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**Registered Entity Identifier Code (optional):** 15-484

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

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**Filing Date (mm/dd/yy):** 12/21/2015 **Filing Description:** Suspension of Listing Additional Contract Months for the Freight Route TD3 (Baltic) Average Price Option Contract

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**Organization Rules and Rule Amendments**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certification                       | § 40.6(a)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval                            | § 40.5(a)  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Advance Notice of SIDCO Rule Change | § 40.10(a) |
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**Rule Numbers:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certification                         | § 40.2(a)  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certification Swap Class              | § 40.2(d)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval                              | § 40.3(a)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval Security Futures             | § 41.23(b) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Novel Derivative Product Notification | § 40.12(a) |
| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Certification   | § 40.6(a)            |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Certification Made Available to Trade Determination     | § 40.6(a)            |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Certification Security Futures                          | § 41.24(a)           |
| <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:** Freight Route TD3 (Baltic) Average Price Option

**Rule Numbers:** NYMEX Rulebook Chapter 949

December 21, 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 Suspension of Listing Additional Contract Months for the Freight Route TD3 (Baltic) Average Price Option Contract.  
NYMEX Submission No. 15-484**

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 the suspension of listing additional contract months for the Freight Route TD3 (Baltic) Average Price Option contract, effective on Sunday, January 10, 2016 for trade date Monday, January 11, 2016, as noted in the table below. As such, the last contract month available for trading and clearing is December 2017. The change to the listing cycle and contracts available for trading generate from a change in the specification of the underlying index prices provided by Baltic Exchange.

In addition, pursuant to NYMEX Submission No. 15-530, also dated today, Monday, December 21, 2015, the Exchange is separately notifying the CFTC that it delisted previously-listed contract months for the Freight Route TD3 (Baltic) Futures contract, effective immediately. There was no open interest in the delisted contract months.

<b>Commodity Code (Clearing / Globex)</b>	<b>Contract Title</b>	<b>NYMEX Rulebook Chapter</b>	<b>Current Listing Schedule</b>	<b>Suspended Listing Schedule as of December 21, 2015</b>
TDT	Freight Route TD3 (Baltic) Average Price Option contract	949	Current year and next calendar year	All consecutive months through and including December 2017

The option contract is listed for trading on CME Globex and the trading floor and for submission for clearing through CME ClearPort.

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 amendment to the listing cycle of the contract may impact the following Core Principles:

- **Availability of General Information:** The Exchange will make publically available the details of the contracts’ listing schedule change by publishing a notice to the market.

- Daily Publication of Trading Information: The Exchange will make public daily information on settlement prices, volume, open interest, and opening and closing ranges for actively traded contracts on the contract markets.
- Execution of Transactions: The option contract is listed for trading on CME Globex and the trading floor and for submission for clearing through CME ClearPort.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the CEA and CFTC Regulation 40.6(a), the Exchange hereby certifies that the amendment to the listing schedule of the Freight Route TD3 (Baltic) Average Price Option 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 via e-mail at [CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com](mailto:CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com).

Sincerely,

/s/Christopher Bowen  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel