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Organization: Commodity Exchange, Inc. ("COMEX")

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**Official Name(s) of Product(s) Affected:** See filing.

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November 8, 2024

**VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL**

Mr. Christopher J. Kirkpatrick  
Office of the Secretariat  
Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
Three Lafayette Centre  
1155 21<sup>st</sup> Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20581

**Re: CFTC Regulation 40.6(a) Certification. Amendments to Rule 643101. (“Contract Specifications”) of the Cobalt Hydroxide CIF China (Fastmarkets) Futures Contract Commencing with the January 2026 Contract Month and Beyond.  
COMEX Submission No. 24-442**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Commodity Exchange, Inc. (“COMEX” or “Exchange”) is certifying to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC” or the “Commission”) amendments to Rule 643101. (“Contract Specifications”) of the Cobalt Hydroxide CIF China (Fastmarkets) Futures contract (Rulebook Chapter [643](#); Commodity Code: COH) (the “Contract”) to change the calculation of the Floating Price of the Contract commencing with the January 2026 contract month and beyond effective on November 26, 2024 and January 1, 2026 (collectively, the “Rule Amendments”).

Pursuant to the Rule Amendments, commencing with the January 2026 contract month and beyond, the Exchange will utilize the arithmetic average of all spot prices for “Cobalt hydroxide 30% Co min, cif China, \$/lb” published by Fastmarkets during each contract month for the calculation of the Floating Price of the Contract. Currently, “Cobalt hydroxide, min 30% Co, inferred, China, \$ per lb” is utilized for the calculation of the Floating Price of the Contract. The Exchange is implementing the Rule Amendments to the Floating Price calculation methodology to more closely align the Contract with existing market trading practices.

No value differential will be applied as a result of the Rule Amendments since the product specifications and delivery locations of the current and amended Floating Price calculation are unchanged.

The Rule Amendments are provided in Exhibit A and B below effective on November 26, 2024, and January 1, 2026 (the date January 2026 contract month will be the spot month), respectively, in blackline format.

The Exchange reviewed the designated contract market core principles (“Core Principles”) as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act (“CEA” or “Act”) and identified that the Rule Amendments may have some bearing on the following core principles:

- **Availability of General Information:** The Exchange will publish information on the change via a Special Executive Report (“SER”) to notify the marketplace of the Rule Amendments. The SER will also be posted on the CME Group website.
- **Contract Not Readily Subject to Manipulation:** The Contract will continue to be not readily subject to manipulation because of its structural attributes, underlying market, and reliance on a well administered index.

- **Compliance with Rules:** The Exchange shall continue its normal practice to establish, monitor, and enforce compliance with the rules of the Contract.
- **Execution of Transactions:** The Exchange will continue its current practice of providing a competitive, open, and efficient market mechanism for executing transactions in the Contract.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Act and CFTC Regulation 40.6(a), the Exchange hereby certifies that the Rule Amendments comply with the Act, including regulations under the Act. The Exchange conducted market outreach in connection with the Rule Amendments. There were no substantive opposing views to the proposal.

The Exchange certifies that this submission has been concurrently posted on the CME Group website at <http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html>.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact the undersigned at (312) 466-7478 or via e-mail at [CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com](mailto:CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com).

Sincerely,

/s/ Timothy Elliott  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachments: Exhibit A: COMEX Rulebook Chapter 643 [effective November 26, 2024]  
Exhibit B: COMEX Rulebook Chapter 643 [effective January 1, 2026]

**EXHIBIT A**  
**[Effective November 26, 2024]**  
**COMEX Rulebook**  
(additions underscored)

**Cobalt Hydroxide CIF China (Fastmarkets) Futures**

**643100. SCOPE OF CHAPTER**

The provisions of these rules shall apply to all contracts bought or sold on the Exchange for cash settlement based on the Floating Price. The procedures for trading, clearing and cash settlement of this contract, and any other matters not specifically covered herein shall be governed by the general rules of the Exchange.

**643101. CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS**

**(For all Contract Months up to and Including December 2025)**

The Floating Price for each contract month is equal to the arithmetic average of all available price assessments published for “Cobalt hydroxide, min 30% Co, inferred, China, \$ per lb” in \$/pound by Fastmarkets during the contract month.

**(For all Contract Months Commencing with January 2026 and Beyond)**

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**643102. TRADING SPECIFICATIONS**

The number of months open for trading at a given time shall be determined by the Exchange.

**643102.A. Trading Schedule**

The hours of trading for this contract shall be determined by the Exchange.

**643102.B. Trading Unit**

The contract quantity shall be 2,204.62 pounds (equivalent to 1 metric ton). Each contract shall be valued as the contract quantity (2,204.62) multiplied by the settlement price.

**643102.C. Price Increments**

Prices shall be quoted in U.S. dollars and cents per pound. The minimum trading price fluctuation shall be \$0.01 per pound. The minimum daily and final settlement price fluctuation shall be \$0.01 per pound.

**643102.D. Position Limits, Exemptions, Position Accountability and Reportable Levels**

The applicable position limits and/or accountability levels, in addition to the reportable levels, are set forth in the Position Limit, Position Accountability and Reportable Level Table in the Interpretations & Special Notices Section of Chapter 5. A Person seeking an exemption from position limits for bona fide commercial purposes shall apply to the Market Regulation Department on forms provided by the Exchange, and the Market Regulation Department may grant qualified exemptions in its sole discretion. Refer to Rule 559 for requirements concerning the aggregation of positions and allowable exemptions from the specified position limits.

**643102.E. Termination of Trading**

Trading in the contract shall terminate at the close of trading on the last UK business day of the contract month. If such day is not an Exchange business day, trading in the contract shall terminate on the Exchange business day that is immediately prior.

**643102.F. Special Price Fluctuation**

Limits at the commencement of each trading day, the contract shall be subject to special fluctuation limits as set forth in Rule 589 and in the Special Price Fluctuation Limits and Daily Price Limits Table in the Interpretations & Special Notices Section of Chapter 5.

**643103. FINAL SETTLEMENT**

Delivery under the contract shall be by cash settlement. Final settlement, following termination of trading for a contract month, will be based on the Floating Price. The final settlement price will be the Floating Price calculated for each contract month.

**643104. DISCLAIMER**

See [NYMEX/COMEX Chapter iv. \("DISCLAIMERS"\)](#) incorporated herein by reference.

**EXHIBIT B**  
**[Effective January 1, 2026]**  
**COMEX Rulebook**  
(deletions struck through)

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