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Organization: Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME")

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Filing Date (mm/dd/yy): July 17, 2023 Filing Description: Modifications to the International Incentive Program

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**Organization Rules and Rule Amendments**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Certification                       | § 40.6(a)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Approval                            | § 40.5(a)  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Advance Notice of SIDCO Rule Change | § 40.10(a) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certification                         | § 40.2(a)  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certification Swap Class              | § 40.2(d)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval                              | § 40.3(a)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval Security Futures             | § 41.23(b) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Novel Derivative Product Notification | § 40.12(a) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Swap Submission                       | § 39.5     |

Official Product Name:

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certification   | § 40.6(a)            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certification Made Available to Trade Determination     | § 40.6(a)            |
| <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:



Christopher Bowen  
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July 17, 2023

**VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL**

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Washington, D.C. 20581

**RE: Modifications to the International Incentive Program  
CME Submission No. 23-290 (1 of 4)**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME"), The Board of Trade of the City of Chicago, Inc. ("CBOT"), New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX"), and Commodity Exchange, Inc. ("COMEX") (collectively, the "Exchanges") hereby notify the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of plans to modify the International Incentive Program ("Program" or "IIP"). The modifications to the Program will become effective on August 1, 2023.

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

The Exchanges reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"). During the review, the Exchanges' 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 incentivize manipulative trading or market abuse and does not impact the Exchanges' ability to perform their trade practice and market surveillance obligations under the CEA. The Exchanges' market regulation staff will monitor trading in the products under the Program to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse. The incentives in the Program do not impact the Exchanges' order execution. Participants in the Program will be selected by the Exchanges' staff using criteria as further stated in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the Exchanges' rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. The Program is subject to these rules. The Program is subject to the Exchanges' record retention policies which comply with the CEA.

CME, CBOT, NYMEX, and COMEX certify that the Program complies with the CEA and the regulations thereunder. There were no substantive opposing views to this Program.

The Exchanges certify that this submission has been concurrently posted on the Exchanges' 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 CME Submission No. 23-290 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

# EXHIBIT 1

## INTERNATIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM

### **Program Purpose**

The purpose of this Program is to incentivize proprietary trading firms located outside North America to trade the products listed below. The resulting increase in liquidity in the products listed below benefits all participant segments in the market.

### **Product Scope**

Certain CME, CBOT, NYMEX, and COMEX products available for trading on the CME Globex® Platform, and all open outcry transactions for CME Interest Rate options (“Products”).

### **Eligible Participants**

There is no limit to the number of participants that may be selected in the Program. All approved CME, CBOT, NYMEX and COMEX non-members may participate. Only proprietary trading firms located outside of North America and traders located outside of North America are eligible.

To qualify as a proprietary trading firm under IIP a firm must:

Be a legal entity that trades its own capital. Trading funds must be exclusively firm funds and all trading must be done in the firm’s accounts. Further, to qualify for IIP, a proprietary trading firm must meet the following criteria:

- All trading must be done in proprietary trading accounts held in the name of the firm.
- All trading must be done electronically by owners, employees or contractors of the firm.
- Only the firm’s capital can be at risk of loss; that is, no traders may make any trading capital contributions or payments to the firm nor have any capital at risk in connection with their trading of the firm’s proprietary accounts.
- All trading must be solely for the benefit of the firm. No other individuals or entities can have any ownership interest in these accounts.
- All funds contributed to and traded under the firm are subject to loss from any and all trading activity of the firm.
- All profits and losses of the account are booked to income of the firm.
- Net profits of the account after the distribution of trader incentives and deduction of expenses are taxed to the firm.

### **Program Term**

Start date is December 16, 2011. End date is ~~July 31, 2023~~ January 31, 2024.

### **Hours**

The incentives will apply to all trades made in the Products regardless of the execution time.

## **Obligations**

For continued eligibility, IIP participants must maintain a combined average daily volume (“ADV”) in the Products of 250 contracts (sides) measured over a given calendar quarter. Micro E-mini Equity Index products will be excluded from this ADV requirement.

