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Ms. Jean A. Webb  
Secretary  
Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
Three Lafayette Center  
1155 21<sup>st</sup> Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20581

Reference File # 2390.01  
Rule Certification

Dear Ms. Webb:

Pursuant to Commission Regulation 40.6, the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT<sup>®</sup>) hereby submits the following:

- **Early listing of May 2005 Soybean Meal futures.**

These futures ordinarily would be authorized for trading as of December 15, 2003. Due to customer demand, the Exchange intends to list the May 2005 contract earlier than usual (i.e., the business day after the Commission's receipt of this filing).

This is a one-time change, rather than a permanent revision, in the Exchange's listing cycle.

There were no opposing views with respect to this action.

The CBOT certifies that this action complies with the Commodity Exchange Act and the rules thereunder.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Draths  
Vice President and Secretary