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June 19, 2017

VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL

Mr. Christopher J. Kirkpatrick
Office of the Secretariat
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
3 Lafayette Center
1155 21st Street NW
Washington, DC 20581

Re: CFTC Regulation 40.6(a) Certification. Notification Regarding Amendments to CBOT Wednesday Weekly Options on: Short-Term U.S. Treasury Note Futures; Medium-Term U.S. Treasury Note Futures; Long-Term U.S. Treasury Note Futures; 10-Year U.S. Treasury Note Futures; U.S. Treasury Bond Futures; and Long-Term U.S. Treasury Bond Futures Contracts. CBOT Submission No. 17-257

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

The Board of Trade of the City of Chicago, Inc. (“CBOT” or “Exchange”) hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC” or “Commission”) that it is self-certifying amendments to Exercise Price rules (the “Rule Amendments”) of the Wednesday Weekly Options contracts (the “Contracts”) as listed in the table below, effective on trade date July 5, 2017.

Contract Title	Rulebook Chapter	Commodity Code
Weekly Wednesday Options on 2-Year Note Futures – week 1 – week 5	21A	WT1-WT5
Weekly Wednesday Options on 5-Year Note Futures – week 1 – week 5	20A	WF1-WF5
Weekly Wednesday Options on 10-Year Note Futures – week 1 – week 5	19A	WY1-WY5
Weekly Wednesday Options on Ultra 10-Year Note Futures – week 1 – week 5	26A	WX1-WX5
Weekly Wednesday Options on Treasury Bond Futures – week 1 – week 5	18A	WB1-WB5
Weekly Wednesday Options on Ultra Bond Futures – week 1 – week 5	40A	WU1-WU5

The Exchange launched the Contracts for trading on the CME Globex electronic trading platform and via open outcry, and for submission for clearing via CME ClearPort, effective on trade date June 5, 2017. The Exchange’s self-certification with the Commission of rules in connection with the launch of the Contracts indicated the Exchange’s intent that at-the-money calls should be auto-exercised and at-the-money puts should be auto-abandoned. However, the texts of the applicable CBOT Rulebook Chapters are inconsistent with this intent and with the Exchange’s current operational practice.

The specifications of the Contracts largely mirror the specifications of the existent weekly standard Options on Treasury Note and Bond futures, with the notable exceptions of no contrary instructions and the exercise conventions for at-the-money calls and puts. For all other Options on Treasury Futures, contrary instructions are permitted, and at-the-money calls and puts are abandoned. The Rule Amendments certified herein serve to clarify the Exchange’s original intent and are provided with additions underscored and deletions overstruck in Appendix A, attached.

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 Rule Amendments may have some bearing on the following Core Principles:

Contracts Not Readily Subject to Manipulation: The Contracts are not readily subject to manipulation due to the deep liquidity and robustness in the underlying cash and futures market, which provides diverse participation and sufficient spot transactions.

Availability of General Information: The Rule Amendments will be reflected in the CBOT rulebook located on the CME Group website in a timely manner.

Trade Information: All required trade information will continue to be included in the audit trail and is sufficient for the Market Regulation Department to monitor for market abuse.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Act and CFTC Regulation 40.6(a), the Exchange certifies that the Rule Amendments comply with the Act and rules thereunder. 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 contact the undersigned at (212) 299-2200 or via e-mail at CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com.

Sincerely,

/s/Christopher Bowen
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Appendix A – CBOT Rule Amendments (blackline format)

Appendix A
CBOT Rule Amendments

(Additions are underlined. Deletions are ~~overstruck~~.)

Chapter 18A
Standard Options on U.S. Treasury Bond Futures

18A02.A. Exercise

2. Wednesday Weekly Options

An option that has not been liquidated or exercised prior to its termination of trading (according to Rule 18A01.1.3.) shall be exercised automatically by the Clearing House if such option expires in the money. Such option shall be abandoned automatically by the Clearing House if it expires out of the money. For the avoidance of doubt, no such option that expires in the money shall be abandoned, and no such option that expires out of the money shall be exercised.

A call option shall be in the money if the daily settlement price of the Underlying Futures Contract (Rules 18A01.D.) on the last day of trading in such option (Rules 18A01.1.) ~~lies strictly~~ is at or above such option's exercise price, and shall be out of the money if such daily settlement price ~~is at or~~ lies strictly below such option's exercise price.

A put option shall be in the money if the daily settlement price of the Underlying Futures Contract on the last day of trading in such option lies strictly below such option's exercise price, and shall be out of the money if such daily settlement price is at or above such option's exercise price.

[Remainder of Rule Unchanged.]

Chapter 19A
Standard Options on Long-Term U.S. Treasury Note Futures

19A02.A. Exercise

2. Wednesday Weekly Options

An option that has not been liquidated or exercised prior to its termination of trading (according to Rule 19A01.1.3.) shall be exercised automatically by the Clearing House if such option expires in the money. Such option shall be abandoned automatically by the Clearing House if it expires out of the money. For the avoidance of doubt, no such option that expires in the money shall be abandoned, and no such option that expires out of the money shall be exercised.

