

October 24, 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: KalshiEX LLC – CFTC Regulation 40.2(a) Notification Regarding the Initial Listing of the “Will a <song/album> by <artist> reach a peak <above/below/between/equal to> <count> on the Billboard <chart>? Contract

Dear Sir or Madam,

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act and Section 40.2(a) of the regulations of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, KalshiEX LLC (Kalshi), a registered DCM, hereby notifies the Commission that it is self-certifying the “Will a <song/album> by <artist> reach a peak <above/below/between/equal to> <count> on the Billboard <chart>? contract (Contract). The Contract will initially be listed on **October 25, 2024**. The Exchange intends to list the contract on a **custom** basis. The Contract’s terms and conditions (Appendix A) includes the following strike conditions:

- <song/album> (the target musical project)
- <count> (the target rank on the Billboard chart)
- <chart> (the target Billboard chart)
- <period> (the target time period)
- <above/below/between/equal to>
- <artist> (the target musical artist)

Along with this letter, Kalshi submits the following documents:

- A concise explanation and analysis 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.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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KalshiEX LLC

Official Product Name: “Will a <song/album> by <artist> reach a peak <above/below/between/equal to> <count> on the Billboard <chart>?”

Rulebook: ARTISTPEAK

Kalshi Contract Category: Entertainment/Pop Culture

Artist Billboard peak

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CONCISE EXPLANATION AND ANALYSIS OF THE PRODUCT AND ITS COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT, INCLUDING CORE PRINCIPLES AND THE COMMISSION'S REGULATIONS THEREUNDER

Pursuant to Commission Rule 40.2(a)(3)(v), the following is a concise explanation and analysis of the product and its compliance with the Act, including the relevant Core Principles (discussed in Appendix D), and the Commission's regulations thereunder.

I. Introduction

The “Will a <song/album> by <artist> reach a peak <above/below/between/equal to> <count> on the Billboard <chart>?” Contract is a contract relating to the success of musical projects. After careful analysis, Kalshi (hereafter referred to as “Exchange”) has determined that the Contract complies with its vetting framework.

The Billboard Hot 100 and the Billboard 200 are considered the benchmarks for song and album popularity in the United States, compiling consumption across different media (such as streaming services, physical and digital purchases, and radio airplay) to aggregate them together.

Further information about the Contract, including an analysis of its risk mitigation and price basing utility, as well as additional considerations related to the Contract, is included in Confidential Appendices B, C, and D.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Act and CFTC Regulations 40.2(a), the Exchange hereby certifies that the listing of the Contract complies with the Act and Commission regulations under the Act.

General Contract Terms and Conditions: The Contract operates similar to other event contracts that the Exchange lists for trading. The minimum price fluctuation is \$0.01 (one cent). Price bands will apply so that Contracts may only be listed at values of at least \$0.01 and at most \$0.99. Further, the Contract is sized with a one-dollar notional value and has a minimum price fluctuation of \$0.01 to enable Members to match the size of the

contracts purchased to their economic risks. As outlined in Rule 5.12 of the Rulebook, trading shall be available at all times outside of any maintenance windows, which will be announced in advance by the Exchange. Members will be charged fees in accordance with Rule 3.6 of the Rulebook. Fees, if they are charged, are charged in such amounts as may be revised from time to time to be reflected on the Exchange's Website. A new Source Agency can be added via a Part 40 amendment. All instructions on how to access the Underlying are non-binding and are provided for convenience only and are not part of the binding Terms and Conditions of the Contract. They may be clarified at any time. Furthermore, the Contract's payout structure is characterized by the payment of an absolute amount to the holder of one side of the option and no payment to the counterparty. During the time that trading on the Contract is open, Members are able to adjust their positions and trade freely. The Expiration Value and Market Outcome are determined at or after Market Close. The market is then settled by the Exchange, and the long position holders and short position holders are paid according to the Market Outcome. In this case, "long position holders" refers to Members who purchased the "Yes" side of the Contract and "short position holders" refers to Members who purchased the "No" side of the Contract. If the Market Outcome is "Yes," meaning that an event occurs that is encompassed within the Payout Criterion, then the long position holders are paid an absolute amount proportional to the size of their position and the short position holders receive no payment. If the Market Outcome is "No," then the short position holders are paid an absolute amount proportional to the size of their position and the long position holders receive no payment. Specification of the circumstances that would trigger a Market Outcome of "Yes" are included below in the section titled "Payout Criterion" in Appendix A.

**CERTIFICATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 5c OF THE COMMODITY EXCHANGE
ACT, 7 U.S.C. § 7A-2 AND COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION RULE
40.2, 17 C.F.R. § 40.2**

Based on the above analysis, the Exchange certifies that:

- The Contract complies with the Act and Commission regulations thereunder.
- This submission (other than those appendices for which confidential treatment has been requested) has been concurrently posted on the Exchange's website at <https://kalshi.com/regulatory/filings>.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact the exchange at ProductFilings@kalshi.com.



By: Xavier Sottile
Title: Head of Markets
Date: October 24, 2024

Attachments:

Appendix A - Contract Terms and Conditions

Appendix B (Confidential) - Further Considerations

Appendix C (Confidential) - Source Agency

Appendix D (Confidential) - Compliance with Core Principles

IF APPLICABLE [Appendix E (Confidential) - Agreement with Source Agency]

APPENDIX A – CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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<above/below/between/equal to> <count> on the Billboard <chart>?”**

Rulebook: ARTISTPEAK

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Scope: These rules shall apply to this contract.

Underlying: The Underlying for this Contract is the rankings of any <song/album> by <artist> on <chart> in <period>. “1” is a higher ranking than “2” and “2” is a higher ranking than “3”, and so on. Revisions to the Underlying made after Expiration will not be accounted for in determining the Expiration Value.

Instructions: The Billboard Hot 100 can be found [here](#), and the Billboard 200 [here](#). These instructions on how to access the Underlying are provided for convenience only and are not part of the binding Terms and Conditions of the Contract. They may be clarified at any time.

Source Agency: The Source Agency is Billboard.

Type: The type of Contract is an Event Contract.

Issuance: After the initial Contract, Contract iterations will be listed on an as-needed basis at the discretion of the Exchange and corresponding to the risk management needs of Members.

<count>: Kalshi may list iterations of the Contract with <count> levels that fall within an inclusive range between 200 and 1 at consecutive increments of <1>. Due to the potential for variability in the Underlying, the Exchange may modify <count> levels in response to suggestions by Members.

<period>: <period> refers to a calendar time period specified by Kalshi. Kalshi may list iterations of the Contract corresponding to variations of <period>. The last date in <period> will refer to the last day in Billboard’s tracking week, which ranges from Fridays to Thursdays.

<chart>: <chart> refers to either the Billboard Hot 100 or the Billboard 200.

<artist>: <artist> refers to the musical artist who published the target <song/album>.

Payout Criterion: The Payout Criterion for the Contract encompasses the Expiration Values that the highest ranking for any <song/album> by <artist> in <period> is <above/below/between/equal to> <count>.

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

Position Limit: The Position Limit for the \$1 referred Contract shall be \$25,000 per strike, per Member.

Last Trading Date: The Last Trading Date of the Contract will be the sooner of the first 10:00 AM ET following the Underlying peaking at #1 or the Sunday following the last date in <period>.

Settlement Date: The Settlement Date of the Contract shall be no later than the day after the Expiration Date, unless the Market Outcome is under review pursuant to Rule 7.1.

Expiration Date: The Expiration Date of the Contract shall be the first 10:00 AM ET following the Underlying peaking at #1 or the release of the data for <period>.

Expiration time: The Expiration time of the Contract shall be 10:00 AM ET.

Settlement Value: The Settlement Value for this Contract is \$1.00.

Expiration Value: The Expiration Value is the value of the Underlying as documented by the Source Agency on the Expiration Date at the Expiration time.

Contingencies: Before Settlement, Kalshi may, at its sole discretion, initiate the Market Outcome Review Process pursuant to Rule 6.3(c) of the Rulebook.