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- Certification § 40.6(a)
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- SIDCO Emergency Rule Change § 40.10(h)

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

Official Product Name:

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, Live Cattle TAS Futures, Live Cattle Options, Live Cattle Calendar Spread Options, Feeder Cattle Futures, Feeder Cattle TAS Futures, Feeder Cattle Options, Lean Hog Futures, Lean Hog TAS Futures, Lean Hog Options

Rule Numbers: Chapters 101, 101A, 101B, 102, 102A, 152, 152A

February 10, 2016

VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL

Mr. Christopher J. Kirkpatrick
Office of the Secretariat
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20581

**Re: CFTC Regulation 40.6(a) Certification. Notification Regarding Amendments to CME Globex Electronic Trading and Open Outcry Trading Hours for the CME Livestock Futures and Options Contracts.
CME Submission No. 16-064**

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 hours of trading on the CME Globex electronic trading platform and via open outcry on the CME trading floor for the CME Livestock futures and options contracts (the “Contracts”) provided in the tables below. The amended hours will be effective on Monday, February 29, 2016.

CME Livestock Contracts	Rulebook Chapter	Clearing Code	CME Globex Code	Trading Floor Code	CME ClearPort Code
Live Cattle Futures	101	48	LE	N/A	48
Live Cattle TAS Futures	101	LET	LET	N/A	N/A
Live Cattle Options	101A	48	LE	CK, PK	48
Live Cattle Calendar Spread Options	101B	C0A, C0B, C0C	L0A, L0B, L0C	C0A, C0B, C0C	N/A
Feeder Cattle Futures	102	62	GF	N/A	62
Feeder Cattle TAS Futures	102	GFT	GFT	N/A	N/A
Feeder Cattle Options	102A	62	GF	JF, KF	62
Lean Hog Futures	152	LN	HE	N/A	LN
Lean Hog TAS Futures	152	HET	HET	N/A	N/A
Lean Hog Options	152A	LN	HE	PH, CH	LN

Current CME Livestock Contract Trading Hours (Central Time)	CME Livestock Trading Hours as of February 29, 2016 (Central Time)
CME Globex (Electronic): Mon: 9:05 am – 4:00 pm Tue – Thu: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm Fri: 8:00 am – 1:55 pm	CME Globex (Electronic): Mon – Fri: 8:30 am – 1:05 pm
Open Outcry (Trading Floor): Mon: 9:05 am – 1:02 pm Tue – Fri: 8:00 am – 1:02 pm	Open Outcry (Trading Floor): Mon – Fri: 8:30 am – 1:02 pm

Trading of Live Cattle TAS Futures, Feeder Cattle TAS Futures, and Lean Hog TAS Futures will be 8:30 am – 1:00pm (Central Time) Monday – Friday.

The daily settlement period and procedures for the Contracts shall remain unchanged.

CME Livestock options contracts will continue to be available for trading on CME Globex, the CME trading floor, and available for submission of EFRPs for clearing via CME ClearPort as applicable. CME Livestock futures contracts will continue to be available for trading on CME Globex, for submission of EFRPs for clearing via CME ClearPort as applicable, and on the CME trading floor for qualified member to execute as part of options/futures spreads via open outcry in the applicable options trading pit.

Please note that the Contracts will remain available for submission of clearing via CME ClearPort, as applicable with unchanged clearing hours – Sunday 5:00 pm – Friday 4:00 pm with a one-hour halt on Monday-Thursday beginning at 4:00 pm (Central Time)).

The Exchange solicited and obtained feedback from market participants and discovered that the majority of market participants prefer a reduction of trading hours of the Contracts, and that the close of daily trade occur near the daily settlement period. Based on 2015 trading volume, 86.6% of daily futures and options trading of the Contracts occurred during the proposed trading hours. The Exchange does not anticipate a significant drop-off in volume as a result of the amendments and expects that the volume which currently occurs during the early morning and late afternoon hours will migrate to the new trading period. The Exchange expects this will result in increased liquidity and lower price volatility. The proposed amended hours will meet the broad market preferences based on customer feedback, while continuing to provide ample opportunity for the livestock trading community to manage price risk during periods of significant market liquidity.

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 proposed changes may impact the following Core Principles:

- **Compliance with Rules** – All trading hours will continue to be subject to the full range of rules in the CME Rulebook Chapters, including all monitoring, surveillance, and enforcement provisions.
- **Execution of Transactions** – Amending the trading hours does not impact the Exchange’s order execution, which will continue in the same manner as before.
- **Prevention of Market Disruption** – The capacity and responsibility to prevent manipulation, price distortion, and disruptions of the delivery or cash-settlement process through market surveillance, compliance, and enforcement practices and procedures will continue during the new trading hours.
- **Availability of General Information** – The amendments will be made known to the trading community in advance of the effective date via the dissemination of a Special Executive Report (“SER”). The SER will also be posted on the CME Group website.
- **Daily Publication of Trading** – All trades will be posted in the Daily Bulletin and published on the CME website.

The Exchange discussed these proposed changes with market participants and considered the views expressed during those conversations. Some of the participants supported not amending the Contracts trading hours, with the rationale being that those participants are willing to accept the lower liquidity found during the current late afternoon trading period in order to facilitate the pricing and hedging of late afternoon cash transactions. Some participants also preferred a longer period of time between settlement and the close of daily trade, citing the desire to observe the closing of the grain markets prior to trading the close of the livestock markets. The Exchange considered this feedback and determined to implement the feedback provided by a majority of participants for the reasons stated above.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Act and CFTC Regulation 40.6(a), the Exchange certifies that the amendments comply with the Act and regulations thereunder. As previously noted, while a small segment of market participants expressed opposing views, the Exchange did not deem those views to be substantive in nature.

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,

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Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel