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**Organization:** New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX")

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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

**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:** See filing.

**Rule Numbers:** See filing.

November 16, 2017

**VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL**

Mr. Christopher J. Kirkpatrick  
Office of the Secretariat  
Commodity Future Trading Commission  
Three Lafayette Centre  
1155 21st Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20581

**Re: CFTC Regulation 40.6(a) Certification. Notification Regarding Amendments to the Singapore Gasoil 10 ppm (Platts) vs. Singapore Gasoil (Platts) Futures Contract. NYMEX Submission No. 17-393**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. (“NYMEX” or “Exchange”) is notifying the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC” or “Commission”) that it is self-certifying amendments of the Singapore 10 ppm Gasoil (Platts) vs. Singapore Gasoil (Platts) Futures contract (the “Contract”) as noted in the table below., effective on Sunday, December 3, 2017 for trade date Monday, December 4, 2017 as noted in the table below.

<b>Current Contract Title</b>	<b>Amended Contract Title (effective trade date January 2, 2018)</b>	<b>NYMEX Rulebook Chapter</b>	<b>Commodity Code</b>	<b>Current Listing Schedule (CME Globex and CME ClearPort)</b>	<b>Amended Listing Schedule (CME Globex and CME ClearPort) (effective trade date December 4, 2017)</b>
Singapore Gasoil 10 ppm (Platts) vs. Singapore Gasoil (Platts) Futures	Singapore Gasoil (Platts) vs. Singapore Gasoil 500 ppm (Platts) Futures	862	STZ	Monthly contracts listed up to and including December 2017	Monthly contracts listed for the current year plus next two calendar years

Specifically, the Exchange will amend the contract title, listing schedule and floating price rule of the Contract.

By way of background, in December 2016, S&P Global Platts (“Platts”) announced a methodology amendment for assessing its Singapore gasoil benchmark. Specifically, Platts will decrease the Sulphur specification of its flagship Singapore gasoil assessments to 10 ppm from the current 500 ppm commencing on January 2, 2018.

In response to the Platts methodology change, NYMEX had previously filed an submission to the Commission regarding delisting certain previously-listed contract months of the Contract (see the NYMEX Submission No. [17-305](#) dated February 27, 2017).

Since that time, a significant amount of market participants have advised the Exchange of continued interest in the ability to continue to trade gasoil sulphur content differentials. As a result, the Exchange will amend the contract title, listing schedule, and floating price rule (see Exhibit A below) for the Contract. Effective January 2, 2018 and after the December 2017 contract month expires, the contract title will be changed, and the language for contract months up to and including December 2017 will be deleted for good housekeeping purpose (see Exhibit B below).

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

- Compliance with Rules: Trading in the Contract will be subject to the rules in Rulebook Chapter 4 which includes prohibitions against fraudulent, noncompetitive, unfair and abusive practices. Additionally, trading will also be subject to the full range of trade practice rules, the majority of which are contained in Chapter 5 and Chapter 8 of the Rulebook. As with all products listed for trading on one of CME Group’s designated contract markets, activity in this product will be subject to extensive monitoring and surveillance by CME Group’s Market Regulation Department. The Market Regulation Department has the authority to exercise its investigatory and enforcement power where potential rule violations are identified.
- Contracts Not Readily Subject to Manipulation: The Contract is based on cash price series that are reflective of the underlying cash market and are commonly relied on and used as reference prices by cash market brokers and commercial market participants.
- Prevention of Market Disruption: Trading in the Contract will be subject to Rulebook Chapter 4, which include prohibitions on manipulation, price distortion and disruptions of the delivery or cash-settlement process. As with all products listed for trading on one of CME Group’s designated contract markets, activity in the Contract will be subject to extensive monitoring and surveillance by CME Group’s Market Regulation Department.
- Emergency Authority: As with all CME Group futures and options products, the Exchange shall have full authority to act appropriately and as necessary in emergency situations.
- Availability of General Information: The Exchange will publish on its website information in regard to contract specifications, terms, and conditions, as well as daily trading volume, open interest, and price information for the Contract.
- Daily Publication of Trading Information: The Exchange will publish contract trading volumes, open interest levels, and price information daily on its website and through quote vendors for the Contracts.
- Execution of Transactions: The Contract will be listed for trading on the CME Globex electronic trading platform, and for clearing through the CME ClearPort platform. The CME Globex trading venue provides for competitive and open execution of transactions. CME Globex affords the benefits of reliability and global connectivity. The CME ClearPort platform provides a competitive, open and efficient mechanism for novating transactions that are competitively executed by brokers.
- Trade Information: All requisite trade information for the Contract will be included in the audit trail and is sufficient for the Market Regulation Department to monitor for market abuse.
- Financial Integrity of Contracts: The Contract will be cleared by the CME Clearing House, a derivatives clearing organization registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and subject to all CFTC regulations related thereto.

