

24-517: Modifications to the NYMEX Manual Trader Growth Incentive Program



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**RE: Modifications to the NYMEX Manual Trader Growth Incentive Program
NYMEX Submission No. 24-517**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") that it plans to modify the NYMEX Manual Trader Growth Incentive Program. The modifications to the Program will become effective on January 1, 2025.

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

NYMEX reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"). During the review, NYMEX 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 products 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 NYMEX staff using criteria as further stated in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the NYMEX rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. All participants must execute a contractual agreement with NYMEX in which each participant will expressly agree to comply with and be subject to, applicable regulations and NYMEX rules. The Program is subject to the Exchange's record retention policies which comply with the CEA.

The Exchange 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 or contact Rachel Johnson at 312-466-4393 or via e-mail at Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com.

Sincerely,

/s/ Timothy Elliott
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Attachment: Exhibit 1

EXHIBIT 1

NYMEX Manual Trader Growth Incentive Program

Program Purpose

The purpose of this Program is to build liquidity across the products listed below on the CME Globex Platform ("Globex"). The resulting central limit order book liquidity benefits all participants in the market.

Product Scope

Crude Oil Futures ("CL"), NY Harbor ULSD Futures ("HO"), RBOB Gasoline Futures ("RB"), and Brent Last Day Financial Futures ("BZ") that are traded on Globex ("Products").

Eligible Participants

There is no limit to the number of participants that may enroll in the Program. Participants must be proprietary trading firms that are NYMEX members. Participants enrolled in this Program cannot concurrently be enrolled in the NYMEX Crude Liquidity Program.

Program Term

Start date is November 1, 2024. End date is ~~May 31, 2025~~ June 30, 2025, or the date on which the Exchange determines to modify, extend, or terminate the Program. Participants will be given notice of any changes to the Program Term.

Hours

N/A

Obligations

In order to be eligible to receive incentives, participants must meet predetermined volume thresholds in the Products.

Incentives

Upon satisfying 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.