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**Organization:** New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX")

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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:**

**Rule Numbers:**

June 11, 2021

**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. Amendments to the Gulf Coast LNG Export  
 Futures Contract.  
 NYMEX Submission No. 21-215**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. (“NYMEX” or the “Exchange”) is certifying to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC” or “Commission”) amendments to the Gulf Coast LNG Export Futures contract (Rulebook Chapter 240; Commodity Code LNG) (the “Contract”) effective on Sunday, July 11, 2021 for trade date Monday, July 12, 2021.

The amendments will:

- (1) Expand the delivery locations of the Contract to include the Freeport LNG Facility.
- (2) Convert from listing monthly contracts to weekly contracts (“Ticket Weeks”).

Commodity Code	Contract Title	Current Listing Schedule	Amended Listing Schedule (7/12/21)
LNG (LNG1U1)	Gulf Coast LNG Export Futures	Monthly contracts listed for 24 consecutive months	Weekly contracts (ticket weeks) listed for 24 consecutive months

- Each Ticket Week shall be the delivery period associated with a specific contract week and shall be the seven calendar days starting with and including Sunday through and including Saturday. The Exchange will list four to five Ticket Weeks per calendar month depending on the number of Sundays in a calendar month. Ticket Weeks for a given calendar month shall simultaneously expire three business days prior to the first calendar day of the month prior to the first expiring Ticket Week.
- The first listed Ticket Week shall be the first week of September 2021 (Commodity Code: LNG LNG1U1) throughout the last listed Ticket Week of August 2023 (Commodity Code: LNG LNG5U1 ) and the listing schedule shall consist of Ticket Weeks comprising of 24 consecutive calendar months. For example, once the four Ticket Weeks of September 2021 simultaneously terminate on July 28, 2021, the four Ticket Weeks of September 2023 will be listed.

- (3) Increase the position limits of the Contract.

- As a result of the revised deliverable supply analysis and the expansion of the delivery locations, the Exchange is increasing the position limits of the Contract. The new position limits will be 600 futures contract per week. For greater context and clarity, the increased position limits of the Contract would have been 2,348 futures contracts per month if the Contract were not converted to Ticket Weeks.

(4) Effective immediately, suspend trading and clearing of the Contract until trade date July 12, 2021.

Specifically, the Exchange will: (1) amend Rule 240102. (“Trading Specifications”), Rule 240102.E. (“Termination of Trading”); (2) amend Rule. 240103. (“Delivery Matching Procedures”); (3) amend Appendix-A. (“LNG Sale & Purchase agreement”), Appendix-B (“Loading Ports”), and Appendix-C (“Gross-up/Gross-Down Positions Matching”); (4) effective immediately suspend trading and clearing of the Contract until trade date Sunday, July 11, 2021 for trade date Monday, July 12, 2021; and (5) implementing minor clarification amendments to the Contract (collectively, the “Rule Amendments”). There is no open interest in the Contract.

Based on market participant feedback, the Exchange determined to convert the Contract from listing monthly contracts to weekly contracts (“Ticket Weeks”). Listing Ticket Weeks will allow market participants to trade the Contract with more granular delivery windows relative to their corresponding shipping arrangements and commercial needs. In addition, offering Ticket Weeks affords greater flexibility and optionality of loading windows.

The Position Limit, Position Accountability and Reportable Level Table and Header Notes located in the Interpretations and Special Notices Section of Chapter 5 of the NYMEX Rulebook is being amended to reflect the changes in the position limits for the Contract (see Exhibit B: Position Limit, Position Accountability, and Reportable Level Table in Chapter 5 of the NYMEX Rulebook (attached under a separate cover.) Exhibit C below provides an updated the cash market overview and analysis of deliverable supply for the Contract.

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:

- **Contract Not Readily Subject to Manipulation:** The specification of the Contract market and the structural market attributes are designed such that the Contract is not readily susceptible to manipulation.
- **Position Limitations or Accountability:** The speculative position limits for the Contract as demonstrated in this submission are consistent with the Commission’s guidance.
- **Availability of General Information:** The Exchange publishes on its website information regarding the Contract’s specifications, terms, and conditions, as well as daily trading volume, open interest, and price information.
- **Daily Publication of Trading Information:** The Exchange publishes the Contract’s trading volumes, open interest levels, and price information daily on its website and through quote vendors for the Contracts.
- **Execution of Transactions:** The Contract is listed for trading on the CME Globex electronic trading and for clearing through CME ClearPort. The CME Globex trading venue provides for competitive and open execution of transactions. CME Globex affords the benefits of reliability and global connectivity.

- **Daily Publication of Trading Information:** NYMEX complies with this Core Principle by making public daily information on settlement prices, volume, open interest, and opening and closing ranges for the Contracts. This will be accomplished by publishing this information on a daily basis on the Exchange's website.

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

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](mailto:CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com).

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachments: Exhibit A: Amendments to NYMEX Rulebook Chapter 240 (blackline format)  
Exhibit B: Position Limit, Position Accountability, and Reportable Level Table in Chapter 5 of the NYMEX Rulebook (blackline format) (attached under separate cover)  
Exhibit C: Cash Market Overview and Analysis of Deliverable Supply (attached under separate cover) (confidential treatment requested)

**Exhibit A**

**NYMEX Rulebook  
Chapter 240**

**U.S. LNG Export Futures**

(additions underscoring; deletions ~~struck through~~)

(attached under separate cover)

**Exhibit B**

**NYMEX Rulebook  
Chapter 5  
("Trading Qualifications and Practices")**

**Position Limit, Position Accountability, and Reportable Level Table**

(attached under separate cover)

Exhibit C

(CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT REQUESTED)

ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL MARKET INFORMATION

[REDACTED]