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☐	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:** **Modifications to the Micro Copper Market Development Program**
> **COMEX Submission No. 24-036**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Commodity Exchange, Inc. ("COMEX" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of plans to modify the Micro Copper Market Development Program ("Program"). The modifications to the Program will become effective on February 1, 2024.

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

COMEX reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"). During the review, COMEX 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 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 monitors trading in the Program's product to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse. The product 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 COMEX staff using criteria as further stated in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the COMEX rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair, or abusive practices. All participants must execute a contractual agreement with COMEX in which each participant will expressly agree to comply with and be subject to, applicable regulations and COMEX rules. The Program is subject to the Exchange's record retention policies which comply with the CEA.

COMEX 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 or contact Rachel Johnson at 312-466-4393 or via e-mail at Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com. Please reference our COMEX Submission No. 24-036 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Timothy Elliott
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

EXHIBIT 1

Micro Copper Market Development Program

Program Purpose

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

Product Scope

Micro Copper Futures ("MHG") traded on the CME Globex Platform ("Product").

Eligible Participants

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

Program Term

Start date is May 1, 2022. End date is ~~January 31, 2024~~ January 31, 2025.

Hours

7:00AM – 12:00PM CT ("RTH") and 5:00PM to 7:00AM CT ("ETH").

Obligations

Participants must ~~meet certain volume thresholds and~~ quote continuous two-sided markets in the Product 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.