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Commodity Futures Trading Commission
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CFTC

**Re: NYMEX Submission 06.154 – Daily Settlement Procedures for
NYMEX Softs Contracts**

Dear CFTC Commissioners:

The New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX" or the "Exchange") is notifying the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") that beginning on December 21, 2006, the New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. will list futures contracts on Cocoa, Coffee, Cotton, Orange Juice, No. 11 Sugar, and No. 14 Sugar using daily settlement procedures as outlined in the attachment.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("Act") and CFTC Rule 40.2, the Exchange hereby certifies that the attached comply with the Act, including regulations under the Act. Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact the undersigned at (212) 299-, or at (212) 299- .

Very truly yours,

Senior Vice President
Robert Levin

Attachment: Rule Amendment 654(A)

NYMEX Rule 654 (A) Daily Settlement Procedures for NYMEX Softs Products Cocoa, Coffee, Orange Juice, Cotton, No. 11 Sugar, and No. 14 Sugar.

A) The terms of this rule shall generally govern the establishment of settlement prices for NYMEX softs contracts that are only listed for trading on NYMEX ClearPort® Trading and NYMEX ClearPort® Clearing. For cash-settled contracts, this rule shall govern only for trade dates other than the final day in an expiring contract month, and final settlement following termination in an expiring contract month in such contracts shall be determined in accordance with the terms and conditions chapter of rules for the applicable contract.

(B) The settlement prices established pursuant to this rule shall be determined by the President's designee. For purposes of this rule, the President's designee shall refer to Exchange staff from various Exchange departments assigned to this responsibility (hereafter "Staff").

(C) Staff in its sole discretion and judgment shall determine settlement prices by considering market information deemed to be appropriate, and such information may include, but is not limited to:

- (1) price data obtained from a cross-section of over-the-counter ("OTC") brokers collectively representing both buyers and sellers in OTC markets;
- (2) price data obtained from OTC market participants, considering both buyers and sellers in such markets; and
- (3) other relevant data and information.