- Protection of Market Participants: Rulebook Chapters 4 and 5 set forth multiple prohibitions that preclude intermediaries from disadvantaging their customers. These rules apply to trading in all of the Exchange's competitive trading venues.
- Disciplinary Procedures: Chapter 4 of the Rulebook contains provisions that allow the Exchange to discipline, suspend or expel members or market participants that violate the Rulebook. Trading in the contract will be subject to Chapter 4, and the Market Regulation Department has the authority to exercise its enforcement power in the event rule violations in the product are identified.
- Dispute Resolution: Disputes with respect to trading in the Contracts will be subject to the arbitration provisions set forth in Chapter 6 of the Rulebook. Chapter 6 allows all nonmembers to submit a claim for financial losses resulting from transactions on the Exchange to arbitration. A member named as a respondent in a claim submitted by a nonmember is required to participate in the arbitration pursuant to Chapter 6. Additionally, the Exchange requires that members resolve all disputes concerning transactions on the Exchange via arbitration.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Act and CFTC Regulation 40.6(a), the Exchange hereby certifies that listing the Contract 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 e-mail [CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com](mailto:CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com).

Sincerely,

/s/Christopher Bowen  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachments: Exhibit A: NYMEX Rulebook Chapter 842 Amendments (blackline format)  
(effective December 4, 2017)  
Exhibit B: NYMEX Rulebook Chapter 842 Amendments (blackline format)  
(effective January 2, 2018)  
Exhibit C: Position Limit, Position Accountability, and Reportable Level Table in  
Chapter 5 of the NYMEX Rulebook (attached under separate cover)

## **Exhibit A**

### **NYMEX Rulebook**

(additions underscored; deletions ~~struck through~~)

(Effective on trade date December 4, 2017)

### **Chapter 862**

**(For All Contract Months up to and Including December 2017)**

**Singapore Gasoil 10 ppm (Platts) vs. Singapore Gasoil (Platts) Futures**

**(For All Contract Months Commencing with January 2018 and Beyond)**

**Singapore Gasoil (Platts) vs. Singapore Gasoil 500 ppm (Platts) Futures**

#### **862.02. FLOATING PRICE**

(For All Contract Months up to and Including December 2017)

The Floating Price for each contract month is equal to the arithmetic average of the mid-point of the high and low quotations from the Platts Asia-Pacific Marketscan for Singapore Physical Cargoes of Gasoil 10 ppm ~~Sulfur~~ Sulphur minus the arithmetic average of the mid-point of the high and low quotations from the Platts Asia-Pacific Marketscan for Singapore Physical Cargoes of Gasoil for each publication day during the contract month (using common pricing).

#### **862.02. FLOATING PRICE**

(For All Contract Months Commencing with January 2018 and Beyond)

The Floating Price for each contract month is equal to the arithmetic average of the mid-point of the high and low quotations from the Platts Asia-Pacific Marketscan for Singapore Physical Cargoes of Gasoil minus the arithmetic average of the mid-point of the high and low quotations from the Platts Asia-Pacific Marketscan for Singapore Physical Cargoes of Gasoil 0.05% (500 ppm) Sulphur for each publication day during the contract month (using common pricing).

## **Exhibit B**

### **NYMEX Rulebook**

(deletions struck through)

(Effective on trade date January 2, 2018)

### **Chapter 862**

~~(For All Contract Months up to and Including December 2017)~~

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~~(For All Contract Months Commencing with January 2018 and Beyond)~~

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~~The Floating Price for each contract month is equal to the arithmetic average of the mid-point of the high and low quotations from the Platts Asia-Pacific Marketscan for Singapore Physical Cargoes of Gasoil 10 ppm Sulphur minus the arithmetic average of the mid-point of the high and low quotations from the Platts Asia-Pacific Marketscan for Singapore Physical Cargoes of Gasoil for each publication day during the contract month (using common pricing).~~

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(For Contract Months up to and Including December 2017)

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(For Contract Months Commencing from January 2018 and Beyond)

The Floating Price for each contract month is equal to the arithmetic average of the mid-point of the high and low quotations from the Platts Asia-Pacific Marketscan for Singapore Physical Cargoes of Gasoil minus the arithmetic average of the mid-point of the high and low quotations from the Platts Asia-Pacific Marketscan for Singapore Physical Cargoes of Gasoil 0.05% (500 ppm) Sulphur for each publication day during the contract month (using common pricing).

**Exhibit C**

**NYMEX Rulebook  
Chapter 5  
Trading Qualifications and Practices**

**Position Limit, Position Accountability, and Reportable Level Table in Chapter 5  
of the NYMEX Rulebook**

(attached under separate cover)