

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 National Debt 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 National Debt Event Market”. ForecastEx will list an Event Market corresponding to the release of the daily Debt to the Penny report by the United States Department of the Treasury (“US DOT”) on the first business day following the end of the United States Government’s fiscal year.

The submission includes:

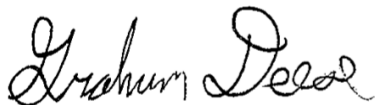
A concise explanation, analysis and background of the Contract;

- 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 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 the US National Debt exceed [\$number] Trillion by the end of FY [year]?

Product Code: ND

Instructions: The current US National Debt is published by the United States Department of the Treasury every business day. The Treasury publishes data at the end of each business day with data from the previous business day. Forecast contracts on national debt resolve after the last business day of the fiscal year. A fiscal year is a 12-month period used for accounting and financial reporting purposes. The Federal Government's fiscal year does not align with the calendar year and instead ends on the last day of September. A schedule of releases is available on the website: [here](#)

Underlying: The Underlying can be accessed at the following stable URL, which automatically displays the latest available report: [here](#). The Underlying is listed as Total Public Debt Outstanding and displayed in chart and table formats under the heading "Preview and Download" and sub-heading "Debt to the Penny." 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: United States Department of the Treasury

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

Listing Cycle: ForecastEx will list an expiration for the current year and the two consecutive following years. After the third annual contract, ForecastEx will list contracts for the next two years that end in 5 or 0.

Threshold Listing: 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 National Debt 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: 4:00 PM CT when US Department of the Treasury publishes Debt to the Penny.

Changes in Resolution Time: The Resolution Time of a Contract is dependent on the time that US Department of the Treasury releases US National Debt 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 US National Debt is delayed by the US Department of the Treasury, ForecastEx will delay the Resolution Time of the Contract until such time as the US Department of the Treasury releases the US National Debt 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. **Threshold is exceeded prior to resolution time.** In accordance with ForecastEx Rule 413(b), if the national debt exceeds the threshold level prior to the Resolution time, ForecastEx may accelerate Resolution of the contract to occur prior to original resolution time.

Expiration Time: Same as Resolution time.

Settlement Time: Settlement for Resolved US National Debt Contracts will occur after Resolution Time at 13:00 PM CT the following Business Day in accordance with 603(b)(3).