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Ms. Jean A. Webb
Office of the Secretariat
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
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Washington, DC 20581

RE: Exchange Certification of Amendments to Chapters 352, 352A, 352B, and 352C
Nikkei Stock Average Futures and Options on Futures, Yen and Dollar Denominated
CME Submission #04-26

Dear Ms. Webb:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME" or "the Exchange") hereby notifies the Commission of amendments to Chapters 352, 352A, 352B, and 352C, the Nikkei 225 Stock Average Futures and the Options on Nikkei 225 Stock Average Futures for both the Yen and Dollar Denominated contracts.

The Exchange certifies that these actions neither violate nor are inconsistent with any portion of the Commodity Exchange Act or of the rules thereunder.

The effect of these amendments is to clarify our original intent with respect to position limits. The limit for all contracts combined, both futures and options, and both dollar denominated and yen denominated is 5,000 contracts.

Please note that on September 3, 2003, the Board approved enhancements to the Nikkei 225 Stock Average contract which included the addition of a yen denominated version. The 5,000 combined contracts position limit was included at this time. The Exchange had previously informed the Commission of its intentions to add these enhancements on January 23, 2004 (CME Submission # 04-02).

Clarifications on Rule numbers 35202.D, 352A01.F, 352B02.D, and 352C01.F follow below. Additions are underlined and deletions are bracketed and struck out.

We hereby agree that these changes shall not be implemented earlier than the business day following the Commission's receipt of this filing. If you require any additional information regarding this action, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Ariel Hantin, Senior Research Analyst at 312-559-4951 or via e-mail at ahantin@cme.com. Please reference our CME Submission #04-26 on all future correspondence regarding this notification.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John W. Labuszewski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "L".

John W. Labuszewski, Director
Research & Product Development

cc: Mr. Thomas M. Leahy and Mr. Steven B. Benton
CFTC Division of Market Oversight, Product Review & Analysis Section

35202.D. Position Limits

A person shall not own or control more than 5,000 contracts net long or net short in the dollar denominated and the yen denominated contracts for all contract months combined.

352A01.F. Position Limits

No person shall own or control a combination of options and underlying futures contracts that exceeds 5,000 futures-equivalent contracts in the dollar denominated and the yen denominated contracts net on the same side of the market in all contract months combined.

For the purpose of this rule, the futures equivalent of an option contract is 1 times the previous business day's IOM risk factor for the option series. Also for purposes of this rule, a long call option, a short put option, and a long underlying futures contract are on the same side of the market; similarly, a short call option, a long put option, and a short underlying futures contract are on the same side of the market.

352B02.D. Position Limits

A person shall not own or control more than 5,000 contracts net long or net short in the yen denominated and the dollar denominated contracts for all contract months combined.

352C01.F. Position Limits

No person shall own or control a combination of options and underlying futures contracts that exceeds 5,000 futures-equivalent contracts in the yen denominated and the dollar denominated contracts net on the same side of the market in all contract months combined.

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