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

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**Organization Rules and Rule Amendments**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Certification                       | § 40.6(a)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Approval                            | § 40.5(a)  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval                              | § 40.3(a)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval Security Futures             | § 41.23(b) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Novel Derivative Product Notification | § 40.12(a) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Swap Submission                       | § 39.5     |

Official Product Name:

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certification   | § 40.6(a)            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certification Made Available to Trade Determination     | § 40.6(a)            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certification Security Futures                          | § 41.24(a)           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Delisting (No Open Interest)                            | § 40.6(a)            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval  | § 40.5(a)            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval Made Available to Trade Determination          | § 40.5(a)            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval Security Futures                               | § 41.24(c)           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval Amendments to enumerated agricultural products | § 40.4(a), § 40.5(a) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | “Non-Material Agricultural Rule Change”                 | § 40.4(b)(5)         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Notification  | § 40.6(d)            |

Official Name(s) of Product(s) Affected:

Rule Numbers:



Christopher Bowen  
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November 28, 2018

**VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL**

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**RE: Modifications to the CME OTC FX Fee Waiver Program  
CME Submission No. 18-477**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME" or "Clearing House") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of plans to modify the fee waiver program supporting certain cleared-only over-the-counter ("OTC") foreign exchange ("FX") products ("Program"). The modifications to the Program will become effective on January 1, 2019.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of the Program. Modifications appear below, with additions underscored and deletions ~~overstruck~~.

CME reviewed the derivatives clearing organization core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"). During the review, CME staff concluded that the following Core Principle applies to this submission:

Financial Resources: The Program will have a non-material impact on the financial resources of the Clearing House. As such, it will not prevent the Clearing House from demonstrating that it has adequate financial, operational, and managerial resources to discharge its responsibilities as a derivatives clearing organization.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the CEA and CFTC Regulation 40.6(a), the Exchange hereby certifies that this Program complies with the CEA, including regulations thereunder. There were no substantive opposing views to this proposal.

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

If you require any additional information regarding this submission, please e-mail [CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com](mailto:CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com) or contact Rachel Johnson at 312-466-4393 or via e-mail at [Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com](mailto:Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com). Please reference our CME Submission No. 18-477 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

# EXHIBIT 1

## CME OTC FX Fee Waiver Program

### Program Purpose

The purpose of this Program is to incentivize market participants to submit transactions in the OTC FX products listed below to the Clearing House for clearing. The resulting increase in volume benefits all participant segments in the market.

### Product Scope

The following cleared-only OTC FX products ("Products"):

1. CME Cleared OTC FX – Emerging Markets
  - a. USDBRL, USDCPL, USDCNY, USDCOP, USDIDR, USDINR, USDKRW, USDPEN, USDPHP, USDRUB, USDTWD Non-Deliverable Forwards.
  - b. USDCZK, USDHUF, USDHKD, USDILS, USDMXN, USDPLN, USDSGD, USDTHB, USDTRY, USDZAR Cash-Settled Forwards.
2. CME Cleared OTC FX – Majors
  - a. AUDJPY, AUDUSD, CADJPY, EURAUD, EURCHF, EURGBP, EURJPY, EURUSD, GBPUSD, NZDUSD, USDCAD, USDCHF, USDDKK, USDJPY, USDNOK, USDSEK Cash-Settled Forwards.

### Eligible Participants

The temporary reduction in fees will be open to all market participants and will automatically be applied to any transaction in the Products submitted to the Clearing House for clearing.

### Program Term

Start date is February 1, 2012. End date is ~~December 31, 2018~~ December 31, 2019.

### Hours

The Program will be applicable regardless of the transaction time.

### Incentives

Fee Waivers. All market participants that submit transactions in the Non-Deliverable Forwards Products and/or the Cash-Settled Forwards Products to the Clearing House will have their fees waived ~~through~~ through ~~December 31, 2018.~~