

KalshiEX LLC

Rule 40.2 New Contract Submission: “~~Will~~What will the unemployment rate ~~(U-3)~~be above ~~<percent>???~~”
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CONCISE EXPLANATION AND ANALYSIS OF THE PRODUCT AND ITS COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT, INCLUDING CORE PRINCIPLES AND THE COMMISSION'S REGULATIONS THEREUNDER

Pursuant to Commission Regulation 40.2(a)(3)(v), the following is a concise explanation and analysis of the product and its compliance with the Act, including the relevant Core Principles, and the Commission's regulations thereunder.

I. Introduction

The “~~Will~~What will the unemployment rate ~~(U-3)~~be above ~~<percent>???~~” contract is a contract relating to the number of Americans who are currently unemployed. The Contract is designed to enable market participants whose businesses or operations are affected by changes in the unemployment rate to mitigate the commercial risks associated with increasing unemployment and the associated macroeconomic and microeconomic effects. After careful analysis, Kalshi (hereafter referred to as “Exchange”) has determined that the Contract complies with its vetting framework, which has been reviewed by the CFTC and formed part of the Exchange’s application for designation as a Contract Market (“DCM”) that was approved by the Commission.

Further information about the contract, including an analysis of its risk mitigation and price basing utility, as well as additional considerations related to the contract, is included in Confidential Appendix B.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Act and CFTC Regulation 40.2(a), the Exchange hereby certifies that the listing of the Contract complies with the Act, including regulations under the Act.

Relevant Contract Terms and Conditions: The Contract operates similar to the other binary contracts that the Exchange is self-certifying for trading. In particular, the Contract’s payout structure is characterized by the payment of an absolute amount to the holder of one side of the option and no payment to the counterparty. While trading on the Contract is open, Members are able to adjust their positions and trade freely. Once trading on the Contract has closed, the market is settled by the Exchange and the long position holders and short position holders are paid according to the outcome of the market. In this case, “long position holder” refers to a Member who purchased the “Yes” side of the Contract and “short position holder” refers to a Member who purchased the

“No” side of the contract. Depending on the outcome of the market, as determined by the Exchange, one of two payout processes is triggered. If the the Market Outcome is “Yes”, meaning that the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate (U-3) for the statistical period of <month> is strictly greater than <percent>, then the long position holder is paid an absolute amount proportional to the size of their position and the short position holder receives no payment. Otherwise, if the Market Outcome is “No”, then the short position holder is paid an absolute amount proportional to the size of their position and the long position holder receives no payment. Further specification of the circumstances that would trigger a settlement in the “Yes” direction are included below in the section titled “Payout Criterion” in Appendix A.

Contract Specifications:

Underlying	The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate (U-3) reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (“BLS”) Monthly Employment Situation Report, found here: https://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empsit.pdf . Revisions after Expiration will not be accounted for.
Payout Criterion	The Payout Criterion encompasses the Expiration Values that are strictly greater than <percent>.
Contract Size	The Exchange takes the view that maximizing the commercial usefulness of any product dictates that the contract size should conform to commercial norms. Therefore, as with other similar contracts offered by the Exchange, the Contract is sized with a one-dollar notional value to enable Members to match the size of the contracts purchased to their economic risks.
Listing Cycle	<p>For contracts whose Expiration Value is based on the outcome of recurrent data releases, Expirations will be listed consistently by a time period corresponding to the cadence of Underlying data releases. For contracts whose Expiration Value is not based upon the outcome of recurrent data releases, Expirations will be listed on an as-needed basis at the discretion of the Exchange and corresponding to the risk management needs of Members.</p> <p>The Contract is based on the outcome of a recurrent data release which is issued on a monthly basis. Thus, Expirations for the Contract will be listed on a monthly basis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. — The Issuance of the initial contract will be July 3, 2021. II. — The Issuance of each subsequent contract will correspond to the next month and be announced and posted on the Exchange website. After the initial contract, subsequent contracts will be issued on the Expiration Date of the previous contract iteration to reflect the monthly schedule of Employment Situation Report releases. III. — The Exchange will list additional contract months on a recurring basis and will publish all available contract months on its website.
Tick Size	The minimum price fluctuation is \$0.01 (one cent). Price bands will apply so

	that Contracts may only be listed at values of at least \$0.01 and at most \$0.99. A minimum price fluctuation of \$0.01 is the standard tick size on the Exchange.
Position Limit	The Exchange has imposed position limits (defined as maximum loss exposure) of \$25,000 USD on the Contract.
Trading Hours	As outlined in Rule 5.12 of the Rulebook, trading shall be available at all times outside of any maintenance windows, which will be announced in advance by the Exchange.
Fees	Members will be charged fees in accordance with Rule 3.6 of the Rulebook. Fees are charged in such amounts as may be revised from time to time to be reflected on the Exchange's Website.
Contract Modifications	As outlined in Rule 7.2 of the Rulebook, if any event or any circumstance which may have a material impact on the reliability or transparency of a Contract's Source Agency or the Underlying related to the Contract arises, Kalshi retains the authority to designate a new Source Agency and Underlying for that Contract and to change any associated contract specifications after the first day of trading. That new Source Agency and Underlying would be objective and verifiable. Kalshi would announce any such decision on its website.

