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☐	Certification	§ 40.6(a)
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☐	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: See Filing.

Rule Numbers: See Filing.

CME Group

Christopher Bowen
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June 5, 2020

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 Options Characteristics Rule of the South African Rand/US Dollar ("ZAR/USD") Futures and Options on Russian Ruble/US Dollar ("RUB/USD") Futures Contracts and Temporary Suspension of Trading and Clearing. CME Submission No. 20-248

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME" or "Exchange") is certifying to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") amendments to the Option Characteristics rule of the Options on South African Rand/US Dollar ("ZAR/USD") Futures and Options on Russian Ruble/US Dollar ("RUB/USD") Futures contracts (the "Contracts") listed in Appendix A effective Sunday, July 12, 2020 for trade date Monday, July 13, 2020. In addition, effective immediately, the Exchange will suspend trading and clearing of the Contracts until Sunday, July 12, 2020 for trade date Monday, July 13, 2020 (collectively, the "Rule Amendments"). The Exchange currently lists monthly and weekly options on ZAR/USD options and RUB/USD options for trading on the CME trading floor[1] and the CME Globex electronic trading platform and for submission for clearing only on CME ClearPort. There is no open interest in the Contracts.

The strike price listing and ranges of the Contracts are currently somewhat limited in scope. The Rule Amendments are intended to expand the strike prices and their ranges and thereby enhance trading and clearing of the Contracts.

Appendix A provides the commodity codes and changes for ZAR/USD and RUB/USD options where CME will amend the strike prices and ranges. Appendix B provides amendments to the rulebook chapters in blackline format. Appendix C provides the suspended ZAR/USD and RUB/USD monthly and weekly options contracts. Appendix D provides the ZAR/USD and RUB/USD monthly and weekly option contracts to be relisted for trade date Monday, July 13, 2020.

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")

[1] CME Group closed its Chicago trading floor as of the close of business Friday, March 13, 2020, as a precaution to reduce large gatherings that can contribute to the spread of coronavirus in line with the advice of medical professionals. Updates can be found at: https://www.cmegroup.com/company/information.html

regarding the actions described herein. The SER will also be posted on the CME Group website.

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

- **Execution of Transactions:** Upon termination of the suspension, the Contracts will continue to be listed for trading on the CME trading floor and the CME Globex electronic trading platform. These trading venues provide for competitive and open execution of transactions. At that time, the Contracts will resume activity on for submission of clearing via CME ClearPort.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Act and CFTC Regulation 40.6(a), CME hereby certifies that the Rule Amendments comply with the Act, including the regulations under the Act. There were no substantive opposing views to the 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

Attachments: Appendix A – Amendments to Strike Price and Ranges
Appendix B – Amendments to CME Chapters 259A and 260A (blackline format)
Appendix C – Suspended ZAR/USD and RUB/USD monthly and weekly options contracts
Appendix D – ZAR/USD and RUB/USD monthly and weekly contracts to be relisted for trading and clearing on trade date Monday, July 13, 2020

Appendix A

Strike Price and Range Changes

Contract Title	Rulebook Chapter	Commodity Code	Current Strike Price and Range	Amended Strike Price and Range
ZAR/USD Monthly Options	259A	CME Globex: RO CME ClearPort: RA Open Outcry: RO Clearing: RA	$0.00250 +/- 8 strikes	Front 3 months: $0.00050 +/- 20 strikes Non-Front months: $0.0010 +/- 20 strikes
ZAR/USD Weekly Friday Options	259A	CME Globex: 1N-5N CME ClearPort: 1N-5N Open Outcry: 1N-5N Clearing: 1N-5N	$0.00250 +/- 8 strikes	$0.00050 +/- 15 strikes
RUB/USD Monthly Options	260A	CME Globex: 6R CME ClearPort: RU Open Outcry: UO Clearing: RU	$0.00025 +/- 25 strikes	Front 3 months: $0.00010 +/- 20 strikes Non-Front months: $0.00020 +/- 20 strikes
RUB/USD Weekly Friday Options	260A	CME Globex: 6R1-6R5 CME ClearPort: RU1-RU5 Open Outcry: RU1-RU5 Clearing: RU1-RU5	$0.00025 +/- 25 strikes	$0.00010 +/- 15 strikes

