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Ms. Jean A. Webb, Secretary
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
1155 Street, NW
Washington, DC 20581

COMMENT

Dear Ms. Webb:

Anheuser-Busch is writing in support of the proposed contract changes, with respect to percent stain, in the CBOT rough rice futures market.

While we continue to support a contract specification of no stain, the proposed change is a step in the right direction. A rice contract that more closely resembles the quality parameters of major end-users makes rice futures a more useful tool and should attract additional end-users to the market.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Washburn

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