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- Certification § 40.2(a)
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- Novel Derivative Product Notification § 40.12(a)
- Swap Submission § 39.5

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- 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: Corn Futures, Soybean Futures, Soybean Oil Futures, Soybean Meal Futures, Wheat Futures, Oat Futures, Rough Rice Futures

Rule Numbers: CBOT Chapters 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 17

April 29, 2016

VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL

Mr. Christopher Kirkpatrick
Office of the Secretariat
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
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Washington, D.C. 20581

**RE: CFTC Regulation 40.4(b)(5) “Non-Material Agricultural Rule Change.” Notification
Regarding Amendments to Certain Agricultural Rulebook Chapters.
CBOT Submission No. 16-162**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

The Board of Trade of the City of Chicago, Inc. (“CBOT” or “Exchange”) is notifying the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC” or “Commission”) that it is self-certifying amendments to Rule XX102.F. (“Limits on Holdings of Registered and Outstanding Shipping Certificates/Receipts”) for the following seven (7) agricultural futures contracts: Corn Futures (Chapter 10), Soybean Futures (Chapter 11), Soybean Oil Futures (Chapter 12), Soybean Meal Futures (Chapter 13), Wheat Futures (Chapter 14), Oat Futures (Chapter 15), and Rough Rice Futures (Chapter 17) (the “Contracts”), effective Monday, May 16, 2016.

Specifically, the Exchange is inserting language into Rule XX102.F. of the Contracts to clarify that an entity may seek a hedge exemption from limits on holdings of registered and outstanding shipping certificates or receipts for bona fide commercial purposes by submitting an application to the Market Regulation Department. The amendments herein are consistent with Market Regulation Advisory Notice ([CBOT RA0903-1](#)) dated February 13, 2009. Amendments to Rule XX102.F. of the Contracts appear in Appendix A in blackline format.

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

- Availability of General Information: To comply with this Core Principle and to ensure that market participants are apprised of the amendments, CBOT will issue a Special Executive Report (“SER”) to provide notification to the marketplace. The SER will be also posted on the CME Group website.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Act and CFTC Regulation 40.4(b)(5), the Exchange hereby certifies that the aforementioned amendments comply with the Act, including regulations under the Act. There were no substantive opposing views regarding the proposed amendments expressed to the Exchange.

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 me at 212-299-2200.

Sincerely,

/s/Christopher Bowen
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Appendix A – CBOT Rule Amendments (blackline format)

Appendix A

CBOT Rulebook

(Additions are **bold and underlined**.)

Chapter 10 CORN FUTURES

10102.F. Limit on Holdings of Registered and Outstanding Shipping Certificates

No person, at any time, shall own or control more than 600 registered and outstanding Corn Shipping Certificates issued by facilities designated by the Exchange as regular to issue shipping certificates for Corn. The 600 certificate maximum shall include mini-sized Corn certificates such that each mini-sized certificate represents the equivalent of one-fifth of a full-sized certificate.

If a person stops Corn certificates for delivery in a quantity that would cause such person to exceed the 600 certificate limit, the person must cancel, retender or sell the quantity of certificates in excess of 600 not later than the following business day.

A person seeking an exemption from this limit 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 aggregation of accounts and allowable exemptions from position limits. The same standards that apply to allowable exemptions and aggregation of positions for position limit purposes shall also apply to limit on holdings of registered and outstanding shipping certificates.

Chapter 11 SOYBEAN FUTURES

11102.F. Limit on Holdings of Registered and Outstanding Shipping Certificates

No person, at any time, shall own or control more than 600 registered and outstanding Soybean Shipping Certificates issued by facilities designated by the Exchange as regular to issue shipping certificates for Soybeans. The 600 certificate maximum shall include mini-sized Soybean certificates such that each mini-sized certificate represents the equivalent of one-fifth of a full-sized certificate.

If a person stops Soybean certificates for delivery in a quantity that would cause such person to exceed the 600 certificate limit, the person must cancel, retender or sell the quantity of certificates in excess of 600 not later than the following business day.

