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**VIA E-MAIL**

Mr. David Stawick  
Office of the Secretariat  
Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
Three Lafayette Centre  
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Washington, D.C. 20581

**Re: Rule 40.6(a) Certification. New York Mercantile Exchange Inc. Submission # 11-527:  
Notification of Amendment to Listing Schedule for European Propane CIF ARA  
(Argus) Swap Futures Contract**

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 an amendment to the listing schedule for European Propane CIF ARA (Argus) Swap futures contract (code PS, Chapter 578) currently listed for trading on the NYMEX trading floor and for submission for clearing through CME ClearPort pursuant to rule 578.04 ("Contract Months"). The contract is currently listed for 36 contract months on a rolling basis. Currently, the last listed contract month is November 2014. Effective immediately, the Exchange is halting the listing of additional contract months such that the last listed contract month is November 2014.

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 ("CEA"). During the review, Exchange staff identified that the listing rule amendments may have some bearing on the following Core Principle:

- **Contracts Not Readily Subject to Manipulation:** NYMEX will halt the listing of additional contract months in this product in order to further assess the susceptibility to market manipulation.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("Act") and CFTC Regulation 40.6 (a), the Exchange hereby certifies that the listing rule amendments comply with the Act, including regulations under the Act. There were no substantive opposing views to this proposal. The amendments will become effective immediately.

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>.

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Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact the undersigned at (212) 299-2200.

Sincerely,

/s/Christopher K. Bowen  
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