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Secretary of the Commission
Office of the Secretariat
U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
1155 21<sup>st</sup> Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20581

Submission 15-07

Re: <u>ICE Swap Trade</u>, <u>LLC – Rule Amendment – Amended Rulebook</u>

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act (the "Act") and Section 40.6(a) of the regulations of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "Commission"), ICE Swap Trade, LLC ("IST" or the "SEF") hereby notifies the Commission that it has amended its Rulebook. The Rulebook has been amended in order to affect certain administrative/clerical revisions. The Rulebook will become effective on April 8, 2015 (based upon an acknowledged filing date of March 25, 2015).

A concise explanation of the amendments to the Rulebook is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>. A copy of the revised Rules marked to show changes against the Rulebook submitted to the Commission with an effective date of February 27, 2014, is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit B</u>, and a clean copy of the revised Rules is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit C</u>.

IST certifies that the amendments comply with the requirements of the Commodity Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. IST is not aware of any substantive opposing views expressed with respect to this filing and certifies that, concurrent with this filing, a copy of this submission was posted on the IST's website and may be accessed at: <a href="https://www.theice.com/swap-trade/regulation#rule-filings">https://www.theice.com/swap-trade/regulation#rule-filings</a>.

Please contact the undersigned at (212) 323-8512 with any questions regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

All Roma

Catherine O'Connor Chief Compliance Officer

Enclosures

# **Summary of Rulebook Changes**

Amendment	Explanation
Chapter 12 - Credit Contracts Terms and	
Conditions	
	IST has revised the Minimum Price Fluctuation for the
Rules 1206, 1238, 1239 and 1240	following contracts: Markit iTraxx Asia Ex-Japan, Markit
	iTraxx Japan, and Markit iTraxx Australia. The revised
	Minimum Price Fluctuations are reflected in Exhibit B.

### Rule 1206. Price Basis

There shall be no price limits on any Contracts. All bids and offers shall be quoted and minimum price fluctuations shall be as follows:

		Minimum Price
Contract Name	Price Basis	Fluctuation
Markit® CDX® North American Investment Grade CDX Index	Basis Points	0.0001
Markit® CDX® North American Investment Grade High Volatility	<b>Basis Points</b>	0.25
Index		
Markit® CDX® North American High Yield CDX Index	Price	0.0001
Markit® CDX® Emerging Markets Index	Price	0.01
Markit® CDX® Emerging Markets EX-EU Index	Price	0.01
Markit® iTraxx® Europe Index	Basis Points	0.0001
Markit® iTraxx® Crossover Index	Basis Points	0.0001
Markit® iTraxx® Europe HiVol Index	Basis Points	0.25
Markit® iTraxx® Europe Senior Financials Index	Basis Points	0.25
Markit® iTraxx® Europe Subordinated Financials Index	Basis Points	0.25
Markit® CDX North American Investment Grade Index Option	Cents	0.25
Markit® CDX North American High Yield Index Option	Cents	0.25
Markit® iTraxx® Europe Index Option	Cents	0.25
Markit® iTraxx® Crossover Index Option	Cents	0.25
Markit ®iTraxx® Europe Senior Financials Index Option	Cents	0.25
Markit® CDX® North American Investment Grade Index Tranche	Basis Points or	1 Basis Point or 0.01
	Points Upfront	points upfront
Markit® CDX® North American High Yield Index Tranche	Basis Points or	1 Basis Point or 0.01
	Points Upfront	points upfront
Markit® iTraxx® Europe Index Tranche	Basis Points or	1 Basis Point or 0.01
	Points Upfront	points upfront
Markit iTraxx Asia Ex-Japan Index	Basis Points	0. <u>000</u> 1 <del>25</del>
Markit iTraxx Japan Index	Basis Points	0. <del>25</del> <u>0001</u>
Markit iTraxx Australia Index	Basis Points	0. <del>25</del> <u>0001</u>
Markit® iTraxx® Corp CEEMEA	Basis Points	0.0001
Markit® iTraxx® Sovx CEEMEA	Basis Points	0.0001
Markit® iTraxx® Sovx CEEMEA EXEU	Basis Points	0.0001
Markit® iBoxx® EUR Corporates	Basis Points	0.125
Markit® iBoxx® EUR Liquid High Yield	Basis Points	0.125
Markit® iBoxx® USD Liquid High Yield	Basis Points	0.125
Markit® iBoxx® USD Liquid Investment Grade	Basis Points	0.125
Markit® iTraxx® Crossover Index Tranche	Basis Points or	1 Basis Point or 0.01
	Points Upfront	points upfront

