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Registered Entity Identifier Code (optional): 19-382

Organization: Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME")

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Filing Date (mm/dd/yy): 11/29/19 **Filing Description:** Amendments to the Bitcoin Futures Contract

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Organization Rules and Rule Amendments

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Notification | § 40.6(d) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Swap Submission | § 39.5 |

Official Product Name:

Product Terms and Conditions (product related Rules and Rule Amendments)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Delisting (No Open Interest) | § 40.6(a) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval | § 40.5(a) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval Made Available to Trade Determination | § 40.5(a) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval Security Futures | § 41.24(c) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval Amendments to enumerated agricultural products | § 40.4(a), § 40.5(a) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | "Non-Material Agricultural Rule Change" | § 40.4(b)(5) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Notification | § 40.6(d) |

Official Name(s) of Product(s) Affected: Bitcoin Futures.

Rule Numbers: 350.

November 29, 2019

VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL

Mr. Christopher J. Kirkpatrick
 Office of the Secretariat
 Commodity Futures Trading Commission
 3 Lafayette Center
 1155 21st Street NW
 Washington, DC 20581

**Re: CFTC Regulation 40.6(a) Notification Regarding Amendments to the Bitcoin Futures Contract.
 CME Submission No. 19-382**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. (“CME” or “Exchange”) hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC” or “Commission”) that it is self-certifying the expansion of the listing schedule of the Bitcoin Futures contract for trading on the CME Globex electronic trading platform (“CME Globex”), and for submission for clearing via CME ClearPort effective Sunday, December 15, 2019 for trade date Monday, December 16, 2019 as more specifically described in Table 1. below.

Table 1.

Contract Title	Rulebook Chapter	Commodity Code	Current Listing Schedule	Expanded Listing Schedule
Bitcoin Futures	350	BTC	Two (2) nearest quarterlies and two (2) nearest serial contract months	Nearest two (2) Decembers and, the nearest six (6) consecutive months, inclusive of the nearest December when applicable.

For clarity, upon expiration of a December contract, a nearby June contract and a deferred December contract will be listed.

Also effective on trade date Monday, December 16, 2019, CME will implement amendments to CME Rulebook Chapter 350 to provide certainty that in the event of a hard fork, the Contract shall continue to settle to the BRR corresponding to the original token pair (BTC:USD) (collectively, the “Rule Amendments”).

Amendments to Chapter 350 are provided in Exhibit A below with additions underscored and deletions ~~struck through~~.

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

- **Availability of General Information**: The Exchange will continue to publish information on the Contract on the CME Group website, inclusive of daily trading volume, open interest and price information. The Exchange shall ensure that the Rule Amendments will be posted on the CME Group website.
- **Daily Publication of Trading Information**: Trading volume, open interest and price information will be published daily on the Exchange’s website.
- **Contract Not Readily Subject to Manipulation**: The Contract is based on a cash price series that is reflective of the underlying cash market and is commonly relied on and used as a reference price by cash market brokers and commercial market participants.
- **Prevention of Market Disruption**: Trading in the Contract will continue to be subject to the Rules of CME, which include prohibitions on manipulation, price distortion, and disruption to the cash settlement process. As with any product listed for trading on a CME Group designated contract market, trading activity in the Contract will continue to be subject to monitoring and surveillance by CME Group’s Market Regulation Department

The Exchange certifies that the Rule Amendments comply with the Act including all regulations thereunder. There were no substantive opposing views to the Rule Amendments.

The Exchange certifies that this submission has been concurrently posted on the Exchange’s website at <http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-fillings.html>.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact the undersigned at (212) 299-2200 or CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit A – Amendments to CME Rulebook Chapter 350 (“Bitcoin Futures”)
(blackline format)

EXHIBIT A

CME Rulebook

Chapter 350 Bitcoin Futures

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35003. SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES

Delivery shall be by cash settlement.

35003.A. Final Settlement Price

For a futures contract for a given delivery month, the Final Settlement Price shall be the BRR published at 4pm London time on the Last Trade Date (Rule 35002.F.).

In the event that the BRR is not publishable or published on the CME Bitcoin Futures Termination of Trading day, and therefore, CME cannot determine the CME Bitcoin Final Settlement Price, then final settlement of the CME Bitcoin futures contract is at the discretion of the Exchange and may be deferred or postponed for up to 14 consecutive calendar days.

35003.B. Final Settlement

Clearing members holding open positions in an expiring futures contract at its termination of trading (Rule 35002.F.) shall make payment to or receive payment from the Clearing House in accordance with normal variation margin procedures based on such expiring contract's Final Settlement Price (Rule 35003.A.).

In the event of a hard fork, Bitcoin futures shall continue to settle to the BRR corresponding to the original token pair (BTC:USD). The Exchange may, in its sole discretion, take alternative action with respect to hard forks in consultation with market participants as may be appropriate.

35004. RESERVED

~~**35005. POLICY ON DIVISIONS OF BITCOIN ASSET**~~

~~In the event that a hard fork, user activated soft fork, or other process that results in a division or split of bitcoin into multiple non-fungible assets is expected, the Exchange shall have the discretion to take action in consultation with market participants to align Bitcoin Futures position holder exposures with cash market exposures as appropriate. Appropriate action could include providing cash adjustments or assigning newly listed futures or options contract positions to Bitcoin Futures position holders.~~

(End Chapter 350)