

May 30, 2014

**VIA E-MAIL**

Ms. Melissa Jurgens  
 Office of the Secretariat  
 Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
 Three Lafayette Centre  
 1155 21st Street, N.W.  
 Washington, DC 20581

**RE: CFTC Regulation 40.6(a) Certification. Notification Regarding Amendments to CME Globex Trading Hours for Random Length Lumber Futures and Options Contracts.  
 CME Submission No. 14-174**

Dear Ms. Jurgens:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. (“CME” or “Exchange”) is notifying the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC” or “Commission”) that it is self-certifying amendments to CME Globex trading hours for the Random Length futures and options contracts as described below effective Monday, June 16, 2014.

<b>Contract Name</b>	<b>Rulebook Chapter</b>	<b>Commodity Code</b>
Random Length Lumber Futures	201	LBS
Options on Random Length Lumber Futures	201A	LBS

<b>Current CME Globex Electronic Trading Hours (Central Time)</b>	<b>CME Globex Electronic Trading Hours as of June 16, 2014 (Central Time)</b>
Monday 9:00 a.m. opening	Monday 9:00 a.m. opening
Daily trading halts Monday-Thursday at 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Daily trading halts Monday-Thursday at 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Trading restarts at 5:00 p.m. and trades until 4:00 p.m. the next day (Monday-Thursday)	Trading restarts at 5:00 p.m. and continues until 9:00 p.m. Monday -Thursday. At 9:00 p.m. on Monday-Thursday the markets halt and re-open at 9:00 a.m. the next morning.
Friday 1:55 p.m. Close	Friday 1:55 p.m. Close

These contracts will continue to be available for trading on the CME trading floor and available for submission for clearing via CME ClearPort.

The Exchange conducted a comprehensive survey on trading hours from April 16, 2014 through May 2, 2014 with participants representing a broad cross-section of the lumber trade. The results of the survey indicated that the great majority of market participants preferred that trading hours be narrowed during the evening session. Of the participants recommending that hours be narrowed, most showed support for

trading during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Central Time. The new proposed hours meet the broad preferences voiced by a majority of survey participants, while continuing to provide ample opportunity for the lumber trading community to manage price risk during periods of significant market liquidity. Based on the daily trading volumes during the period of January 2012 through December 2013, over 80% of daily volume occurred during the proposed hours.

CME business staff and the CME legal department collectively reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"). During the review, CME staff identified that the proposed changes may impact the following Core Principles:

**Compliance with Rules:** All trading hours will continue to be subject to the full range of rules in the CME Rulebook Chapters, including all monitoring, surveillance, and enforcement provisions.

**Execution of Transactions:** Amending the trading hours does not impact the Exchange's order execution, which will continue in the same manner as before.

**Prevention of Market Disruption:** The capacity and responsibility to prevent manipulation, price distortion, and disruptions of the delivery or cash-settlement process through market surveillance, compliance, and enforcement practices and procedures will continue during the new trading hours.

**Availability of General Information:** The new trading hours will be made known to the trading community in advance of the effective date via a Special Executive Report and will be posted in the trading specifications for the lumber contracts on the CME website.

**Daily Publication of Trading:** All trades will be posted in the Daily Bulletin and published on the CME website.

The Exchange has discussed these proposed changes with a broad cross section of market participants and has considered the views expressed during those conversations. A list of the opposing views that were considered by the Exchange when making the hours change are set out below:

- No change in trading hours
- Daily open earlier than the proposed 9:00 a.m.
- Daily close earlier than the proposed 9:00 p.m.

These opposing views did not represent any particular industry segment of the lumber trading community and as noted earlier were all minority viewpoints.

Based on customer feedback, review of trading data, and working with a lumber industry focus group we concluded that we could more effectively meet our customers' needs by reducing overnight hours. The general feedback was that for this market, reduced night hours would meet the needs of our Asian customers while increasing liquidity. Of the participants recommending that hours be narrowed, most expressed support for trading during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Central Time (CT).

The Exchange certifies that this submission has been concurrently posted on the Exchange's website at <http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html>.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact the undersigned at (212) 299-2200 or [Christopher.Bowen@cmegroup.com](mailto:Christopher.Bowen@cmegroup.com). Please reference CME Submission No. 14-174 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel