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March 8, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL

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

Re: CFTC Regulation 40.6(a) Certification. Amendments Six (6) Container Freight

(Baltic) Futures Contracts.
NYMEX Submission No. 24-092

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

New York Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("NYMEX" or "Exchange") will implement various amendments to six (6) container freight (Baltic) futures contracts (the "Contracts") as noted in table 1 below effective Monday, March 25, 2024. There is no open interest in the Contracts.

The Baltic Exchange ("Baltic") recently <u>advised</u> of certain <u>non-publication dates</u> of in connection with Baltic's FBX Index which will impact the December contract months of the Contracts.

As a result, the Exchange will:

- (1) amend Rule 4XX101. ("Contract Specification") to correct the reference to "Settlement Period"; and
- (2) adopt new Rule 4XX102.E. ("Settlement Period") to differentiate the behavior of the December contract month; and
- (3) amend Rule 4XX102.F. ("Termination of Trading") to differentiate the behavior of the December contract month (collectively, the "Rule Amendments").

Table 1.

Contract Title	CME Globex and CME ClearPort Code	Rulebook Chapter	Amended Termination of Trading	Amended Settlement Period
Container Freight (China/East Asia to US West Coast) (FBX01) (Baltic) Futures	CS1	427	For contract months January to November inclusive: Trading terminates on the last business day of the calendar month. For December contract months: Trading terminates on the 24th calendar day of the month, or if this is not a business day, the first preceding business day.	For contract months referenced to a calendar month January to November inclusive: the Settlement Period shall be the full calendar month. For contract months referenced to the December calendar month: the Settlement Period shall be the period from and including the 1st calendar day of the month through to and

				including the 24th calendar day of the month.
Container Freight (US West Coast to China/East Asia) (FBX02) (Baltic) Futures	CS2	428	For contract months January to November inclusive: Trading terminates on the last business day of the calendar month. For December contract months: Trading terminates on the 24th calendar day of the month, or if this is not a business day, the first	For contract months referenced to a calendar month January to November inclusive: the Settlement Period shall be the full calendar month. For contract months referenced to the December calendar month: the Settlement Period shall be the period from and including the 1st calendar day of the month through to and including the 24th calendar day of
Container Freight (China/East Asia to US East Coast) (FBX03) (Baltic) Futures	CS3	429	For contract months January to November inclusive: Trading terminates on the last business day of the calendar month. For December contract months: Trading terminates on the 24th calendar day of the month, or if this is not a business day, the first	the month. For contract months referenced to a calendar month January to November inclusive: the Settlement Period shall be the full calendar month. For contract months referenced to the December calendar month: the Settlement Period shall be the period from and including the 1st calendar day of the month through to and including the 24th calendar day of
Container Freight (China/East Asia to North Europe) (FBX11) (Baltic) Futures	CS4	430	For contract months January to November inclusive: Trading terminates on the last business day of the calendar month. For December contract months: Trading terminates on the 24th calendar day of the month, or if this is not a business day, the first preceding business day.	the month. For contract months referenced to a calendar month January to November inclusive: the Settlement Period shall be the full calendar month. For contract months referenced to the December calendar month: the Settlement Period shall be the period from and including the 1st calendar day of the month through to and including the 24th calendar day of the month.
Container Freight (North Europe to China/East	CS5	431	For contract months January to November inclusive: Trading terminates on the last	For contract months referenced to a calendar month January to November inclusive: the

Asia) (FBX12) (Baltic) Futures			business day of the calendar month.	Settlement Period shall be the full calendar month.
(Ballie) Futures			For December contract months: Trading terminates on the 24th calendar day of the month, or if this is not a business day, the first preceding business day.	For contract months referenced to the December calendar month: the Settlement Period shall be the period from and including the 1st calendar day of the month through to and including the 24th calendar day of the month.
Container Freight (China/East Asia to Mediterranean) (FBX13) (Baltic) Futures			For contract months January to November inclusive: Trading terminates on the last business day of the calendar month.	For contract months referenced to a calendar month January to November inclusive: the Settlement Period shall be the full calendar month.
		432	For December contract months: Trading terminates on the 24th calendar day of the month, or if this is not a business day, the first preceding business day.	For contract months referenced to the December calendar month: the Settlement Period shall be the period from and including the 1st calendar day of the month through to and including the 24th calendar day of the month.

The Exchange reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA") and identified that the Contract may have some bearing on the following Core Principles:

- <u>Availability of General Information:</u> The Exchange will publish information on the change via a
 Special Executive Report ("SER") to notify the marketplace of the Rule Amendments. The SER will
 also be available on the CME Group website.
- <u>Daily Publication of Trading Information</u>: NYMEX will continue to comply with this Core Principle
 by making public daily information on settlement prices, volume, open interest, and opening and
 closing ranges for the Contracts, which will be published daily on the Exchange's website.
- <u>Compliance with Rules</u>: The Exchange shall continue its normal practice to establish, monitor, and enforce compliance with the rules of the Contracts.
- **Execution of Transactions**: The Exchange will continue its current practice of providing a competitive, open, and efficient market mechanism for executing transactions in the Contracts.
- <u>Contracts Not Readily Subject to Manipulation</u>: The Contracts are not readily subject to manipulation due to the deep liquidity and robustness in the underlying physical markets.
- <u>Position Limitations or Accountability</u>: The speculative position limits for the Contracts as demonstrated in this submission are consistent with the Commission's guidance.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Act and CFTC Regulation 40.6(a), the Exchange hereby certifies that the Rule Amendments comply with the Act, including regulations under the Act. There were no substantive opposing views to the proposal.

The Exchange certifies that this submission has been concurrently posted on the CME Group website at http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact the undersigned at (312) 466-7478 or via e-mail at CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com.

Sincerely,

/s/ Timothy Elliott
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit A: Amendments to Six (6) NYMEX Rulebook Chapters (blackline format)

Exhibit A NYMEX Rulebook

(additions underscored, deletions struck through)

Chapter 427

Container Freight (China/East Asia to US West Coast) (FBX01) (Baltic) Futures

427100. SCOPE OF CHAPTER

The provisions of these Rules shall apply to all futures contracts bought or sold on the Exchange for cash settlement based on the Floating Price.

427101. CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

The floating price for each contract month is equal to arithmetic average of the USD per FEU rate for the Container Freight Route China/East Asia to North America West Coast (FBX01) or as subsequently amended, published by The Baltic Exchange for each day that it is published during the Contract Month Settlement Period. The Floating Price shall be rounded to the nearest \$0.01.

427102. TRADING SPECIFICATIONS

Contracts shall be listed for a range of calendar months. The number of months open for trading at a given time shall be determined by the Exchange.

427102.A. Trading Schedule

The hours of trading for this contract shall be determined by the Exchange.

427102.B. Trading Unit

The contract quantity shall be 1 forty-foot equivalent unit (FEU). Each contract shall be valued as the contract quantity multiplied by the settlement price.

427102.C. Price Increments

Prices shall be quoted in U.S. dollars per FEU. The minimum price fluctuation shall be \$1.00 per FEU. There shall be no maximum price fluctuation.

427102.D. Position Limits, Exemptions, Position Accountability and Reportable Levels

The applicable position limits and/or accountability levels, in addition to the reportable levels, are set forth in the Position Limit, Position Accountability and Reportable Level Table in the Interpretations & Special Notices Section of Chapter 5.

A Person seeking an exemption from position limits for bona fide commercial purposes shall apply to the Market Regulation Department on forms provided by the Exchange, and the Market Regulation Department may grant qualified exemptions in its sole discretion.

Refer to Rule 559 for requirements concerning the aggregation of positions and allowable exemptions from the specified position limits.

427102.E. Settlement Period

For contract months referenced to a calendar month January to November inclusive, the Settlement Period shall be the full calendar month.

For contract months referenced to the December calendar month, the Settlement Period shall be the period from and including the 1st calendar day of the month through to and including the 24th calendar day of the month.

427102.E.F. Termination of Trading

Trading terminates on the last business day of the contract month.

For contract months January to November inclusive: Trading terminates on the last business day of the calendar month.

For December contract months: Trading terminates on the 24th calendar day of the month, or if this is not a business day, the first preceding business day.

427103. FINAL SETTLEMENT

Delivery under this contract shall be by cash settlement. Final settlement, following termination of trading for a contract month, will be based on the Floating Price. The final settlement price will be the Floating Price calculated for each contract month.

427104. DISCLAIMER

See NYMEX/COMEX Chapter iv. ("DISCLAIMERS") incorporated herein by reference.

Container Freight (US West Coast to China/East Asia) (FBX02) (Baltic) Futures

428100. SCOPE OF CHAPTER

The provisions of these Rules shall apply to all futures contracts bought or sold on the Exchange for cash settlement based on the Floating Price.

428101. CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

The floating price for each contract month is equal to arithmetic average of the USD per FEU rate for the Container Freight Route US West Coast to China/East Asia (FBX02) or as subsequently amended, published by The Baltic Exchange for each day that it is published during the Contract Month Settlement Period. The Floating Price shall be rounded to the nearest \$0.01.

428102. TRADING SPECIFICATIONS

Contracts shall be listed for a range of calendar months. The number of months open for trading at a given time shall be determined by the Exchange.

428102.A. Trading Schedule

The hours of trading for this contract shall be determined by the Exchange.