Appendix B
CME Rulebook

(additions underlined; deletions ~~struck-through~~)

Chapter 259A
Options on South African Rand/U.S. Dollar (ZAR/USD) Futures

259A01. OPTIONS CHARACTERISTICS

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259A01.J. Exercise Prices and Listing of Exercise Prices

~~Regular exercise prices shall be stated in terms of U.S. dollars per South African rand at intervals of $0.00250, e.g., $0.21750, $0.22000 $0.21800, $0.22250 $0.21850, etc.~~

~~259A02. LISTING OF EXERCISE PRICES~~

1. Front Three Monthly Options

At the commencement of trading in a contract month for monthly options on South African rand/U.S. dollar futures, the Exchange shall list put and call options at the $0.00050 regular exercise price that is nearest the previous day's settlement price of the underlying futures contract. In addition, the Exchange shall list put and call options at the next ~~eight~~ twenty higher and next ~~eight~~ twenty lower regular exercise prices for options on South African rand/U.S. dollar futures.

When a sale, bid, offer, or settlement price in the underlying futures occurs within half a $0.00050 regular exercise price interval of the ~~eighth~~ twentieth highest or ~~eighth~~ twentieth lowest existing regular exercise price for options on South African rand/U.S. dollar futures, put and call options at the next higher or next lower regular exercise price shall be listed for trading on the next trading day. New options may be listed for trading up to and including the termination of trading.

The Exchange may modify the provisions governing the establishment of exercise prices as it deems appropriate.

2. Non-Front (Fourth and beyond) Monthly Options

At the commencement of trading in a contract month for monthly options on South African rand/U.S. dollar futures, the Exchange shall list put and call options at the $0.0010 regular exercise price that is nearest the previous day's settlement price of the underlying futures contract. In addition, the Exchange shall list put and call options at the next twenty higher and next twenty lower regular exercise prices for options on South African rand/U.S. dollar futures.

When a sale, bid, offer, or settlement price in the underlying futures occurs within half a $0.0010 regular exercise price interval of the twentieth highest or twentieth lowest existing regular exercise price for options on South African rand/U.S. dollar futures, put and call options at the next higher or next lower regular exercise price shall be listed for trading on the next trading day. New options may be listed for trading up to and including the termination of trading. The Exchange may modify the provisions governing the establishment of exercise prices as it deems appropriate.

~~2~~3. Weekly Options

~~Upon demand, the Exchange shall list any exercise price for the weekly options that is eligible for listing for the nearest monthly option with the same underlying futures contract.~~

At the commencement of trading in a weekly option on South African rand/U.S. dollar futures, the Exchange shall list put and call options at the $0.00050 regular exercise price that is nearest the previous day's settlement price of the underlying futures contract. In addition, the Exchange shall list put and call options at the next fifteen higher and next fifteen lower regular exercise prices for options on South African rand/U.S. dollar futures.

When a sale, bid, offer, or settlement price in the underlying futures occurs within half a $0.00050 regular exercise price interval of the fifteenth highest or fifteenth lowest existing regular exercise price for options on South African rand/U.S. dollar futures, put and call options at the next higher

or next lower regular exercise price shall be listed for trading on the next trading day. New options may be listed for trading up to and including the termination of trading.
The Exchange may modify the provisions governing the establishment of exercise prices as it deems appropriate.

~~3~~4. Dynamically-Listed Exercise Prices.
Upon demand and at the discretion of the Exchange, new out-of-current-range exercise prices at regularly defined intervals may be added for trading on as soon as possible basis.

