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Official Product Name:

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

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| <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:



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VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL

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**RE: Implementation of the SR3-ED Reduced Tick ICS Market Maker Program
CME Submission No. 21-528**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") that it plans to implement the SR3-ED Reduced Tick ICS Market Maker Program ("Program"). The proposed Program will become effective on January 10, 2022.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of the Program.

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

The Program will not impact the Exchange's ability to perform its trade practice and market surveillance obligations under the CEA and the Exchange's market regulation staff will monitor trading in the Program's products to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse. Additionally, the Exchange has implemented systems to track Program participants' obligations to ensure proper distribution of earned incentives. The incentives in the Program do not impact the Exchange's order execution. Participants in the Program will be selected by Exchange staff using criteria as further stated in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the CME rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. All participants must execute a contractual agreement with the Exchange in which each participant will expressly agree to comply with and be subject to applicable regulations and CME rules. The Program is subject to the Exchange's record retention policies which comply with the CEA.

CME 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 <http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html>.

If you require any additional information regarding this submission, please e-mail CMESubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com or contact Rachel Johnson at 312-466-4393 or via e-mail at Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com. Please reference our CME Submission No. 21-528 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

EXHIBIT 1

SR3-ED Reduced Tick ICS Market Maker Program

Program Purpose

The purpose of this Program is to encourage participants to support liquidity in the spread product listed below. The resulting increase in liquidity on the CME Globex Platform ("Globex") benefits all participant segments of the market.

Product Scope

Intercommodity spread between Three-Month Eurodollar Futures ("ED") and Three-Month SOFR Futures ("SR3") traded on Globex ("SED" or "Product").

Eligible Participants

The Exchange may designate up to thirty (30) participants in the Program. Participants may be members or non-members. Potential participants are required to submit an application/bid sheet to the Exchange as part of a competitive application process which is used to determine eligibility. In determining whether or not a prospective participant is selected to participate in the Program, Exchange staff may take into account a variety of factors including the strength of the quoting obligations the prospective participant is willing to commit to provide, whether Exchange staff believes that the prospective participant can maintain such obligations, and historical volume trading the Product and similar contracts. The Exchange may, from time to time, add or subtract from the aforementioned requirements as it deems necessary.

Program Term

Start date is January 10, 2022. End date is July 31, 2022.

Hours

Regular Trading Hours ("RTH").

Obligations

Minimum Quoting Obligations: In order to be eligible to receive incentives, participants must quote two-sided markets on Globex in the Product in accordance with the baseline quoting obligations listed in the table below. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Exchange may vary the baseline quoting obligations as it deems necessary based on ongoing evaluations of the Program.

Product	Spreads	Width (Bps)	Size (Contracts)	Time-In-Market ("TIM")
SED	Sep 2023 – Jun 2024	0.5	75	65%
	Sep 2024 – Jun 2025		50	
	Sep 2025 – Jun 2026		25	
	Sep 2026 – Jun 2027		15	

Extreme Events Clause: If 10-Year CME Group Volatility Index (CVOL) is 95 or greater for at least three (3) days in a given calendar month, the obligations below may be implemented. Participants will be given notice that the Extreme Events Clause has taken effect.

- (i) Width: Increased by 2X
- (ii) Size: Decreased by 50%

Holiday Quoting Schedule: There will be no quoting obligations on the dates listed below. The Holiday Quoting Schedule may be adjusted by the Exchange. Participants will be given notice of any adjustments to the Holiday Quoting Schedule.

Date	Holiday
1/17/2022	Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.
2/21/2022	Presidents' Day
4/15/2022	Good Friday
4/18/2022	Easter Monday
5/30/2022	Memorial Day
6/20/2022	Juneteenth (Observed)
7/4/2022	Independence Day

Incentives

Fee Waivers: Upon meeting the Minimum Quoting Obligations, as determined by the Exchange, participants will receive fee waivers in the Product traded on Globex.

Monitoring and Termination of Status

The Exchange shall monitor trading activity and participants' performance and shall retain the right to revoke participant status if it concludes from review that a participant no longer meets the eligibility requirements or fails to meet the obligations of the Program.

If the Exchange determines that a participant has not met its quoting obligations during one (1) calendar month over the course of the Program, but is within twenty percent (20%) of the time-in-market obligations, the participant will be eligible to receive the incentives for that applicable month.

If the Exchange determines that a participant has not met its quoting obligations during one (1) additional calendar month, the participant will be eligible to receive the incentives for that applicable month. Participants must meet quoting obligations for all subsequent months in order to continue to receive the incentives.

Upon utilizing the exceptions set forth above, participants that fail to meet quoting obligations in any additional month may be removed from the Program.