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Office of the Secretariat
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
1155 21st Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20581

**Re: Rule Certification. Notification of an Approved Amendment to Rule 123.06,
"Deliverable Metal Specifications" of the Aluminum Futures Contract.
NYMEX Submission 06-12.**

Dear CFTC Commissioners:

The New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX" or the "Exchange") is notifying the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of an approved amendment to Rule 123.06, "Deliverable Metal Specifications" of the Aluminum Futures Contract to be implemented effective Wednesday, January 18, 2006. The approved amendment increases the weight tolerance of the Low-Profile Sow deliverable against the Aluminum Futures Contract to seventeen hundred thirty-five (1,735) pounds from fifteen hundred seventy-five (1,575) pounds.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("Act") and CFTC Rule 40.6, the Exchange hereby certifies that the attached rule amendment complies with the Act, including regulations under the Act. These approved amendments will go into effect on Wednesday, January 18, 2006.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact Albert J. Getz at (212) 299-2608.

Very truly yours,

Robert A. Levin
Senior Vice President - Research

cc: Christopher K. Bowen, Esq.

Attached: Approved amendment to Rule 123.06, "Deliverable Metal Specifications" of the Aluminum Futures Contract.

ALUMINUM FUTURES CONTRACT

Approved Rule Amendment

Underlining indicates additions; Strike through indicates deletions.

Rule 123.06 DELIVERABLE METAL SPECIFICATIONS

(B) Shapes

Aluminum tendered against each contract shall conform to one of the following shapes.

- (1) Sows weighing from six hundred (600) to ~~fifteen hundred seventy-five (1,575)~~ **seventeen hundred thirty-five (1,735)** pounds; or
- (2) T-bars weighing from six hundred (600) to seventeen hundred thirty-five (1,735) pounds.