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Organization: **Commodity Exchange, Inc. ("COMEX")**

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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

**Official Product Name:**

**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: **Silver Futures**

Rule Numbers: **COMEX Rule 112101.**

September 23, 2015

**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 COMEX Rule 112101. ("Contract Specifications") Regarding Increasing the Weight Tolerance of the Silver Futures Contract. COMEX Submission No. 15-336**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Commodity Exchange, Inc. ("COMEX" or "Exchange") is notifying the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") that it is self-certifying amendments to COMEX Rule 112101. ("Contract Specifications") of the Silver Futures contract, effective on Sunday, October 11, 2015 for trade date Monday, October 12, 2015.

More specifically, commencing with the January 2016 contract month and beyond, COMEX will increase the weight tolerance level for delivery from 6% to 10% for all Silver futures contracts. The Silver Futures contract is currently available for trading on CME Globex, and for submission for clearing through CME ClearPort.

<b>Contract Name</b>	<b>Rule Chapter</b>	<b>Commodity Code</b>
Silver Futures	112	SI

Currently, the weight tolerance for silver delivered against the Exchange's Silver Futures contract is 6% higher or lower than the contract size of 5,000 troy ounces (current weight range: 4,700 troy ounces – 5,300 troy ounces). These amendments will increase this weight tolerance to 10% higher or lower than the contract size of 5,000 troy ounces (proposed weight range: 4,500 troy ounces – 5,500 troy ounces).

The purpose of these amendments is to allow additional silver to be acceptable for delivery against the Exchange contract which would result in increased deliverable supply and enhance trading in the contract. The amendments to Rule 112101. are provided in Appendix A below in blackline format.

The Exchange contacted industry participants active in the Silver Futures market, particularly those participants who have been historically active in the delivery process of the Silver Futures contract, regarding the proposed amendments. There were no opposing views to the proposal. On August 21, 2015, the Exchange disseminated a Special Executive Report (SER) which advised the marketplace several months in advance of the proposal and that the amendments would be effective commencing with the January 2016 contract month and beyond. There were no opposing views to the proposal as set forth in the SER. Lastly, several participants contacted by the Exchange were supportive of the amendments and indicated that an increase in the weight tolerance of the Silver Futures contract would potentially allow additional metal to become deliverable and, thereby, enhance trading in the contract.

The Exchange reviewed the designated contract market core principles (“Core Principles”) as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act (“Act” or “CEA”) and identified that the amendments to the Silver Futures contracts may have some bearing on the following Core Principles:

- Availability of General Information: COMEX issued a Special Executive Report (“SER”) to the marketplace regarding these amendments. The SER has been posted on the CME Group website.
- Compliance with Rules: The rule amendments will not affect the Exchange’s ability to assure compliance with rules and conduct market surveillance obligation under the Act. The Exchange has appropriate systems, policies, and procedures in place to address the new weight tolerance.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Act and CFTC Regulation 40.6(a), the Exchange hereby certifies that the change in the weight tolerance in the Silver Futures contracts complies with the Act, including regulations under the Act. There were no substantive opposing views to this 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](mailto:CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com).

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Appendix A – Amendments to COMEX Rule 112101. (blackline format)

## **Appendix A**

(additions are underlined)

### **COMEX RULEBOOK**

#### **Chapter 112 Silver Futures**

##### **112101. CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS**

###### **FOR ALL CONTRACT MONTHS PRIOR TO JANUARY 2016**

The contract for delivery on futures contracts shall be five thousand (5,000) troy ounces of silver with a weight tolerance of 6% either higher or lower. Silver delivered under this contract shall assay to a minimum of 999 fineness and must be a brand approved by the Exchange.

##### **112101. CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS**

###### **FOR ALL CONTRACT MONTHS BEGINNING WITH JANUARY 2016 AND BEYOND**

The contract for delivery on futures contracts shall be five thousand (5,000) troy ounces of silver with a weight tolerance of 10% either higher or lower. Silver delivered under this contract shall assay to a minimum of 999 fineness and must be a brand approved by the Exchange.

[The balance of the rule remains unchanged.]