

Exhibit A

Explanation of Amendments to Rulebook

Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings assigned to them in the Rulebook.

Amendment	Explanation
<u>Table of Contents</u> Conformed page references	 Clarification
<u>Rule 101</u> Amended definition of “Emergency” to track the definition of “emergency” in CFTC Regulation 40.1	 CFTC Regulation 40.1
<u>Rule 207</u> Amended to add that the Company will provide information in its possession to the CFTC upon request, in a form and manner that the CFTC approves	 CFTC Regulation 37.503
<u>Rule 301(g)</u> Added provision that the Company will provide any Person who is an Eligible Contract Participant and any Independent Software Vendor with impartial access to the Trading System	 CFTC Regulation 37.202(a)
<u>Rule 525(a)</u> Amended the definition of a “Confirmation”	 Clarification
<u>Rule 526(a)</u> 1. Amended the numbering of the Rule 2. Amended to add (a) in Rule 526(a)(2)(i), provisions for the submission of a new transaction to replace a transaction that is rejected from clearing due to clerical or operational error or omission and (b) in Rule 526(a)(2)(ii), provisions for the entering of a pre-arranged offsetting transaction for a transaction in which there was a clerical or operational error or omission that is not detected until after such transaction had been cleared	 1. Clarification 2. CFTC No-Action Letter 15-24 (April 22, 2015)

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<u>Rule 526(c)</u> Added clarification that the provisions of Rule 526(c), 526(d) and 526(e) do not apply cleared trades.	Clarification
<u>Rule 601</u> Deleted provision that Block Trades must be executed on the Trading System because SwapEx does not currently permit Block Trades to be executed on the Trading System	Core Principle 2
<u>Rule 901(c)</u> Amended to add cross-reference to the Contract Specifications in Chapter 11	Clarification
<u>Rule 902</u> Amended to track the language of CFTC Regulation 37.6(a)	CFTC Regulation 37.6(a)
<u>Rule 904(d)</u> Amended to clarify that the Company will not use personal information for business or marketing purposes	Clarification; CFTC Regulation 37.7
<u>Rule 907(b)</u> Added provision that the Company will carry out such international information-sharing agreements as may be required by the CFTC	Core Principle 5; CFTC Regulation 37.504
<u>Rule 913(b)</u> 1. Amended the numbering of the Rule 2. Added provision that the Company will have authority to order the fixing of a settlement price, if appropriate, in response to an Emergency	1. Clarification 2. Core Principle 8

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<p><u>Rule 1101</u></p> <p>Added Contract Specifications for Non-Deliverable Foreign Exchange Forwards (USD Settlement Currency) (Uncleared), which are the same as the terms and conditions previously submitted to the CFTC by the Company in new product certification (SwapEx Submission 02-13) filed September 30, 2013 and as amended by rule amendment (SwapEx Submission 07-14) filed September 8, 2014, except that Rule 1101 amends such prior submissions to clarify that the Trading Hours are “ET” rather than “EST”</p>	<p>CFTC Regulation 37.4</p>
<p><u>Rule 1102</u></p> <p>Added Contract Specifications for Cross-Rate Non-Deliverable Foreign Exchange Forwards (Uncleared), which are the same as the terms and conditions previously submitted to the CFTC by the Company in new product certification (SwapEx Submission 08-14) filed September 10, 2014, except that Rule 1102 amends such prior submission to clarify that the Trading Hours are “ET” rather than “EST”</p>	<p>CFTC Regulation 37.4</p>
<p><u>Rule 1103</u></p> <p>Added Contract Specifications for Synthetic Non-Deliverable Foreign Exchange Forwards (Uncleared), which are the same as the terms and conditions previously submitted to the CFTC by the Company in new product certification (SwapEx Submission 10-14) filed December 19, 2014, except that Rule 1103 amends such prior submission to clarify that the Trading Hours are “ET” rather than “EST”</p>	<p>CFTC Regulation 37.4</p>
<p><u>Rule 1104</u></p> <p>Added Contract Specifications for LCH Clearent Limited Cleared Non-Deliverable Foreign Exchange Forwards, which are the same as the terms and conditions previously submitted to the CFTC by the Company in New product certification (SwapEx Submission 03-15) filed on May 5, 2015</p>	<p>CFTC Regulation 37.4</p>