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VIA E-MAIL
Mr. David Stawick
Office of the Secretariat
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
1155 21st Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20581

> **Re:** **Rule Certification. New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. Submission #09-275: Notification of Amendments to NYMEX Rules 559, 560 and 561 Relating to the Launch of Four New Argus Sour Crude Index Contracts and Argus WTI Formula Basis Calendar Month Swap**

Dear Mr. Stawick:

The New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX" or "Exchange") is notifying the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") that it is self-certifying amendments to NYMEX Rules: 559, Position Limits and Exemptions; 560, Position Accountability; and 561, Reports of Large Positions, in relation to the listing of the four new Argus Sour Crude Index ("ASCI") contracts and one new Argus WTI Formula Basis Calendar Month Swap Futures contract. These amendments establish the all month/any one month accountability levels, expiration position limits, reportable levels, and diminishing balances and aggregation allocations for the new contracts.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("Act") and CFTC Rule 40.6, the Exchange hereby certifies that the attached rule amendments comply with the Act, including regulations under the Act. These changes will be made effective on trade date November 23, 2009.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact Anthony V. Densieski, Director, Market Surveillance, at (212) 299-2881, or me at (312) 648-5422.

Sincerely,

/s/ Stephen M. Szarmack
Director and Associate General Counsel

Attachment

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NOTIFICATION OF AMENDMENTS TO NYMEX RULES 559, 560 and 561
(Bold/underline indicates additions)

Contract Name	Rule Chapter	Commodity Code	Diminishing Balances Contracts	All Month Accountability Level	Any One Month Accountability Level	Expiration Month Limit	Reporting Level	Aggregate Into (1)	Aggregate Into (2)
				Rule 560	Rule 560	Rule 559	Rule 561		
Petroleum									
USA									
Cushing, Oklahoma									
Argus WTI Formula Basis Calendar Month Swap Futures	225	39	*	20,000	15,000	3,000	25	V7	
Gulf Coast									
Argus Sour Crude Index ("ASCI") Trade Month Swap Futures	221	29	*	30,000	20,000	5,000	25	29	
Argus Sour Crude Index ("ASCI") Calendar Month Swap Futures	223	37		30,000	20,000	5,000	25	29	
Argus Sour Crude Index ("ASCI") vs. WTI Diff Spread Trade Month Swap Futures	222	36		30,000/20,000	20,000/15,000	5,000/3,000	25	29	V7
Argus Sour Crude Index ("ASCI") vs. WTI Diff Spread Calendar Month Swap Futures	224	38		30,000/20,000	20,000/15,000	5,000/3,000	25	29	V7