A person seeking an exemption from this limit 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 aggregation of accounts and allowable exemptions from position limits. The same standards that apply to allowable exemptions and aggregation of positions for position limit purposes shall also apply to limit on holdings of registered and outstanding shipping certificates.

Chapter 12 SOYBEAN OIL FUTURES

12102.F. Limit on Holdings of Registered and Outstanding Receipts

No person, at any time, shall own or control more than 540 registered and outstanding Soybean Oil Receipts issued by facilities designated by the Exchange as regular to issue receipts for Soybean Oil.

If a person stops Soybean Oil receipts for delivery in a quantity that would cause such person to exceed the 540 receipt limit, the person must cancel, retender or sell the quantity of receipts in excess of 540 not later than the following business day.

A person seeking an exemption from this limit 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 aggregation of accounts and allowable exemptions from position limits. The same standards that apply to allowable exemptions and aggregation of positions for position limit purposes shall also apply to limit on holdings of registered and outstanding receipts.

Chapter 13 SOYBEAN MEAL FUTURES

13102.F. Limit on Holdings of Registered and Outstanding Shipping Certificates

No person, at any time, shall own or control more than 720 registered and outstanding Soybean Meal Shipping Certificates issued by facilities designated by the Exchange as regular to issue shipping certificates for Soybean Meal.

If a person stops Soybean Meal certificates for delivery in a quantity that would cause such person to exceed the 720 certificate limit, the person must cancel, retender or sell the quantity of certificates in excess of 720 not later than the following business day.

A person seeking an exemption from this limit 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 aggregation of accounts and allowable exemptions from position limits. The same standards that apply to allowable exemptions and aggregation of positions for position limit purposes shall also apply to limit on holdings of registered and outstanding shipping certificates.

Chapter 14 WHEAT FUTURES

14102.F. Limit on Holdings of Registered and Outstanding Shipping Certificates

No person, at any time, shall own or control more than 600 registered and outstanding Wheat Shipping Certificates issued by facilities designated by the Exchange as regular to issue shipping certificates for Wheat. The 600 certificate maximum shall include mini-sized Wheat certificates such that each mini-sized certificate represents the equivalent of one-fifth of a full-sized certificate.

If a person stops Wheat certificates for delivery in a quantity that would cause such person to exceed the 600 certificate limit, the person must cancel, retender or sell the quantity of certificates in excess of 600 not later than the following business day.

A person seeking an exemption from this limit 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 aggregation of accounts and allowable exemptions from position limits. The same standards that apply to allowable exemptions and aggregation of positions for position limit purposes shall also apply to limit on holdings of registered and outstanding shipping certificates.

Chapter 15 OAT FUTURES

15102.F. Limit on Holdings of Registered and Outstanding Shipping Certificates

No person, at any time, shall own or control more than 600 registered and outstanding Oat Shipping Certificates issued by facilities designated by the Exchange as regular to issue certificates for Oats.

If a person stops Oat Shipping Certificates for delivery in a quantity that would cause such person to exceed the 600 certificate limit, the person must cancel, retender or sell the quantity of certificates in excess of 600 not later than the following business day.

A person seeking an exemption from this limit 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 aggregation of accounts and allowable exemptions from position limits. The same standards that apply to allowable exemptions and aggregation of positions for position limit purposes shall also apply to limit on holdings of registered and outstanding shipping certificates.

Chapter 17 ROUGH RICE FUTURES

17102.F. Limit on Holdings of Registered and Outstanding Warehouse Receipts

No person, at any time, shall own or control more than 600 registered and outstanding Rough Rice Warehouse Receipts issued by facilities designated by the Exchange as regular to issue receipts for Rice.

If a person stops Rough Rice receipts for delivery in a quantity that would cause such person to exceed the 600 receipt limit, the person must cancel, retender or sell the quantity of receipts in excess of 600 not later than the following business day.

A person seeking an exemption from this limit 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 aggregation of accounts and allowable exemptions from position limits. The same standards that apply to allowable exemptions and aggregation of positions for position limit purposes shall also apply to limit on holdings of registered and outstanding receipts.