Rule 1238. Markit iTraxx Asia Ex-Japan

Currency	USD
Contract Minimum	As agreed by counterparties
Notional	
Contract Minimum	As agreed by counterparties
Notional Increment	
Contract Description	Forty (40) of the most liquid Asian entities with investment grade credit ratings as
	published by Markit® from time to time, excluding entities domiciled in Japan
<b>Contract Months</b>	March and September; one or two months listed at all times
Price Quotation	Basis points
Minimum Price	The price quotation convention shall be .000125 basis point (bps); minimum price
Fluctuation	fluctuation may vary by trade type.
Listing Cycle	Tenors of 1 through 10 Years based on liquidity
Series	All Series, initiated with series 1
Roll Date	September 20 (or the Business Day immediately thereafter) and March 20 (or the
	Business Day immediately thereafter) of each calendar year
First Trade Date	Date of contract listing
Last Trade Date	Each index series with a Roll Date of September 20 shall have a maturity date of
(Maturity Date)	December 20 (or the first Business Day thereafter if December 20 is not a Business
	Day) occurring up to 10 years following the Roll Date.
Symbol	ITRX.ASIA.EXJAPAN
Final Settlement Date	Last Trade Date
Position Limit	None
Daily Price Limit	None
Block Enabled	No
NCR and RL	Variable by contract type and price. See Error Trade Policy for more details.

### Rule 1239. Markit iTraxx Japan

Currency	USD
Contract Minimum	As agreed by counterparties
Notional	
Contract Minimum	As agreed by counterparties
Notional Increment	
<b>Contract Description</b>	Fifty (50) of the most liquid Japanese entities with investment grade credit ratings as
	published by Markit® from time to time
<b>Contract Months</b>	March and September; one or two months listed at all times
Price Quotation	Basis Points
Minimum Price	The price quotation convention shall be .000125 basis points; minimum price
Fluctuation	fluctuation may vary by trade type.
Listing Cycle	Tenors of 1 through 10 Years based on liquidity
Series	All Series, initiated with series 1
Roll Date	September 27 (or the Business Day immediately thereafter) and March 27 (or the
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(Maturity Date)	December 27 (or the first Business Day thereafter if December 27 is not a Business
	Day) occurring up to 10 years following the Roll Date.
Symbol	ITRX.JAPAN
Final Settlement Date	Last Trade Date
Position Limit	None
Daily Price Limit	None
Block Enabled	No
NCR and RL	Variable by contract type and price. See Error Trade Policy for more details.

### Rule 1240. Markit iTraxx Australia

Currency	USD
Contract Minimum	As agreed by counterparties
Notional	
Contract Minimum	As agreed by counterparties
Notional Increment	
Contract Description	Twenty five (25) of the most liquid Australian entities with investment grade credit
	ratings as published by Markit® from time to time
Contract Months	March and September; one or two months listed at all times
Price Quotation	Basis points
Minimum Price	The price quotation convention shall be .25-0001 basis point (bps); minimum price
Fluctuation	fluctuation may vary by trade type.
Listing Cycle	Tenors of 1 through 10 Years based on liquidity
Series	All Series, initiated with series 1
Roll Date	September 20 (or the Business Day immediately thereafter) and March 20 (or the
	Business Day immediately thereafter) of each calendar year
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(Maturity Date)	December 20 (or the first Business Day thereafter if December 20 is not a Business
	Day) occurring up to 10 years following the Roll Date. Each index series with a Roll
	Date of March 20 shall have a maturity date of June 20 (or the first Business Day
	thereafter if December 20 is not a Business Day) occurring up to 10 years following the
	Roll Date.
Symbol	ITRX.AUS
Final Settlement Date	Last Trade Date
Position Limit	None
Daily Price Limit	None
Block Enabled	No
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