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Official Product Name:

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certification Security Futures | § 41.24(a) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Delisting (No Open Interest) | § 40.6(a) |
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| <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:

September 16, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL

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Commodity Futures Trading Commission
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Washington, DC 20581

**RE: Modifications to the Micro Gold Options Market Maker Program
COMEX Submission No. 24-400**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Commodity Exchange, Inc. (“COMEX” or “Exchange”) hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC” or “Commission”) of plans to modify the Micro Gold Options Market Maker Program (“Program”). The modifications to the Program will become effective on October 1, 2024.

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

The Exchange reviewed the designated contract market core principles (“Core Principles”) as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act (“CEA” or “Act”). During the review, Exchange 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. The Exchange’s market regulation staff will monitor trading in the Program’s product 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 products included in this Program are listed for trading in the open and competitive market. Participants in the Program will be selected by Exchange staff using criteria as further stated 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 the Exchange in which each participant will expressly agree to comply with and be subject to, applicable regulations and Exchange rules. The Program is subject to the Exchange’s record retention policies which comply with the CEA.

COMEX 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 COMEX Submission No. 24-400 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Timothy Elliott
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

EXHIBIT 1

Micro Gold Options Market Maker Program

Program Purpose

The purpose of the Program is to build liquidity in the products listed below that are traded on the CME Globex Platform (“Globex”). More liquid contracts on the central limit order book benefit all participants in the market.

Product Scope

All Micro Gold Options that are traded on Globex or cleared through CME ClearPort (“Products”).

Eligible Participants

There is no limit to the number of participants that may participate in the Program. Participants may be COMEX members or non-members.

Program Term

Start date is October 1, 2023. End date is ~~September 30, 2024~~ September 30, 2025.

Hours

RTH, ETH, and ATH. 5:00PM CT – 4:00PM CT.

Obligations

In order to be eligible to receive the incentives, participants must quote two-sided markets in the applicable Products, at predetermined average bid/ask spreads and minimum quote sizes during a certain percentage of time-in-market.

Incentives

Upon meeting all obligations, as determined by the Exchange, participants will receive predetermined incentives.

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 the requirements of the Program.