## **Incentives**

Upon meeting all obligations, as determined by the Exchanges, participants will receive the following incentives:

1. *Fee Discounts*: Participants will be eligible to receive fee discounts for the Products in accordance with the following tables:

<b>Product Category</b>	<b>IIP All-in Fees (Per Side)</b>
<b>CME Globex® Only</b>	
<b>CME Products</b>	
Agricultural – Futures <sup>1</sup>	\$0.89
Agricultural – Options <sup>1</sup>	\$0.89
Lumber Futures	\$0.82
Weather Contracts	\$0.26
Full Size Foreign Exchange – Futures* (excluding FX Link)	\$0.54
Full Size Foreign Exchange – Futures via FX Link	\$0.60
Foreign Exchange – Options*	\$0.54
E-mini Foreign Exchange Contracts*	\$0.54
E-micro Foreign Exchange Contracts	\$0.15
Full Size Equity Index – Futures	\$1.10
E-mini Equity Index – Futures* (Outrights & Spreads)	\$0.70
E-mini Equity Index – Options*	\$0.50
Micro E-Mini Equity Index – Futures	\$0.18
Micro E-mini Equity Index – Options (Outrights & Spreads)	\$0.10
Nikkei/TOPIX Futures (Outrights & Spreads)	\$1.10
Interest Rate Futures*	\$0.50
Interest Rate Options*	\$0.50
<b>CBOT Products</b>	
Full Size Agricultural Contracts <sup>1</sup>	\$1.11
Mini Agricultural Contracts	\$0.90
ICS & CS Agricultural Options	\$2.06
E-mini Dow/DJ U.S. Real Estate	\$0.70
Micro E-Mini Dow Futures	\$0.18
Eris Swap Futures	\$0.50
Micro Treasury Yield Futures	\$0.21
TBA Futures	\$0.50
U.S. Treasury Futures	\$0.54
U.S. Treasury Options	\$0.54
Fed Fund Products	\$0.49
MAC Swap Futures	\$0.49

Product Category	IIP All-in Fees (Per Side)
<b>NYMEX Products on CME Globex®</b>	
Core Energy (CL, LO, HO, OH, RB, OB, NG, LN, ON) <sup>1</sup>	\$0.90
NYMEX Metals (PL, PA) <sup>1</sup>	\$1.00
All other Energy	Must be 10% greater than the highest member rate
<b>COMEX Products on CME Globex® - Futures Only</b>	
Core Metal (GC, SI, HG) <sup>1</sup>	\$1.00
E-micro Gold (MGC)	\$0.20
1,000 oz. Silver (SIL)	\$0.40
Shanghai Gold (SGC, SGU)	\$1.00
Gold (Enhanced Delivery) Futures (4GC)	\$1.00

Product Category	IIP All-in Fees (Per Side)
<b>Pit Trading</b>	
<b>CME Products</b>	
Interest Rate Options*	\$0.50

<sup>1</sup>For the products denoted with a <sup>1</sup> above, Globex TAS transactions will be excluded from the Program upon implementation by the Exchanges.

\*The products denoted with an asterisk above will be eligible for the additional CME Products Progressive Volume Discount Incentives listed in #2 below.

2. *CME Products Progressive Volume Discount Incentives*: Subject to the restrictions set forth in #3 below, participants in the Program that maintain an ADV of ~~4,000~~ 5,000 combined contract sides traded in the respective CME Products denoted above are eligible to receive progressive volume fee discounts in those Products as set forth below.

CME Products for IIP – Fee Discounts				
Tier Structure	Interest Rates	FX	e-Mini Equity Futures	e-Mini Equity Options
0 – <del>4000</del> <u>5,000</u>	No Discount	No Discount	No Discount	No Discount
<del>4001 – 5000</del>	\$0.15	\$0.13	\$0.20	\$0.10
5,001+	\$0.25	\$0.18	\$0.25	\$0.13

3. *Restrictions*: Participants may choose to participate in the Program on a Product Group by Product Group basis but must select which Product Groups they want to include under the Program when submitting their initial application. Participants may not receive incentives under the IVIP for volumes in Products counted toward this Program.

### **Monitoring and Termination of Status**

The Exchanges 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 a participant does not meet the minimum volume requirements during one (1) calendar quarter of the Program, the participant will still be eligible to receive the incentives for that applicable quarter. In order to continue to receive the incentives, participants must meet the minimum volume requirements for all subsequent calendar quarters.