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Organization: Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME")

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Organization Rules and Rule Amendments

- Certification § 40.6(a)
- Approval § 40.5(a)
- Notification § 40.6(d)
- Advance Notice of SIDCO Rule Change § 40.10(a)
- SIDCO Emergency Rule Change § 40.10(h)

Rule Numbers:

New Product

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- Certification § 40.2(a)
- Certification Security Futures § 41.23(a)
- Certification Swap Class § 40.2(d)
- Approval § 40.3(a)
- Approval Security Futures § 41.23(b)
- Novel Derivative Product Notification § 40.12(a)
- Swap Submission § 39.5

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: Live Cattle Futures and Options on Live Cattle Futures

Rule Numbers: Chapters 101 and 101A

February 2, 2016

VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL

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

Re: CFTC Regulation 40.6(a) Certification. Notification Regarding Amendments to the Listing Schedule for the CME Live Cattle Futures and Options Contracts. CME Submission No. 16-048

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. (“CME” or “Exchange”) is notifying the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC” or “Commission”) that it is self-certifying amendments to the listing schedule for Live Cattle futures and options contracts. Pursuant to CME Submission No. 15-548 dated December 10, 2015, the Exchange temporarily halted the listing of the June 2017 Live Cattle futures and options contracts, originally scheduled to be listed on January 4, 2016, as well as any subsequent contract months. The reason for temporarily halting the listing schedule for these contracts was to afford the cattle and beef industries sufficient time to provide CME with feedback regarding potential amendments to CME Rule 10101 (“Contract Specifications”) of the Live Cattle Futures contract which would allow cattle of non-U.S. origin to be deliverable against the contract should there be a repeal of beef as a covered commodity subject to Country of Origin Labeling (“COOL”) requirements. Based upon a significant amount of feedback from market participants, effective on Thursday, February 18, 2016, CME will list the June 2017 Live Cattle futures and options contracts as described in the table below. Also at that time, the Exchange will resume the normal listing schedule of subsequent Live Cattle futures and options contract months. It should be noted that CME will not be implementing amendments to Rule 10101 and, therefore, the Exchange will continue to prohibit cattle born or raised outside of the U.S. from being deliverable against the Live Cattle Futures contract.

Product	Rule Chapter	Clearing Code	CME Globex Code	Floor Code	CME ClearPort Code
Live Cattle Futures	101	LC	LE	N/A	48
Live Cattle TAS Futures	101	LET	LET	N/A	N/A
Live Cattle Options	101A	LC	LE	CK, PK	48
Live Cattle Calendar Spread Options	101B	C0A, C0B, C0C	L0A, L0B, L0C	C0A, C0B, C0C	None

The Exchange has obtained a significant amount of feedback from commercial hedgers advising that the June 2017 Live Cattle futures and options contracts should be listed as soon as possible in order to facilitate hedging needs. Due to the lack of publicly available data on discounts or premiums based on the country of origin of the cattle, and given the indicated magnitude and possible variance of country of origin discounts on cattle, CME has determined not to amend Rule 10101 regarding country of origin delivery. CME believes that obtaining an objective and publicly available mechanism of determining and

verifying the appropriate discount or premium would be necessary in order to implement such amendments. CME will continue to engage in discussions with market participants regarding this matter.

The Exchange reviewed the designated contract market core principles (“Core Principles”) as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act (“CEA” or “Act”) and identified the following Core Principle as potentially being impacted:

Availability of General Information: The Exchange shall publish on its website information in regard to futures contract specifications, terms and conditions, and any changes to the delivery procedures.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Act and CFTC Regulation 40.6(a), the Exchange hereby certifies that the amendments to the Live Cattle Futures contract comply with the Act, including regulations under the Act. There were no substantive opposing views to this proposal.

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>.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact the undersigned at (212) 299-2200 or via e-mail at CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com.

Sincerely,

/s/Christopher Bowen
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel