



January 16, 2013

Via Electronic Mail

Ms. Melissa Jurgens
Secretary
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
1155 21st Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20581

Re: CBOE Futures Exchange, LLC Rule Certification
Submission Number CFE-2013-03

Dear Ms. Jurgens:

Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended ("Act"), and §40.6(a) of the regulations promulgated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") under the Act, CBOE Futures Exchange, LLC ("CFE" or "Exchange") hereby submits a CFE rule amendment ("Amendment") relating to foreign CFE Trading Privilege Holders ("TPHs"). The Amendment will become effective on February 1, 2013.

CFE is planning to implement a communications hub in London, England ("London Hub") on February 1, 2013. The London Hub will consist of telephone switch equipment and communication lines to CFE's matching engine in the United States. Following its implementation, CFE TPHs will be able to connect to the London Hub to reach CFE's matching engine in the United States instead of setting up their own communication lines to CFE's matching engine in the United States. In connection with the implementation of the London Hub, CFE is amending and augmenting its Rules relating to foreign TPHs. The Amendment includes the following rule changes.

CFE is amending CFE Rule 115 to augment the definition of the term "CBOE System" under CFE's Rules. The term "CBOE System" defines what is encompassed by CFE's trading system and is currently defined to include the electronic systems administered by or on behalf of CFE which perform the functions set out in CFE's Rules. The amendment to Rule 115 makes clear (i) that the functions set out in CFE's Rules include controlling, monitoring, and recording trading on CFE and (ii) that the CBOE System includes any connectivity to the foregoing electronic systems that is administered by or on behalf of CFE, such as a communications hub in a foreign jurisdiction (like the London Hub).

CFE is amending CFE Rule 116 to revise the definition of the "CBOE Workstation" to make clear that TPHs are able to connect to CFE through more than one type of CFE application programming interface ("API").

CFE is adding new CFE Rules 305A(a) and (b) to its Rules to provide that (i) each CFE TPH shall be solely responsible for ensuring that the location of any CBOE Workstation is in the United States or a foreign jurisdiction expressly approved by CFE; (ii) any CFE approval of a foreign jurisdiction may be limited to one or more specified categories of TPHs or TPH activities and/or be contingent upon the satisfaction of specified conditions by any TPH with a CBOE Workstation in the foreign jurisdiction; and (iii) any TPH with a CBOE Workstation in a foreign jurisdiction shall ensure the availability of an individual fluent in English and knowledgeable about the TPH's futures business and financial matters to assist CFE representatives during examinations. These provisions will take the place of a current provision contained in CFE Rule 513(c) which is similar in scope to clause (i) above that is being deleted from Rule 513(c).

CFE believes that the Amendment is consistent with Designated Contract Market ("DCM") Core Principle 2 (Compliance with Rules) under Section 5 of the Act in that it sets forth CFE's access requirements for foreign TPHs and will assist CFE in enforcing compliance with its Rules. CFE believes that the Amendment is also consistent with DCM Core Principle 7 (Availability of General Information) under Section 5 of the Act in that it updates the description in CFE's Rules relating to the mechanisms for executing transactions on or through CFE's facilities.

CFE believes that the impact of the Amendment will be beneficial to the public and market participants. CFE is not aware of any substantive opposing views to the Amendment. CFE hereby certifies that the Amendment complies with the Act and the regulations thereunder. CFE further certifies that CFE has posted a notice of pending certification with the Commission and a copy of this submission on CFE's Web site (<http://cfe.cboe.com/aboutcfe/rules.aspx>) concurrent with the filing of this submission with the Commission.

The Amendment, marked to show additions in underlined text and deletions in [bracketed] text, consists of the following:

CBOE Futures Exchange, LLC Rules

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Rule 115. CBOE System

The term "CBOE System" means (i) the electronic systems administered by or on behalf of the Exchange which perform the functions set out in the Rules of the Exchange, including controlling, monitoring and recording trading on the Exchange [through CBOE Workstations] and (ii) any connectivity to the foregoing electronic systems that is administered by or on behalf of the Exchange, such as a communications hub in a foreign jurisdiction.

Rule 116. CBOE Workstation

The term "CBOE Workstation" means any computer connected directly to the CBOE System, including by means of an Exchange [CBOE's] application programming [program] interface, for the purpose of trading Contracts.

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Rule 305A. Foreign Trading Privilege Holders

(a) Each Trading Privilege Holder shall be solely responsible for ensuring that the location of any CBOE Workstation is in the United States or a foreign jurisdiction expressly approved by the Exchange. Any approval by the Exchange of a foreign jurisdiction may be limited to one or more specified categories of Trading Privilege Holders or Trading Privilege Holder activities and/or be contingent upon the satisfaction of specified conditions by any Trading Privilege Holder with a CBOE Workstation in the foreign jurisdiction.

(b) Any Trading Privilege Holder with a CBOE Workstation in a foreign jurisdiction shall ensure the availability of an individual fluent in English and knowledgeable about the Trading Privilege Holder's futures business and financial matters to assist the representatives of the Exchange during examinations.

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Rule 513. System Security

(a) - (b) No Changes.

(c) [Each Trading Privilege Holder shall be solely responsible for ensuring that the connection point for any CBOE Workstation is in the United States, except as otherwise expressly permitted by the Exchange.] To the extent necessary to ensure the operational integrity of the CBOE System, the Exchange may at any time limit the locations of any or all CBOE Workstations to specified locations, and each Trading Privilege Holder shall ensure prompt compliance by itself and its Authorized Traders with any such limitation.

(d) No Changes.

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