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

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Filing Date (mm/dd/yy): 12/18/17 **Filing Description:** Delisting of the LNG East Asia Index (ICIS Heren) Futures Contract.

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| <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: LNG East Asia Index (ICIS Heren) Futures.

Rule Numbers: 1249.

December 18, 2017

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 the Delisting of the LNG East Asia Index (ICIS Heren) Futures Contract. NYMEX Submission No. 17-456

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 delisting of the LNG East Asia Index (ICIS Heren) Futures contract (the “Contract”) effective immediately, as set forth in the table below.

Contract Title	NYMEX Rulebook Chapter	Commodity Code
LNG East Asia Index (ICIS Heren) Futures	1249	LAI

There is no open interest in the Contract. The Contract will be delisted from CME Globex and CME ClearPort, the venues on which it was listed.

Exhibit A, attached hereto, provides amendments to the relevant NYMEX Rulebook Chapter in blackline format.

As a result of the delisting, the Exchange is amending the position limit aggregation for two (2) related contracts: LNG Japan/Korea Marker (Platts) Futures (Chapter 838, Code: JKM) and LNG DES Japan (RIM) Futures (Chapter 256, Code: JNG). These contracts previously aggregated into LAI. As a result of the delisting, JKM will aggregate into itself and JNG will aggregate into JKM. The amendments to the Position Limit, Position Accountability and Reportable Level Table located in the Interpretations and Special Notices Section of Chapter 5 (Trading Qualifications and Practices) of the NYMEX Rulebook can be found in Exhibit B (attached under separate cover). All other references to the Contract were removed from the CME Group website.

- **Availability of General Information:** The Exchange will make publicly available the details of the delisting of the Contract by publishing a Special Executive Report (“SER”) to the market. The SER will be available on CME Group’s website.
- **Emergency Authority:** There is no open interest in the Contract, and therefore there will be no market disruption related to its delisting.

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>. There were no substantive opposing views to this proposal.

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

Sincerely,

/s/Christopher Bowen
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachments: Exhibit A: NYMEX Rulebook Chapters 1248 (blackline format)
Exhibit B: Position Limit, Position Accountability, and Reportable Level Table in Chapter 5 of the NYMEX Rulebook (attached under separate cover)

Exhibit A

NYMEX RULEBOOK

(Deletions are struck through)

Chapter 1249

LNG East Asia Index (ICIS Heren) Futures

1249100. SCOPE OF CHAPTER

The provisions of these rules shall apply to all futures contracts bought or sold on the Exchange for cash settlement based on the Floating Price. The procedures for trading, clearing and cash settlement of this contract, and any other matters not specifically covered herein shall be governed by the general rules of the Exchange.

1249101. CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

The 'Settlement Period' for a specified contract month shall be the one month period that starts on, and includes, the 16th calendar day of the month that is two months prior to the contract month, and ends on, and includes the 15th calendar day of the month prior to the contract month.

The Floating Price shall be determined following the publication of the spot LNG East Asia Index (EAX) by ICIS Heren on the last weekday (i.e. Monday to Friday inclusive) in the Settlement Period. If such day is not an Exchange business day, the Floating Price shall be determined on the following Exchange business day.

The Floating Price for each contract month is equal to the arithmetic average of the spot LNG East Asia Index (EAX) published daily by ICIS Heren in LNG Markets Daily for each day that it is published during the Settlement Period.

1249102. TRADING SPECIFICATIONS

The number of months open for trading at a given time shall be determined by the Exchange.

1249102.A. Trading Schedule

The hours of trading for this contract shall be determined by the Exchange.

1249102.B. Trading Unit

The contract quantity shall be 10,000 MMBtu (million British thermal units). Each contract shall be valued as the contract quantity (10,000) multiplied by the settlement price.

1249102.C. Price Increments

Prices shall be quoted in U.S. dollars and cents per MMBtu. The minimum price fluctuation shall be \$0.005 per MMBtu.

1249102.D. Position Limits and Position Accountability

~~For purposes of position limits and position accountability levels, contracts shall diminish ratably as the contract month progresses toward month end.~~

~~In accordance with Rule 559, no person shall own or control positions in excess of 5,000 contracts net long or net short in the spot month.~~

~~In accordance with Rule 560:~~

~~1. the all-months accountability level shall be 10,000 contracts net long or net short in all months combined;~~

~~2. the any one month accountability level shall be 10,000 contracts net long or net short in any single contract month excluding the spot month.~~

~~Refer to Rule 559 for requirements concerning the aggregation of positions and allowable exemptions from the specified position limits.~~

1249102.E. Termination of Trading

~~Trade submission shall cease on the last weekday (i.e. Monday to Friday inclusive) in the Settlement Period. If such day is not an Exchange business day, the trade submission shall cease on the preceding Exchange business day.~~

1249103. FINAL SETTLEMENT

~~Final settlement under the contract shall be by cash settlement. Final settlement, following termination of trading for a contract month, will be based on the Floating Price. The final settlement price will be the Floating Price calculated for each contract month.~~

1249104. DISCLAIMER

~~NEITHER NEW YORK MERCANTILE EXCHANGE, INC. ("NYMEX") NOR REED BUSINESS INFORMATION LTD ("ICIS HEREN") GUARANTEE THE ACCURACY AND/OR COMPLETENESS OF THE INDEX OR ANY OF THE DATA INCLUDED THEREIN. NYMEX, ITS AFFILIATES AND ICIS HEREN MAKE NO WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AS TO THE RESULTS TO BE OBTAINED BY ANY PERSON OR ENTITY FROM USE OF THE INDEX, TRADING BASED ON THE INDEX, OR ANY DATA INCLUDED THEREIN IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRADING OF THE CONTRACTS, OR, FOR ANY OTHER USE. NYMEX, ITS AFFILIATES AND ICIS HEREN MAKE NO WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AND HEREBY DISCLAIM ALL WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR USE WITH RESPECT TO THE INDEX OR ANY DATA INCLUDED THEREIN. WITHOUT LIMITING ANY OF THE FOREGOING, IN NO EVENT SHALL NYMEX, ITS AFFILIATES OR ICIS HEREN HAVE ANY LIABILITY FOR ANY LOST PROFITS OR INDIRECT, PUNITIVE, SPECIAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES (INCLUDING LOST PROFITS), EVEN IF NOTIFIED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES.~~

Exhibit B

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

(attached under separate cover)
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