A call option shall be in the money if the daily settlement price of the Underlying Futures Contract (Rules 19A01.D.) on the last day of trading in such option (Rules 19A01.1.) ~~lies strictly~~ is at or above such option's exercise price, and shall be out of the money if such daily settlement price ~~is at or~~ lies strictly below such option's exercise price.

A put option shall be in the money if the daily settlement price of the Underlying Futures Contract on the last day of trading in such option lies strictly below such option's exercise price, and shall be out of the money if such daily settlement price is at or above such option's exercise price.

[Remainder of Rule Unchanged.]

Chapter 20A

Standard Options on Medium-Term U.S. Treasury Note Futures

20A02.A. Exercise

2. Wednesday Weekly Options

An option that has not been liquidated or exercised prior to its termination of trading (according to Rule 20A01.1.3.) shall be exercised automatically by the Clearing House if such option expires in the money. Such option shall be abandoned automatically by the Clearing House if it expires out of the money. For the avoidance of doubt, no such option that expires in the money shall be abandoned, and no such option that expires out of the money shall be exercised.

A call option shall be in the money if the daily settlement price of the Underlying Futures Contract (Rules 20A01.D.) on the last day of trading in such option (Rules 20A01.1.) ~~lies strictly~~ is at or above such option's exercise price, and shall be out of the money if such daily settlement price ~~is at or~~ lies strictly below such option's exercise price.

A put option shall be in the money if the daily settlement price of the Underlying Futures Contract on the last day of trading in such option lies strictly below such option's exercise price, and shall be out of the money if such daily settlement price is at or above such option's exercise price.

[Remainder of Rule Unchanged.]

Chapter 21A

Standard Options on Short-Term U.S. Treasury Note Futures

21A02.A. Exercise.

2. Wednesday Weekly Options

An option that has not been liquidated or exercised prior to its termination of trading (according to Rule 21A01.1.3.) shall be exercised automatically by the Clearing House if such option expires in the money. Such option shall be abandoned automatically by the Clearing House if it expires out of the money. For the avoidance of doubt, no such option that expires in the money shall be abandoned, and no such option that expires out of the money shall be exercised.

A call option shall be in the money if the daily settlement price of the Underlying Futures Contract (Rules 21A01.D.) on the last day of trading in such option (Rules 21A01.1.) ~~lies strictly~~ is at or above such option's exercise price, and shall be out of the money if such daily settlement price ~~is at or~~ lies strictly below such option's exercise price.

A put option shall be in the money if the daily settlement price of the Underlying Futures Contract on the last day of trading in such option lies strictly below such option's exercise price, and shall be out of the money if such daily settlement price is at or above such option's exercise price.

[Remainder of Rule Unchanged.]

Chapter 26A

Standard Options on 10-Year U.S. Treasury Note Futures

26A02.A. Exercise

2. Wednesday Weekly Options

An option that has not been liquidated or exercised prior to its termination of trading (according to Rule 26A01.I.3.) shall be exercised automatically by the Clearing House if such option expires in the money. Such option shall be abandoned automatically by the Clearing House if it expires out of the money. For the avoidance of doubt, no such option that expires in the money shall be abandoned, and no such option that expires out of the money shall be exercised.

A call option shall be in the money if the daily settlement price of the Underlying Futures Contract (Rules 26A01.D.) on the last day of trading in such option (Rules 26A01.I) ~~lies strictly~~ is at or above such option's exercise price, and shall be out of the money if such daily settlement price ~~is at or~~ lies strictly below such option's exercise price.

A put option shall be in the money if the daily settlement price of the Underlying Futures Contract on the last day of trading in such option lies strictly below such option's exercise price, and shall be out of the money if such daily settlement price is at or above such option's exercise price.

[Remainder of Rule Unchanged.]

Chapter 40A

Standard Options on Long-Term U.S. Treasury Bond Futures

40A02.A. Exercise

2. Wednesday Weekly Options

An option that has not been liquidated or exercised prior to its termination of trading (according to Rule 40A01.I.3.) shall be exercised automatically by the Clearing House if such option expires in the money. Such option shall be abandoned automatically by the Clearing House if it expires out of the money. For the avoidance of doubt, no such option that expires in the money shall be abandoned, and no such option that expires out of the money shall be exercised.

A call option shall be in the money if the daily settlement price of the Underlying Futures Contract (Rules 40A01.D.) on the last day of trading in such option (Rules 40A01.I.) ~~lies strictly~~ is at or above such option's exercise price, and shall be out of the money if such daily settlement price ~~is at or~~ lies strictly below such option's exercise price.

A put option shall be in the money if the daily settlement price of the Underlying Futures Contract on the last day of trading in such option lies strictly below such option's exercise price, and shall be out of the money if such daily settlement price is at or above such option's exercise price.

[Remainder of Rule Unchanged.]