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**Organization Rules and Rule Amendments**

- Certification § 40.6(a)
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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:**

**Rule Numbers:**



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**VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL**

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**RE: Implementation of the NYMEX Financial Crude Futures Liquidity Provider Program  
NYMEX Submission No. 24-038**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") that it plans to implement the Financial Crude Futures Liquidity Provider Program ("Program"). The Program will become effective on February 1, 2024.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of this 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: 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. The Exchange's market regulation staff monitors trading in the Program's products to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse. The products included in this Program is listed for trading in the open and competitive market. Additionally, the Exchange has implemented systems to track Program participants' volume 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 NYMEX staff using criteria as further stated in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the NYMEX rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair, or abusive practices. All participants must execute a contractual agreement with NYMEX in which each participant will expressly agree to comply with and be subject to, applicable regulations and NYMEX 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 <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 NYMEX Submission No. 24-038 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Timothy Elliott  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

# EXHIBIT 1

## **NYMEX Financial Crude Futures Liquidity Provider Program**

### **Program Purpose**

The purpose of this Program is to encourage participants to support the development of the products listed below. A more liquid contract benefits all participants in the marketplace.

### **Product Scope**

WTI-Brent Financial Futures (“BK”), WTI Financial Futures (“CS”), and Brent Financial Futures (“CY”) traded on the CME Globex Platform (“Products”).

### **Eligible Participants**

There is no limit to the number of participants that may participate in the Program. Participants may be NYMEX members or non-members.

### **Program Term**

Start date is February 1, 2024. End date is July 31, 2024.

### **Hours**

8:00AM – 2:30PM CT.

### **Obligations**

Participants must meet certain volume thresholds and quote continuous two-sided markets in the Products at designated bid/ask spreads and quote sizes during a specified percentage of time-in-market.

### **Incentives**

Upon meeting all obligations, as determined by the Exchange, participants will receive predetermined incentives.

### **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 has failed to meet the obligations of the Program.