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- Novel Derivative Product Notification § 40.12(a)
- Swap Submission § 39.5

Product Terms and Conditions (product related Rules and Rule Amendments)

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- Certification Made Available to Trade Determination § 40.6(a)
- Certification Security Futures § 41.24(a)
- Delisting (No Open Interest) § 40.6(a)
- Approval § 40.5(a)
- Approval Made Available to Trade Determination § 40.5(a)
- Approval Security Futures § 41.24(c)
- Approval Amendments to enumerated agricultural products § 40.4(a), § 40.5(a)
- "Non-Material Agricultural Rule Change" § 40.4(b)(5)
- Notification § 40.6(d)

Official Name(s) of Product(s) Affected

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January 29, 2019

VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL

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

**Re: CFTC Regulation 40.6(a) Certification. Notification Regarding the Addition of Swiss Franc/US Dollar and New Zealand Dollar/US Dollar Spot FX Basis Spreads on CME FX Link and Related Amendments to Appendix A (“Spot FX Transactions”) of CME Rulebook Chapter 13 (“Spot FX Transactions”).
CME Submission No. 19-017**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. (“CME” or “Exchange”) hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC” or “Commission”) that it is self-certifying the addition of Swiss Franc/US Dollar and New Zealand Dollar/US Dollar Spot FX basis spreads on CME FX Link and related new amendments to Appendix A (“Spot FX Transactions”) of CME Rulebook Chapter 13 (“Spot FX Transactions”) (collectively, the “Rule Amendments”) effective on trade date Tuesday, February 19, 2019.

By way of background, CME adopted [Chapter 13](#) effective on Monday, February 26, 2018 (see [CME Submission No. 17-359](#) dated November 1, 2017). Currently, Chapter 13 permits FX basis spread trading between six (6) currently listed CME futures contracts and spot FX transactions.

Spot FX transactions are only executable on CME Globex through basis spread trades. CME provides pre-trade credit control tools for these spot transactions. CME does not, however, clear or settle any spot trade. But for discrete exceptions specifically noted in Chapter 13, spot transactions will be governed by bilateral over-the-counter (“OTC”) contractual arrangements between institutional FX market participants.

The Exchange reviewed the designated contract market core principles (“Core Principles”) as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act (“CEA” or “Act”) and identified that the following Core Principles may be impacted by this initiative as follows:

- **Availability of General Information:** The Rule Amendments will be publicly available on CME Group’s website. The Exchange will also publish a Special Executive Report (“SER”) to notify the marketplace of the Rule Amendments. The SER will also be available on CME Group’s website.
- **Execution of Transactions:** Spot FX transactions and FX futures in the CHF and NZD currency pairs will be executed openly and competitively through basis spread trades on CME Globex.
- **Protection of Market Participants:** Because spot FX transactions in CHF and NZD will be executed with CME CHF and NZD futures through basis spread trades, actions taken during their execution will be subject to the Exchange’s trade practice requirements and any related CEA provision and Commission regulation.

- **Disciplinary Procedures:** CME will enforce Chapter 13 by applying the process and terms set forth in Chapter 4 of the Exchange's rulebook ("Enforcement of Rules").
- **Dispute Resolution:** Because spot FX transactions in CHF and NZD will be executed with CME CHF and NZD futures through basis spread trades, actions taken during their execution will be subject to applicable Exchange arbitration requirements.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Act and CFTC Regulation 40.6(a), the Exchange hereby certifies that Rule Amendments comply with the Act, including regulations under the Act. There were no substantive opposing views to this proposal.

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 e-mail CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com or contact the undersigned at (212) 299-2200.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit A – Amendments to CME Rulebook Chapter 13 ("Spot FX Transactions") – Appendix ("Spot FX Transaction Specifications") (blackline format)

Exhibit A
CME Rulebook

(additions underscored)

Chapter 13
Spot FX Transactions

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Appendix

Spot FX Transaction Specifications

Currency Pairing	Value Date	Minimum Price Increment *	Spot Notional Per One Futures Contract
AUD/USD	T+2	0.00001 (0.1 pip) USD/AUD	100,000 AUD
EUR/USD	T+2	0.00001 (0.1 pip) USD/EUR	125,000 EUR
GBP/USD	T+2	0.00001 (0.1 pip) USD/GBP	62,500 GBP
<u>NZD/USD</u>	<u>T+2</u>	<u>0.00001 (0.1 pip)</u> <u>USD/NZD</u>	<u>100,000 NZD</u>
USD/CAD	T+1	0.000001 (0.01 pip) USD/CAD	100,000 CAD **
<u>USD/CHF</u>	<u>T+2</u>	<u>0.000001 (0.01 pip)</u> <u>USD/CHF</u>	<u>125,000 CHF **</u>
USD/JPY	T+2	0.0001 (0.01 pip) USD/JPY	12,500,000 JPY **
USD/MXN	T+2	0.00001 (0.1 pip) USD/MXN	500,000 MXN **

NOTES

AUD = Australian dollar
 CAD = Canadian dollar
CHF = Swiss franc
 EUR = Euro
 GBP = British pound
 JPY = Japanese yen
 MXN = Mexican peso
NZD = New Zealand dollar
 USD = U.S. dollar

* The minimum price increment (MPI) of a Spot FX Transaction is separate and distinct from and is not necessarily a reflection of the MPI of a Spot FX Basis Trade, which the Exchange shall determine.

** The spot notional per one futures contract for the USD/CAD, USD/CHF, USD/JPY, and USD/MXN currency pairings shall be defined in terms of the quote, or term, currency of each pairing rather than the base currency since the CME pricing and notional convention for related FX Futures contracts is inverted from the over-the-counter (OTC) convention. For example, the spot notional per one futures contract for USD/CAD, USD/CHF, USD/JPY, and USD/MXN shall be defined in terms of the quote currency Canadian dollar, Swiss franc, Japanese yen, and Mexican peso, respectively, and not in terms of the base currency U.S. dollar.