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	§ 40.4(b)(5)	
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September 23, 2015

#### VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL

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

#### RE: Implementation of the Brent Crude Oil Futures-Style Margin Option Fee Waiver Program NYMEX Submission No. 15-407

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of plans to implement the Brent Crude Oil Futures-Style Margin Option Fee Waiver Program ("Program"). The proposed Program will become effective on October 12, 2015.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of the Program.

NYMEX reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"). During the review, NYMEX staff identified the following Core Principles as potentially being impacted: Prevention of Market Disruption, Execution of Transactions, Protection of Market Participants, Compliance with Rules, and Recordkeeping.

The Program includes a general fee waiver that applies to all market participants and thus does not incentivize manipulative trading or market abuse and does not impact the Exchange's ability to perform its trade practice and market surveillance obligations under the CEA. The Exchange's market regulation staff will monitor trading in the Program's products to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse. The general fee waiver in the Program does not impact the Exchange's order execution. All market participants that execute trades in the Product shall be entitled to participate. Chapter 4 of the Exchange rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. The Program is subject to these rules. The Program is subject to the Exchange's record retention policies which comply with the CEA.

NYMEX certifies that the Program complies with the CEA and the regulations thereunder. There were no substantive opposing views to this Program.

The Exchange certifies that this submission has been concurrently posted on the Exchange's website at <u>http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html</u>.

If you require any additional information regarding this submission, please e-mail <u>CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com</u> or contact Rachel Johnson at 312-466-4393 or via e-mail at <u>Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com</u>. Please reference our NYMEX Submission No. 15-407 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Enclosure: Exhibit 1

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# **EXHIBIT 1**

## Brent Crude Oil Futures-Style Margin Option Fee Waiver Program

## Program Purpose

The purpose of this Program is to incentivize participants to increase liquidity in the product listed below. A more liquid contract on the central limit order book benefits all participants in the marketplace.

## Product Scope

Brent Crude Oil Futures-Style Margin Option ("BZO") traded on the NYMEX trading floor, CME Globex®, or cleared through CME ClearPort ("Product").

#### Eligible Participants

There is no limit to the number of participants in the Program. Participants may be NYMEX members or non-members. The Program is open to any participant that trades the Product. The fee incentives described below will be automatically applied to all trades executed in the Product or cleared through CME ClearPort.

#### Program Term

Start date is October 12, 2015. End date is December 31, 2016.

## <u>Hours</u>

The incentives will apply to all activity in the Product regardless of execution time.

#### **Incentives**

Fee Waivers. All Program participants will have transaction fees waived for all activity in the Product.