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Registered Entity Identifier Code (optional): 21-266

Organization: Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME")

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Organization Rules and Rule Amendments

- Certification § 40.6(a)
- Approval § 40.5(a)
- Notification § 40.6(d)
- Advance Notice of SIDCO Rule Change § 40.10(a)
- SIDCO Emergency Rule Change § 40.10(h)

Rule Numbers: See filing.

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- Certification § 40.2(a)
- Certification Security Futures § 41.23(a)
- Certification Swap Class § 40.2(d)
- Approval § 40.3(a)
- Approval Security Futures § 41.23(b)
- Novel Derivative Product Notification § 40.12(a)
- Swap Submission § 39.5

Official Product Name:

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

- Certification § 40.6(a)
- 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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June 14, 2021

VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL

Mr. Christopher J. Kirkpatrick
Office of the Secretariat
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
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Washington, DC 20581

**RE: CFTC Regulation 40.6(a) Certification. Modifications to the CME
Model Validation Framework
CME Submission No. 21-266**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Pursuant to Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC” or “Commission”) Regulation 40.6(a), Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc., in its capacity as a derivatives clearing organization (“DCO”) (“CME”), hereby notifies the Commission that it is self-certifying modifications to the CME Model Validation Framework (“MVF”) effective on June 29, 2021.

Specifically, CME maintains the MVF pursuant to CFTC Regulation 39.13 that encompasses risk management practices, procedures and methodologies. The MVF is published by CME and approved by its Clearing House Oversight Committee. The changes to the MVF reflect non-substantive changes to clarify current practices.

CME reviewed the DCO core principles (“Core Principles”) as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act (“CEA” or “Act”) and identified that the proposed modifications may have some bearing on the following principles:

- DCO Core Principle D – Risk Management: The proposed modifications enhance the ability of CME to manage the risks associated with discharging the responsibilities of the derivatives clearing organization.
- DCO Core Principle O – Governance Arrangements: The proposed modifications reflect changes to make transparent governance arrangements.

As described herein, the amendments consist of changes to the MVF. CME has requested confidential treatment with respect to the revised MVF, which has been submitted concurrently with this self-certification. CME certifies that proposed changes comply with the Act and regulations thereunder. There were no substantive opposing views to this action.

If you require any additional information regarding this submission, please contact me at 312-930-2730 or via email at timothy.maher@cmegroup.com. Please reference CME Submission No. 21-266 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tim Maher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning and a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

/s/Tim Maher
Chief Compliance Officer

Enclosed: Exhibit A - Modified CME Model Validation Framework (attached under separate cover)
(confidential treatment requested)