Chapter 260A
Options on Russian Ruble/U.S. Dollar (RUB/USD) Futures

260A01. OPTIONS CHARACTERISTICS

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260A01.J. Exercise Prices and Listing of Exercise Prices
~~Regular exercise prices shall be stated in terms of U.S. dollars per Russian ruble at intervals of $0.00025, e.g., $0.03500, $0.03525, $0.03550, etc.~~

~~260A02. LISTING OF EXERCISE PRICES~~

1. Front Three Monthly Options
At the commencement of trading in a contract month for monthly options on Russian ruble/U.S. dollar futures, the Exchange shall list put and call options at the $0.0001 regular exercise price that is nearest the previous day's settlement price of the underlying futures contract. In addition, the Exchange shall list put and call options at the next ~~twenty-five~~ twenty higher and next ~~twenty-five~~ twenty lower regular exercise prices for options on Russian ruble/U.S. dollar futures.
When a sale, bid, offer, or settlement price in the underlying futures occurs within half a $0.0001 regular exercise price interval of the ~~twenty-fifth~~ twentieth highest or ~~twenty-fifth~~ twentieth lowest existing regular exercise price for options on Russian ruble/U.S. dollar futures, put and call options at the next higher or next lower regular exercise price shall be listed for trading on the next Trading Day. New options may be listed for trading up to and including the termination of trading.
The Exchange may modify the provisions governing the establishment of exercise prices as it deems appropriate.

2. Non-Front (Fourth and beyond) Monthly Options
At the commencement of trading in a contract month for monthly options on Russian ruble/U.S. dollar futures, the Exchange shall list put and call options at the $0.00020 regular exercise price that is nearest the previous day's settlement price of the underlying futures contract. In addition, the Exchange shall list put and call options at the next twenty higher and next twenty lower regular exercise prices for options on Russian ruble/U.S. dollar futures.
When a sale, bid, offer, or settlement price in the underlying futures occurs within half a $0.00020 regular exercise price interval of the twentieth highest or twentieth lowest existing regular exercise price for options on Russian ruble/U.S. dollar futures, put and call options at the next higher or next lower regular exercise price shall be listed for trading on the next Trading Day. New options may be listed for trading up to and including the termination of trading.
The Exchange may modify the provisions governing the establishment of exercise prices as it deems appropriate.

~~2~~3. Weekly Options
~~Upon demand, the Exchange shall list any exercise price for the weekly options that is eligible for listing for the nearest monthly option with the same underlying futures contract.~~
At the commencement of trading in a weekly option on Russian ruble/U.S. dollar futures, the Exchange shall list put and call options at the $0.00010 regular exercise price that is nearest the previous day's settlement price of the underlying futures contract. In addition, the Exchange shall

list put and call options at the next fifteen higher and next fifteen lower regular exercise prices for options on Russian ruble/U.S. dollar futures.

When a sale, bid, offer, or settlement price in the underlying futures occurs within half a $0.00010 regular exercise price interval of the fifteenth highest or fifteenth lowest existing regular exercise price for options on Russian ruble/U.S. dollar futures, put and call options at the next higher or next lower regular exercise price shall be listed for trading on the next Trading Day. New options may be listed for trading up to and including the termination of trading.

The Exchange may modify the provisions governing the establishment of exercise prices as it deems appropriate.

~~3~~4. Dynamically-Listed Exercise Prices.

Upon demand and at the discretion of the Exchange, new out-of-current-range exercise prices at regularly defined intervals may be added for trading on as soon as possible basis.

Appendix C
Suspended ZAR/USD and RUB/USD Monthly and Weekly Contracts

ZAR/USD Monthly Options

CONTRACT MONTH	PRODUCT CODE	SETTLEMENT
Jul-20	RAN20	2-Jul-20
Aug-20	RAQ20	7-Aug-20
Sep-20	RAU20	4-Sep-20
Oct-20	RAV20	9-Oct-20
Nov-20	RAX20	6-Nov-20
Dec-20	RAZ20	4-Dec-20
Jan-21	RAF21	8-Jan-21
Feb-21	RAG21	5-Feb-21
Mar-21	RAH21	5-Mar-21
Apr-21	RAJ21	9-Apr-21
May-21	RAK21	7-May-21

