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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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April 12, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL

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**RE: Modifications to the Korea Retail Equity Options Program
CME Submission No. 24-186**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of plans to modify the Korea Retail Equity Options Program ("Program"). The modifications to the Program will become effective on May 1, 2024.

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

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 does not impact the Exchange's ability to perform its trade practice and market surveillance obligations under the CEA. The Exchange will monitor trading in the Program's product to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse. Additionally, the Exchange has implemented systems to track Program participants' volume to ensure proper distribution of earned incentives. The product included in this Program is listed for trading in the open and competitive market. Participants in the Program will be selected by Exchange staff using criteria as further stated in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the Exchange 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 Exchange 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 CMEGSubmissionInquiry@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. 24-186 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Timothy Elliott
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

EXHIBIT 1

Korea Retail Equity Options Program

Program Purpose

The purpose of the Program is to incentivize higher levels of volume contribution in CME Equity Options. Higher levels of volume and liquidity in the product benefits all participants in the marketplace.

Product Scope

~~All CME E-mini Equity Options and Micro E-mini Options (excluding Cryptocurrency and Event contracts)~~
CME E-mini S&P 500 & E-mini Nasdaq-100 Monday to Friday Options and CME Micro E-mini S&P 500 & Micro E-mini Nasdaq-100 Monday to Friday Options (excluding Quarterly and EOMs) that are traded on the CME Globex Platform ("Products").

Eligible Participants

There is no limit to the number of participants that may participate in the Program. The Program is open to non-members that are: (i) located in Korea, and (ii) registered with the Exchange as a retail brokerage firm.

Program Term

Start date is November 1, 2022. End date is ~~April 30, 2024~~ April 30, 2025.

Hours

N/A

Obligations

In order to be eligible to receive the incentives, participants must meet predetermined volume thresholds in the Products.

Incentives

Upon meeting all obligations, as determined by the Exchange, participants ~~may be eligible to~~ 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 no longer meets the requirements of the Program.