

Product Submission by ForecastEx LLC – Pursuant to 17 C.F.R. §§ 40.2

July 26, 2024

SUBMITTED VIA CFTC PORTAL

Secretary of the Commission
Office of the Secretariat
U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
1155 21st Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20581

Re: ForecastEx LLC – CFTC Regulation 40.2(a) Notification Regarding the Initial Listing of “US Corporate Profits – Preliminary Reading Event Market”

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick,

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act and Section 40.2(a) of the regulations of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, ForecastEx LLC (“ForecastEx” or the “Exchange”) hereby notifies the Commission that it is self-certifying the “US Corporate Profits Event Market”. ForecastEx will list an Event Market corresponding to each quarterly release of Corporate Profits by the US Bureau of Economic Analysis (“BEA”).

The submission includes:

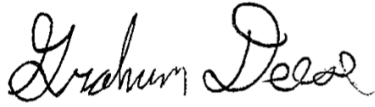
A concise explanation, analysis and background of the Contract;

- Certification;
- Appendix A with the Contract’s Terms and Conditions;
- Confidential Appendices with further information; and
- A request for FOIA confidential treatment.

The Exchange certifies that this submission (other than those appendices for which confidential treatment has been requested) has been concurrently posted on the Exchange’s website.

Any questions regarding this filing, as well as any notices pursuant to Commission Regulation 40.2, should be directed to the attention of the undersigned by phone or email at gdeese@forecastex.com or 630-743-9013.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Graham Deese". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Graham Deese
ForecastEx Chief Regulatory Officer

Encl. (Appendix A)

cc: David Downey, ForecastEx Chief Executive Officer
Andrew Naughton, ForecastEx Chief Financial Officer

Attachments:

Appendix A - Contract Terms and Conditions

Appendix B (Confidential) – Explanation and Analysis of the Product

Appendix C (Confidential) – Certification that Contracts are not Readily Susceptible to Manipulation

Appendix A – Contract Terms and Conditions

Event Question: Will US Corporate Profits increase by more than [#.#%] in [quarter][year]?

Product Code: CP

Instructions: Corporate Profits are published by the US Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) every three months, approximately 60 days after the end of the respective quarter. A schedule of release dates can be found: [here](#) and the data is released at 7:30 AM CT.

Underlying: The Underlying can be accessed: [here](#). The Underlying is the preliminary reading of the quarter over quarter percentage change in after-tax Corporate Profits. Navigate to the tab labeled “full release and tables” for the current report. The underlying is listed in Table 9, “Corporate Profits: Level and Percent Change” on line 3, labeled “Equals: Profits after tax with inventory valuation and consumption adjustments”. The BEA publishes revisions to Corporate Profits a month after the preliminary reading. These revisions do not impact the outcome of the contract. Links are provided for informational purposes only and the source agency may decide to publish the data at a different location at any time.

Source Agency: US Bureau of Economic Analysis (“BEA”)

Minimum Tick: The Minimum Tick size for the referred Contract shall be \$0.01

Listing Cycle: ForecastEx will list eight expirations of Corporate Profits corresponding to the next eight quarterly releases.

Thresholds: For each contract expiration, one threshold will initially be listed and additional thresholds will be listed at ForecastEx’s discretion.

Position Accountability: The position accountability level is 250,000 Event Positions in any one Event Market

Last Trading Time: 11:59:59 PM CT on the trading day preceding the Resolution Time.

Payout Criteria: The Settlement Value of each Corporate Profits contract is \$1.00 or \$0 depending on the Outcome of the Event Question. If the Outcome of the Event Question is “Yes”, then holders of the “Yes” Position will be entitled to receive the Settlement Value of \$1.00 per contract and holders of the “No” Position will receive \$0.00. If the Outcome of the Event Question is “No”, then holders of the “No” Position will be entitled to receive the Settlement Value of \$1.00 per contract and holders of the “Yes” Position will receive \$0.00.

Resolution Time: 7:30 AM CT when US Bureau of Economic Analysis publishes Corporate Profits data.

Changes in Resolution Time: The Resolution Time of a Contract is dependent on the time that US Bureau of Economic Analysis releases Corporate Profits data. There are circumstances where ForecastEx may change the Resolution Time of a Contract.

1. **Delay by Source Agency:** In the event that the release of the Corporate Profits is delayed by US Bureau of Economic Analysis, for instance in a government shutdown, ForecastEx will delay the Resolution Time of the Contract until such time as the US Bureau of Economic Analysis releases the Corporate Profits data. In this case, ForecastEx would release a public notice to its website informing Market Participants that the Resolution of the Contract has been delayed and release a second notice to its website informing Market Participants when the contract ultimately resolves.

2. **Contracts with no currently scheduled release date:** The Bureau of Economic Analysis generally publishes the release dates for Corporate Profits data up through the end of the current calendar year. ForecastEx will list multiple US Corporate Profits contracts that have Resolution dates beyond the currently published schedule of releases. For these contracts, ForecastEx will approximate the Resolution Time based on the anticipated release schedule from US Bureau of Economic Analysis. Once US Bureau of Economic Analysis has published the release schedule, ForecastEx will update the Resolution Times of the contract if necessary and publish a public notice to its website informing Market Participants of the revised Resolution Time.

Expiration Time: Same as Resolution Time.

Settlement Time: Settlement for Resolved US Corporate Profits Contracts will occur after Resolution Time. Because Resolution Time is before 12:00 PM CT, ForecastEx expects to resolve US Corporate Profits contracts at 7:30 AM CT on the day the US Bureau of Economic Analysis publishes Corporate Profits data. Settlement for those US Corporate Profits contracts will take place at 1:00 PM CT that same Business Day.