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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 <party> win <above/below/between/exactly> <count> seats in the Bundestag in the <year> German federal election?” 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 <party> win <above/below/between/exactly> <count> seats in the Bundestag in the <year> German federal election?” contract (Contract). The Contract will initially be listed on **November 4, 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:

- **<political party>** (the target party)
- **<count>** (the target number of seats)
- **<year>** (the target year in which an election takes place)
- **<above/below/between/exactly>**

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 <party> win <above/below/between/exactly> <count> seats in the Bundestag in the <year> German federal election?”

Rulebook: GERMANYSEATS

Kalshi Contract Category: Political Decision ▾

Bundestag seat counts

November 1, 2024

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 <party> win <above/below/between/exactly> <count> seats in the Bundestag in the <year> German federal election?” Contract is a contract relating to the composition of the German parliament.

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: November 1, 2024

Attachments:

Appendix A - Contract Terms and Conditions

Appendix B - Trading Prohibitions

Confidential Appendices

APPENDIX A – CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Official Product Name: “Will <party> win <above/below/between/exactly> <count> seats in the Bundestag in the <year> German federal election?”

Rulebook: GERMANYSEATS

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Scope: These rules shall apply to this contract.

Underlying: The Underlying for this Contract is the seat count of <party> in the Bundestag following the federal German election in <year>. Revisions to the Underlying made after Expiration will not be accounted for in determining the Expiration Value.

Source Agency: The Source Agency is the German Bundestag Politico EU.

Type: The type of Contract is an Event Contract.

Issuance: The Contract will be issued in accordance with German federal parliamentary elections.

<year>: <year> refers to a specific election within <year> specified by Kalshi.

<count>: <count> refers to the number of seats a party wins. Kalshi may list iterations of the Contract with <number> levels that fall within an inclusive range between 0 and 1,000 at consecutive increments of <1>. Due to the potential for variability in the Underlying, the Exchange may modify <number> levels in response to suggestions by Members.

<political party>: Kalshi may list iterations of the Contract with <political party> values corresponding to the Christian Democratic Union/Christian Social Union, the Social Democratic Party, the Greens, Alternative for Germany, the Free Democratic Party, and The Left.

Payout Criterion: The Payout Criterion for the Contract encompasses the Expiration Values that <political party> wins <above/below/between/exactly> <count> seats in the Bundestag in the <year> German federal election.

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 same as the Expiration Date. The Last Trading Time will be the same as the Expiration Time.

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 sooner of the date of the first 10:00 AM ET following all elections being called or one month after the popular vote for the Bundestag in <year>.

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.

APPENDIX B – TRADING PROHIBITIONS

In addition to the general prohibition against trading on material nonpublic information, the Exchange will be instituting additional prohibitions for trading the GERMANYSEATS contract. Non-U.S. residents are already prohibited from trading on Kalshi's Contract. Nonetheless, the following individuals will be prohibited from trading:

- Holders of federal and state public office, including Members of the Bundestag (Federal Parliament), Members of the Bundesrat (Federal Council), Members of state parliaments (Landtage), and elected officials of municipal governments, such as mayors and city councilors.
- Paid campaign staffers on federal or state election campaigns.
- Anyone working in a vote-tallying capacity, or who has the potential ability to observe official vote counts before they are public.
- Third-party vendors and contractors (and employees thereof) of parliamentary campaigns.
- Paid employees of German political parties, including but not limited to the Christian Democratic Union (CDU), the Christian Social Union (CSU), the Social Democratic Party (SPD), the Free Democratic Party (FDP), Alliance 90/The Greens (Bündnis 90/Die Grünen), The Left (Die Linke), and Alternative for Germany (AfD).
- Paid employees of major polling organizations. This prohibition does not apply to all employees of an organization that contains a polling division (e.g. the prohibition does not apply to all employees of Quinnipiac University despite the presence of Quinnipiac University's polling division). The Exchange shall determine which polling organizations constitute "major" and may modify that determination at any time, and will post publicly a list of those organizations on its website.
- Employees of major German media organizations (including, but not necessarily exclusive to, ARD, ZDF, Der Spiegel, Die Zeit, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Süddeutsche Zeitung, and Bild). The Exchange shall determine which media organizations constitute "major" and may modify that determination at any time, and will post publicly a list of those organizations on its website.
- All staff of the German Bundestag and its members.
- All staff of the Federal Chancellery (Bundeskanzleramt) and the Office of the Federal President (Bundespräsidialamt).
- All staff of senior government officials' offices, such as the Vice Chancellor, Federal Minister of Finance, and other federal ministers.
- All staff of the Federal Constitutional Court (Bundesverfassungsgericht) and its Justices.