

December 18, 2013

**VIA E-MAIL**

Ms. Melissa Jurgens  
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 of Amendments to the Termination of Trading for Mini Argus Propane (Saudi Aramco) Futures and the Argus Propane (Saudi Aramco) Futures Contracts.  
NYMEX Submission No. 13-567**

Dear Ms. Jurgens:

New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX" or "Exchange") is notifying the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") that it is self-certifying rule amendments for the Mini Argus Propane (Saudi Aramco) Futures (Rule Chapter 851; Commodity Code MAS) to amend the termination of trading, effective on Sunday, January 5, 2014 for trade date Monday, January 6, 2014.

The Mini Argus Propane (Saudi Aramco) Futures is a financially settled contract. When it expires, the contract will cash settle against the underlying physical market price published by Argus, a Price Reporting Agency ("PRA"). Currently, the underlying price is determined at the end of month prior to the contract month, while the futures contract expires at the end of the contract month. The proposed revision is to change the termination of trading for the futures contract to also be the end of month prior to the contract month. The purpose of this amendment is to align the futures contract expiry with the release schedule of the underlying price. The amendment will not change the Argus price reference. Consequently, there is no impact on value to position holders.

Also effective at that time, the Exchange will amend the Argus Propane (Saudi Aramco) Futures contract (Rule Chapter 589; Commodity Code 9N) to include the definition of business day in the termination of trading rule.

The rule amendments are provided in blackline format in Appendix A.

NYMEX business staff responsible for the rule amendment and the Exchange legal department collectively reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("Act" or "CEA"). During the review, Exchange staff identified that the listing rule amendments may have some bearing on the following Core Principle:

Daily Publication of Trading Information: NYMEX will continue to comply with this Core Principle by making public daily information on settlement prices, volume, open interest, and opening and closing ranges for the futures contract listed above.

Availability of General Information: Pursuant to the Exchange's obligations under this core principle, on the effective date of the rule amendments, the Exchange will publish the amendment to the last trading day to the marketplace via Special Executive Report # 6967.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Act and CFTC Regulation 40.6(a), the Exchange hereby certifies that the listing rule amendment 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 [Christopher.Bowen@cmegroup.com](mailto:Christopher.Bowen@cmegroup.com).

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Appendix A

## **Appendix A**

(bold/underline indicates addition; strikethrough indicates deletion)

### **Chapter 851 Mini Argus Propane (Saudi Aramco) Futures**

#### **851.06 TERMINATION OF TRADING**

Trading shall terminate on the last business day of the month prior to the contract month.  
Business days are based on the Singapore Public Holiday calendar.

### **Chapter 589 Argus Propane (Saudi Aramco) Futures**

#### **589.06 TERMINATION OF TRADING**

Trading shall terminate on the last business day of the month prior to the contract month. Business days are based on the Singapore Public Holiday calendar.