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**Re: Withdrawal of Amended Rule Certification. NYMEX  
Submission 05.207: Notification of New NYMEX  
Division Rule 8.21A, Maintenance of Health and Safety  
in Exchange Trading Rings.**

Dear Ms. Jean Webb:

The New York Mercantile Exchange ("NYMEX" or the "Exchange") notified the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of new NYMEX Division Rule 8.21A, Maintenance of Health and Safety in Exchange Trading Rings in NYMEX Submission 05.207 dated December 9, 2005. The new Rule set forth procedures to implement hard limits on the number of Floor Members who may stand on a particular step in the trading ring. The amended Submission changed the effective date of the Rule from December 12, 2005 to January 3, 2006.

The Exchange, at this time, requests the withdrawal of Amended Submission 05.207 due to the suspension of the implementation date, and additional review and pending modifications to the Rule. Subsequent to review and approval of the modifications to Rule 8.21A by the NYMEX Board of Directors, the Exchange will self-certify the Rule.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact me at (212) 299-2897, or Brian Regan, Vice President and Counsel, at (212) 299-2207.

Very truly yours,

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