428102.B. Trading Unit

The contract quantity shall be 1 forty-foot equivalent unit (FEU). Each contract shall be valued as the contract quantity multiplied by the settlement price.

428102.C. Price Increments

Prices shall be quoted in U.S. dollars per FEU. The minimum price fluctuation shall be \$1.00 per FEU. There shall be no maximum price fluctuation.

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428102.E. Settlement Period

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428103. FINAL SETTLEMENT

Delivery under this contract shall be by cash settlement. Final settlement, following termination of trading for a contract month, will be based on the Floating Price. The final settlement price will be the Floating Price calculated for each contract month.

428104. DISCLAIMER

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Container Freight (China/East Asia to US East Coast) (FBX03) (Baltic) Futures

429100. SCOPE OF CHAPTER

The provisions of these Rules shall apply to all futures contracts bought or sold on the Exchange for cash settlement based on the Floating Price.

429101. CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

The floating price for each contract month is equal to arithmetic average of the USD per FEU rate for the Container Freight Route China/East Asia to North America East Coast (FBX03) or as subsequently amended, published by The Baltic Exchange for each day that it is published during the Contract Month Settlement Period. The Floating Price shall be rounded to the nearest \$0.01.

429102. TRADING SPECIFICATIONS

Contracts shall be listed for a range of calendar months. The number of months open for trading at a given time shall be determined by the Exchange.

429102.A. Trading Schedule

The hours of trading for this contract shall be determined by the Exchange.

429102.B. Trading Unit

The contract quantity shall be 1 forty-foot equivalent unit (FEU). Each contract shall be valued as the contract quantity multiplied by the settlement price.

429102.C. Price Increments

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429102.D. Position Limits, Exemptions, Position Accountability and Reportable Levels

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429102.E. Settlement Period

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429103. FINAL SETTLEMENT

Delivery under this contract shall be by cash settlement. Final settlement, following termination of trading for a contract month, will be based on the Floating Price. The final settlement price will be the Floating Price calculated for each contract month.

429104. DISCLAIMER

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Container Freight (China/East Asia to North Europe) (FBX11) (Baltic) Futures

430100. SCOPE OF CHAPTER

The provisions of these Rules shall apply to all futures contracts bought or sold on the Exchange for cash settlement based on the Floating Price.

430101. CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

The floating price for each contract month is equal to arithmetic average of the USD per FEU rate for the Container Freight Route China/East Asia to Northern Europe (FBX11) or as subsequently amended, published by The Baltic Exchange for each day that it is published during the Contract Month Settlement Period. The Floating Price shall be rounded to the nearest \$0.01.

430102. TRADING SPECIFICATIONS

Contracts shall be listed for a range of calendar months. The number of months open for trading at a given time shall be determined by the Exchange.

430102.A. Trading Schedule

The hours of trading for this contract shall be determined by the Exchange.

430102.B. Trading Unit

The contract quantity shall be 1 forty-foot equivalent unit (FEU). Each contract shall be valued as the contract quantity multiplied by the settlement price.

430102.C. Price Increments

Prices shall be quoted in U.S. dollars per FEU. The minimum price fluctuation shall be \$1.00 per FEU. There shall be no maximum price fluctuation.

430102.D. Position Limits, Exemptions, Position Accountability and Reportable Levels

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430102.E. Settlement Period

For contract months referenced to a calendar month January to November inclusive, the Settlement Period shall be the full calendar month.

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430102.-E.F. Termination of Trading

Trading terminates on the last business day of the contract month.

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430103. FINAL SETTLEMENT

Delivery under this contract shall be by cash settlement. Final settlement, following termination of trading for a contract month, will be based on the Floating Price. The final settlement price will be the Floating Price calculated for each contract month.

430104. DISCLAIMER

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Container Freight (North Europe to China/East Asia) (FBX12) (Baltic) Futures

431100. SCOPE OF CHAPTER

The provisions of these Rules shall apply to all futures contracts bought or sold on the Exchange for cash settlement based on the Floating Price.

431101. CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

The floating price for each contract month is equal to arithmetic average of the USD per FEU rate for the Container Freight Route North Europe to China/East Asia (FBX12) or as subsequently amended, published by The Baltic Exchange for each day that it is published during the Contract Month Settlement Period. The Floating Price shall be rounded to the nearest \$0.01.

431102. TRADING SPECIFICATIONS

Contracts shall be listed for a range of calendar months. The number of months open for trading at a given time shall be determined by the Exchange.

431102.A. Trading Schedule

The hours of trading for this contract shall be determined by the Exchange.

431102.B. Trading Unit

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431102.C. Price Increments

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431102-E.F. Termination of Trading

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431104. DISCLAIMER

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Container Freight (China/East Asia to Mediterranean) (FBX13) (Baltic) Futures

432100. SCOPE OF CHAPTER

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432101. CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

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