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Submission No. 18-324  
April 6, 2018

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

**Re: Amendments to Appendix I to Chapter 8 (Coffee “C” Sampling Procedures)  
Submission Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Act and Regulation 40.6(a)**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended (the “Act”) and Commission Regulation 40.6(a), ICE Futures U.S., Inc. (“IFUS” or “Exchange”) hereby self-certifies the amendments to Coffee Appendix I(i)(1), set forth in Exhibit A, which expressly allow the Exchange to reject samples that have been submitted for grading which contain evidence of active insect infestation. The Exchange is amending the provision to align the Coffee “C” futures contract rules with the longstanding sampling and grading practice of rejecting product with evidence of active infestation. This practice helps ensure that the coffee delivered to buyers against the Coffee “C” futures contract is merchantable.

The Exchange is not aware of any opposing views and certifies that the amendments to Coffee Appendix I(i)(1), which will become effective on April 23, 2018, comply with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. Specifically, the Rule is being amended to comply with Core Principle 3 (Contracts not Readily Subject to Manipulation), as the amendment helps ensure coffee delivered against the futures contract is in merchantable condition. The Exchange further certifies that concurrent with this filing a copy of this submission was posted on the Exchange’s website, which may be accessed at (<https://www.theice.com/futures-us/regulation#Rule-Filings>).

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at 212-748-4021 or at [jason.fusco@theice.com](mailto:jason.fusco@theice.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason V. Fusco". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

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Assistant General Counsel  
Market Regulation

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cc: Division of Market Oversight

**EXHIBIT A**

**COFFEE APPENDIXES**

**APPENDIX I**

**Procedures for Sampling Coffee**

The following procedures must be followed by Members and Licensees in connection with the sampling of Coffee "C":

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**(i) Acceptance of Samples by the Exchange.**

(1) The Exchange reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to refuse to accept or process any sample which it has reason to suspect: (i) was improperly drawn; ~~(ii)~~ (ii) is not fair and representative of the Chop to which it relates; or (iii) contains evidence of active insect infestation. The Exchange's acceptance or processing of a sample is not intended as and shall not be considered an acknowledgement, agreement, or representation by the Exchange that such sample has been properly drawn or is fair and representative.

**[REMAINDER OF RULE UNCHANGED]**