

May 29, 2013

VIA E-MAIL

Ms. Melissa Jurgens
Office of the Secretariat
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
1155 21st Street, NW
Washington, DC 20581

**RE: Regulation § 40.6 (a) Submission Certification
Amend CME Rule 36901-Contract Specifications and CBOT Rule 30102.C. - Price
Increments to clarify the correct price increment to be used in BTIC Block Trade
reporting
CME/CBOT Submission No. 13-196**

Dear Ms. Jurgens:

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME") and the Board of Trade of the City of Chicago, Inc. ("CBOT") (collectively, the "Exchanges") pursuant to Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission") Regulation 40.6(a) hereby self-certify the attached changes related to CME and CBOT Equity Index futures BTIC Block Trades. These amendments will become effective on Thursday, June 13, 2013.

The minimum price increment section in the CME E-mini S&P Select Sectors Futures Contract Specifications Table in CME Rule 36901 and CBOT Dow Jones U.S. Real Estate Futures Rule 30102.C. Price Increments are being amended. These rules are being amended to eliminate any ambiguity related to the minimum futures price increment that must be used to report the basis component for a Basis Trade at Index Close ("BTIC") block trade.

The current wording of CME Rule 36901 and CBOT Rule 30102.C. has led some market participants to incorrectly assume that the basis component of a BTIC block trade may be stated in price increments less than the futures contract minimum tick increment. The amended rules will eliminate the potential for this misinterpretation.

The basis component of a BTIC block trade must be reported in full tick increments. A full tick increment for E-mini S&P Select Sector futures is 0.10 index points, except for the E-mini Financial Select Sector Future, which has a minimum tick increment equal to 0.05 index points. The minimum tick increment for Dow Jones U.S. Real Estate futures is 0.10 index points.

The final futures price associated with a BTIC block trade may be recorded to a 0.01 index point price increment because the daily closing value of the underlying stock index is reported to a 0.01 index point level of granularity. The reference to the 0.01 final futures price level of granularity for BTIC block trades is relegated to a footnote to the minimum price increment rule.

The rule changes to clarify the minimum price increment applicable to BTIC Block Trades pertain to the following CME and CBOT Stock Index futures:

CME

- E-mini Consumer Discretionary Select Sector futures
- E-mini Consumer Staples Select Sector futures
- E-mini S&P Energy Select Sector futures
- E-mini S&P Financial Select Sector futures
- E-mini S&P Health Care Select Sector futures
- E-mini S&P Industrials Select Sector futures
- E-mini S&P Materials Select Sector futures
- E-mini Technology Select Sector futures
- E-mini Utilities Select Sector futures

CBOT

- CBOT Dow Jones U.S. Real Estate Index futures

The Research Department and the Legal Department collectively reviewed the designated contract market core principles (“Core Principles”) as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act (“CEA” or “Act”). During the review, CME and CBOT Staff have identified that this amendment may have some bearing on the following Core Principle:

- Availability of General Information: The marketplace will be notified of the change in the price increment rule language for those Stock Index futures contracts that allow for BTIC Block Trades via a Special Executive Report (“SER”).

The Exchanges certify that these amendments comply with the Act and rules thereunder.

The Exchanges have discussed these proposed changes with their members and other market participants. There were no substantive opposing views.

The Exchanges certify that this submission has been concurrently posted on the Exchanges’ website at <http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html>.

If you require any additional information regarding this action, please do not hesitate to contact me at 312-466-7478. Please reference CME/CBOT Submission No. 13-196 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/Timothy R. Elliott
Executive Director and Associate General Counsel

Attachments: Appendix A – Amendments to CME & CBOT Chapters (Black-line Format)
Appendix B – Amendments to CME & CBOT Chapters (Clean)

APPENDIX A

(Additions are underlined, Deletions are [bracketed] and ~~struck through~~)

CME Chapter 369 E-mini S&P Select Sector™ Stock Index Futures

36900. SCOPE OF CHAPTER

This chapter is limited in application to E-mini S&P Select Sector Stock Index futures. In addition to this chapter, E-mini S&P Select Sector Stock Index futures shall be subject to the general rules and regulations of the Exchange as applicable.

For purposes of this chapter, unless otherwise specified, times referred to herein shall refer to and indicate Chicago time.

36901. CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

Each E-mini S&P Select Sector Stock Index futures contract shall be constructed per the specifications included in the table below.

	E-mini S&P Select Sector Stock Index Futures Contract	Trading Unit (Contract Multiplier) & Currency	Minimum Price Increment or Tick Size¹
1	E-mini Consumer Discretionary Select Sector Futures	\$100.00 (USD)	0.10 Index Points (\$10.00) [0.01 Index Points (\$1.00) for BTIC Block Trades only]
2	E-mini Consumer Staples Select Sector Futures	\$100.00 (USD)	0.10 Index Points (\$10.00) [0.01 Index Points (\$1.00) for BTIC Block Trades only]
3	E-mini Energy Select Sector Futures	\$100.00 (USD)	0.10 Index Points (\$10.00) [0.01 Index Points (\$1.00) for BTIC Block Trades only]
4	E-mini Financial Select Sector Futures	\$250.00 (USD)	0.05 Index Points (\$12.50) [0.01 Index Points (\$2.50) for BTIC Block Trades only]
5	E-mini Health Care Select Sector Futures	\$100.00 (USD)	0.10 Index Points (\$10.00) [0.01 Index Points (\$1.00) for BTIC Block Trades only]
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8	E-mini Technology Select Sector Futures	\$100.00 (USD)	0.10 Index Points (\$10.00) [0.01 Index Points (\$1.00) for BTIC Block Trades only]
9	E-mini Utilities Select Sector Futures	\$100.00 (USD)	0.10 Index Points (\$10.00) [0.01 Index Points (\$1.00) for BTIC Block Trades only]

¹ See Rule **36906.C. (BTIC Orders Minimum Price Increment)** for information on the minimum price increment or Tick Size for BTIC Transactions. BTIC trades that are completed are based on the closing stock index value, and will be cleared in price increments of 0.01 index points, because the underlying stock price index is reported to a two decimal place level of precision.

CBOT Chapter 30 CBOT® Dow Jones US Real Estate Index Futures

30102.C. Price Increments¹

The price of CBOT® Dow JonesSM US Real Estate Index futures shall be quoted in index points. One index point is worth \$100.00. The minimum price fluctuation shall be one tenth of an index point per contract (\$10.00)~~], except for Basis Trade at Index Close block trades where minimum price increments shall be 0.04].~~ Contracts shall not be made on any other price basis.

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APPENDIX B

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