Year's
1/20/2025	Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
2/17/2025	Presidents' Day

## **Incentives**

**Monthly Volume Incentive Pools:** Upon meeting the obligations, as determined by the Exchange, participants will be eligible to participate in the RTH Volume Incentive Pool, ETH Volume Incentive Pool, or both. Each Volume Incentive Pool will be based on Globex total market average daily volume (“ADV”) measured in round turns (“RTs”). Each Volume Incentive Pool will be allocated pro-rata among all eligible participants based on their share of total Globex volume in the respective Volume Incentive Pool over the month. Participants will be subject to a monthly cap of 25% for each Volume Incentive Pool.

### **RTH Volume Incentive Pool**

Total Market Volume (ADV in RTs)	1,000 <= ADV < 5,000	5,000 <= ADV < 10,000	ADV >= 10,000
March 25-29, 2024	\$7,500	\$16,875	\$26,250
April 2024	\$15,000	\$33,750	\$52,500
May 2024	\$15,000	\$33,750	\$52,500
June 2024	\$15,000	\$33,750	\$52,500
July 2024	\$7,500	\$16,875	\$26,250
August 2024	\$7,500	\$16,875	\$26,250

### **ETH Volume Incentive Pool**

Total Market Volume (ADV in RTs)	1,000 ≤ ADV < 5,000	5,000 ≤ ADV < 10,000	ADV ≥ 10,000
March 25-29, 2024	\$2,500	\$5,625	\$8,750
April 2024	\$5,000	\$11,250	\$17,500
May 2024	\$5,000	\$11,250	\$17,500
June 2024	\$5,000	\$11,250	\$17,500
July 2024	\$2,500	\$5,625	\$8,750
August 2024	\$2,500	\$5,625	\$8,750

Fee Waivers: Upon meeting the Minimum Quoting Obligations, as determined by the Exchange, participants will receive fee waivers for all Globex and block transactions in the Products.

### **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 over the course of the Program, the participant will be eligible to receive the incentives for that applicable month. Participants must meet quoting obligations for all subsequent months in order to continue to be eligible 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.