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

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November 21, 2024

**VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL**

Mr. Christopher J. Kirkpatrick  
Office of the Secretariat  
Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
3 Lafayette Center  
1155 21<sup>st</sup> Street NW  
Washington, DC 20581

**Re: CFTC Regulation 40.6(a). Certification. Derived Block Eligibility and Decrease of Minimum Price Increment for the Three (3) Bloomberg Credit Futures Contracts for Transactions Submitted for Clearing via CME ClearPort. CBOT Submission No. 24-414 (2 of 2)**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

The Board of Trade of the City of Chicago, Inc. (“CBOT” or “Exchange”) certifies to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC” or “Commission”) the enablement of derived block functionality and decrease of the minimum price increment for transactions submitted for clearing via CME ClearPort for Bloomberg U.S. Corporate Investment Grade Index Futures, Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield Very Liquid Index Futures, and Bloomberg U.S. Corporate Investment Grade Duration-Hedged Index Futures contracts (the “Contracts”) effective on Sunday, December 15, 2024 for trade date Monday, December 16, 2024, as more specifically described in the table below (collectively, the “Rule Amendments”).

Contract Title	Rulebook Chapter	Commodity Code	Current Minimum Price Increment CME ClearPort	Decreased Minimum Price Increment CME ClearPort
Bloomberg U.S. Corporate Investment Grade Index Futures	90	IQB	0.50 Index points, equal to \$15.00 per contract	<b><u>0.01 Index points, equal to \$0.30 per contract</u></b>
Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield Very Liquid Index Futures	91	HYB	0.10 Index points, equal to \$15.00 per contract	<b><u>0.01 Index points, equal to \$1.50 per contract</u></b>
Bloomberg U.S. Corporate Investment Grade Duration-Hedged Index Futures	92	DHB	0.05 Index points, equal to \$25.00 per contract	<b><u>0.01 Index points, equal to \$5.00 per contract</u></b>

The minimum block threshold for the Contracts is 100 contracts.

In order to enable derived block eligibility of the Contracts, the Exchange is concurrently implementing amendments to CBOT Rule 9X102.C. (“Price Increments”) of CBOT Chapters 90, 91, and 92 to decrease the minimum price fluctuation for transactions submitted for clearing via CME ClearPort.

Appendix A below provides amendments to CBOT Rule 9X102.C. In blackline format.

The Exchange is implementing the Rule Amendments to better accommodate market participants with transactions of large quantities.

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 release a Special Executive Report (“SER”) regarding the Rule Amendments. The SER will also be posted on the CME Group website.

**Daily Publication of Trading Information:** The Exchange will continue to publish contract trading volumes, open interest levels, and price information daily on its website and through quote vendors for the Contracts.

**Prevention of Market Disruption:** Trading in the Contracts will continue to be subject to the rules of the Exchange, which include prohibitions on manipulation, price distortion, and disruption to the cash settlement process

**Compliance with Rules:** The Exchange will continue its normal practice to establish, monitor, and enforce compliance with the rules of the Contracts, including the reduction of the minimum price increment for the Contracts.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Act and CFTC Regulation 40.6(a), the Exchange certifies that the Rule Amendments comply with the Act and regulations thereunder. There were no substantive opposing views to this proposal.

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

Attachment: Appendix A Amendments to CBOT Rulebook Chapters 90, 91, and 92  
(blackline format)

## Appendix A

### CBOT Rulebook

(additions underscored)

#### Chapter 90

#### Bloomberg U.S. Corporate Investment Grade Index Futures

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##### 90102. TRADING SPECIFICATIONS

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###### 90102.C. Price Increments

Bids and offers shall be quoted in Index points. The minimum price increment for transactions on CME Globex shall be 0.50 Index points, equal to \$15.00 per contract. For transactions submitted for clearing via CME ClearPort, the minimum price increment shall be 0.01 Index points, equal to \$0.30 per contract.

[Remainder of Rule unchanged.]

#### Chapter 91

#### Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield Very Liquid Index Futures

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##### 91102. TRADING SPECIFICATIONS

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###### 91102.C. Price Increments

Bids and offers shall be quoted in Index points. The minimum price increment for transactions on CME Globex shall be 0.10 Index points, equal to \$15.00 per contract. For transactions submitted for clearing via CME ClearPort, the minimum price increment shall be 0.01 Index points, equal to \$1.50 per contract.

[Remainder of Rule unchanged.]

#### Chapter 92

#### Bloomberg U.S. Corporate Investment Grade Duration-Hedged Index Futures

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##### 92102. TRADING SPECIFICATIONS

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###### 92102.C. Price Increments

Bids and offers shall be quoted in Index points. The minimum price increment for transactions on CME Globex shall be 0.05 Index points, equal to \$25.00 per contract. For transactions submitted for clearing via CME ClearPort shall be 0.01 Index points, equal to \$5.00 per contract.

[Remainder of Rule unchanged.]