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Organization: New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX")

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| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Approval Security Futures                               | § 41.24(c)           |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Approval Amendments to enumerated agricultural products | § 40.4(a), § 40.5(a) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Notification  | § 40.6(d)            |

Official Name(s) of Product(s) Affected: See filing.

Rule Numbers: See filing.

December 4, 2019

**VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL**

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

**Re: CFTC Regulation 40.6(a) Certification. Notification Regarding Amendments to the 3.5% Fuel Oil Barges FOB (Platts) Crack Spread (1000mt) Average Price Option Contract.  
NYMEX Submission No. 19-432R**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. (“NYMEX” or “Exchange”) is notifying the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC” or “Commission”) that it is self-certifying amendments to the 3.5% Fuel Oil Barges FOB (Platts) Crack Spread (1000mt) Average Price Option contract (Rulebook Chapter 253; Commodity Code BCO) (the “Contract”) effective Wednesday, December 18, 2019 for trade date Thursday, December 19, 2019.

NYMEX Submission No. 19-432R simply corrects a typographical error in the original contract title.

Specifically, the Exchange is converting the margin style of the Contract from equity style to futures style. In practice the Exchange has been utilizing futures style margining of the Contract. As a result, the Exchange will also amend the title of the Contract to reflect the change (collectively, the “Rule Amendments”). The Rule Amendments will align the rules with the current practice. Open interest holders have been of the proposal and are in favor of the Rule Amendments.

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

- **Compliance with Rules:** The Exchange shall continue its normal practice to establish, monitor, and enforce compliance with the rule of the Contract.
- **Availability of General Information:** The Exchange will amend the CME rulebook, accordingly on the effective date, which is publicly available on the CME Group website. In addition, the Exchange will publish a Special Executive Report (“SER”) to advise the marketplace of the Rule Amendments. The SER will also be posted on the CME Group website.
- **Execution of Transactions:** This change will not impede the Exchange’s ability as a designated contract market to provide a competitive, open, and efficient market mechanism for executing transactions of the Contracts.

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 this proposal. As noted above, the open interest holders have been advised of the proposal and unanimously approve the Rule Amendments.

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>.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact the undersigned at (212) 299-2200 or e-mail [CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com](mailto:CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com).

Sincerely,

/s/Christopher Bowen  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Exhibit A: Amendments to NYMEX Chapter 253 (blackline format)

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **NYMEX Rulebook**

(additions underscored)

#### **Chapter 253**

#### **3.5% Fuel Oil Barges FOB (Platts) Crack Spread (1000mt) Futures-Style Margined Average Price Option**

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#### **253101. OPTION CHARACTERISTICS**

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##### **253101.G. Settlement Variation and Option Value**

This contract is a futures-style margin option. Settlement variation rules for futures-style margin options conform to those set forth for non-options stipulated in NYMEX Rule 814. As such, when a clearing member or its customers is long or short any amount of any commodity for a settlement cycle, as indicated by Clearing House records, settlement for any outstanding exposure shall be made with the Clearing House based on the settlement price for that settlement cycle. For futures-style margin options, each clearing member and its customers shall pay to, or collect from, the Clearing House any loss or profit, as the case may be, represented by the difference between (x) the settlement price of the futures-style margin option for such settlement cycle and (y) the settlement price of the futures-style margin option for the prior settlement cycle (or, for the first settlement cycle after the purchase/sale of such option, the price at which the option was purchased or sold).

[Remainder of Chapter unchanged.]