ZAR/USD Weekly Options

CONTRACT MONTH	PRODUCT CODE	SETTLEMENT
June 2020 ZAR/USD OPTIONS Week2	2NM20	2020-06-12
June 2020 ZAR/USD OPTIONS Week3	3NM20	2020-06-19
June 2020 ZAR/USD OPTIONS Week4	4NM20	2020-06-26
July 2020 ZAR/USD OPTIONS Week2	2NN20	2020-07-10

RUB/USD Monthly Options

CONTRACT MONTH	PRODUCT CODE	SETTLEMENT
Jun-20	RUM20	15-Jun-20
Jul-20	RUN20	15-Jul-20
Aug-20	RUQ20	17-Aug-20
Sep-20	RUU20	15-Sep-20
Oct-20	RUV20	15-Oct-20
Nov-20	RUX20	16-Nov-20
Dec-20	RUZ20	15-Dec-20
Jan-21	RUF21	15-Jan-21
Feb-21	RUG21	16-Feb-21
Mar-21	RUH21	15-Mar-21
Apr-21	RUJ21	15-Apr-21
May-21	RUK21	17-May-21
Jun-21	RUM21	15-Jun-21
Sep-21	RUU21	15-Sep-21
Dec-21	RUZ21	15-Dec-21
Mar-22	RUH22	15-Mar-22
Jun-22	RUM22	15-Jun-22
Sep-22	RUU22	15-Sep-22

RUB/USD Weekly Options

CONTRACT MONTH	PRODUCT CODE	SETTLEMENT
June 2020 RUB/USD OPTIONS Week2	RU2M20	2020-06-12
June 2020 RUB/USD OPTIONS Week3	RU3M20	2020-06-19
June 2020 RUB/USD OPTIONS Week4	RU4M20	2020-06-26

Appendix D
ZAR/USD and RUB/USD Monthly and Weekly Contracts to be Relisted for trade date Monday, July 13, 2020

ZAR/USD Monthly Options

CONTRACT MONTH	PRODUCT CODE	SETTLEMENT
Aug-20	RAQ20	7-Aug-20
Sep-20	RAU20	4-Sep-20
Oct-20	RAV20	9-Oct-20
Nov-20	RAX20	6-Nov-20
Dec-20	RAZ20	4-Dec-20
Jan-21	RAF21	8-Jan-21
Feb-21	RAG21	5-Feb-21
Mar-21	RAH21	5-Mar-21
Apr-21	RAJ21	9-Apr-21
May-21	RAK21	7-May-21
Jun-21	RAM21	4-Jun-21
Jul-21	RAN21	9-Jul-21

ZAR/USD Weekly Options

CONTRACT MONTH	PRODUCT CODE	SETTLEMENT
July 2020 ZAR/USD OPTIONS Week3	3NN20	2020-07-17
July 2020 ZAR/USD OPTIONS Week4	4NN20	2020-07-24
July 2020 ZAR/USD OPTIONS Week5	5NN20	2020-07-31
August 2020 ZAR/USD OPTIONS Week2	2NQ20	2020-08-14

RUB/USD Monthly Options

CONTRACT MONTH	PRODUCT CODE	SETTLEMENT
Aug-20	RUQ20	17-Aug-20
Sep-20	RUU20	15-Sep-20
Oct-20	RUV20	15-Oct-20
Nov-20	RUX20	16-Nov-20
Dec-20	RUZ20	15-Dec-20
Jan-21	RUF21	15-Jan-21
Feb-21	RUG21	16-Feb-21
Mar-21	RUH21	15-Mar-21
Apr-21	RUJ21	15-Apr-21
May-21	RUK21	17-May-21
Jun-21	RUM21	15-Jun-21
Jul-21	RUN21	15-Jul-21

RUB/USD Weekly Options

CONTRACT MONTH	PRODUCT CODE	SETTLEMENT
July 2020 RUB/USD OPTIONS Week3	RU3N20	2020-07-17
July 2020 RUB/USD OPTIONS Week4	RU4N20	2020-07-24
July 2020 RUB/USD OPTIONS Week5	RU5N20	2020-07-31
August 2020 RUB/USD OPTIONS Week1	RU1Q20	2020-08-07