APPENDIX A – CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

TERMS OF CONTRACTS TRADED ON KALSHI

Rule 100.10

Contract: ~~“Will Official Product Name: “What will the unemployment rate (U-3) be above <percent>?”?”~~

Ticker and Rulebook: U3

Scope: These rules shall apply to the U3 contract ~~referred to as “Will the unemployment rate (U-3) be above <percent>?”.~~

Underlying: The Underlying for this Contract is the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate (“U-3”) reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (“BLS”) Monthly Employment Situation Report. Revisions to the Underlying made after Expiration will not be accounted for in determining the Expiration Value.

Instructions: The Monthly Employment Situation Report is published by the BLS every month. A schedule of release dates is available on the BLS website (https://www.bls.gov/schedule/news_release/empsit.htm), and the data is typically released at 8:30am ET. Each month’s report is available at the following stable URL, which automatically displays the latest available report: <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empsit.pdf>. The Underlying is typically listed on the first page and first sentence of the report under the section titled “THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION — [Month]”. It is also listed in Table A-15, as the seasonally adjusted U-3 (“Total unemployed, as a percent of the civilian labor force”) unemployment rate for the month in question. Revisions to the data after Expiration will not be taken into account. Historical reports from prior months are available on the Bureau of Labor Statistics website at the following link: <https://www.bls.gov/bls/news-release/empsit.htm>. To view reports from prior months, select the year in question, and links to reports from months in that year are subsequently displayed. These instructions on how to access the Underlying are provided for convenience only and are not part of the binding Terms and Conditions of the Contract. They may be clarified at any time.

Source Agency: The Source Agency is the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Type: The type of Contract is a Binary Contract.

Issuance: ~~The Issuance of this contract will be in accordance with the information outlined in the “Listing Cycle” section of the Contract Specifications table. The Contract is based on the~~

~~outcome of a recurrent data release which is issued on a monthly basis. Thus, Contracts will be issued on a monthly basis, and subsequent contracts will correspond to the next month. The Issuance of the initial contract will be on July 3, 2021 at 10:00am ET. After the initial contract, subsequent contracts will be issued on the Expiration Date of the previous iteration of the contract to reflect the monthly schedule of Employment Situation Report releases. For example, the issuance of the second iteration of the contract will be on August 6, 2021.~~

Issuance: The Contract is intended to be issued twelve months in advance of <month> ending. At issuance, contracts will be issued for each month of 2022. After January 2022 has passed, the Exchange will list a Contract corresponding to January 2023. The Exchange may list additional contracts with different <percent> levels for a given <month> according to changes in forecasts.

Percent: Kalshi may list “Will the unemployment rate (U-3) be above <percent>?” contracts with <percent> levels that fall within an inclusive range between a maximum value of 30% and a minimum value of 1% at consecutive increments of 0.1%. Due to the potential for variability in the Underlying, the Exchange may modify <percent> levels in response to suggestions by Members.

Month: <month> refers to a calendar month specified by Kalshi. Kalshi may list “Will the unemployment rate (U-3) be above <percent>?” contracts corresponding to different statistical periods of <month>, ranging from January to December.

Payout Criterion: The Payout Criterion encompasses the Expiration Values that are strictly greater than <percent>. If no data is available at the Expiration Date at the Expiration time, then the market resolves to No.

Minimum Tick: The Minimum Tick size for the referred Contract shall be \$0.01.

Position Limit: The Position Limit for the \$1 referred Contract shall be \$25,000 per Member.

Last Trading Date: ~~Unless otherwise noted by the Exchange and indicated on the Exchange website, the~~ The Last Trading Date for the Contract will be the scheduled day ~~beforeof~~ the data release ~~date of the next Bureau of Labor Statistics Monthly Employment Situation Report.~~ for <month>. The Last Trading Time ~~for the Contract is 7:00pm~~ will be 8:25 AM ET ~~on the Last Trading Date. No trading in the Contract shall occur after its Last Trading Date and Time. For example, the Last Trading Date of the initial contract is August 5, 2021 and the Last Trading Time is 7:00pm ET on August 5, 2021.~~.

Settlement Date: The Settlement Date of the Contract shall be no later than the day after the Expiration Date unless the Market Outcome is under review pursuant to Rule 7.1.

Expiration Date: The Expiration Date of the Contract shall be the sooner of the first 10:00 AM ET following the release date of the next Bureau of Labor Statistics Monthly Employment Situation Report. For example, the Expiration Date of data for <month>, or one week following the initial contract date data is August 6, 2021 because that is the date of the next Monthly Employment Situation Report. A full release schedule can be found here: https://www.bls.gov/schedule/news_release/empsit.htm.

Expiration time: The Expiration time of the Contract shall be ~~6:00pm~~ 10:00 AM ET.

Settlement Value: The Settlement Value for this Contract is \$1.00.

Expiration Value: The Expiration Value is the value of the Underlying for the statistical period of <month> as documented by the Source Agency on the Expiration Date at the Expiration time.

Contingencies: Before Settlement, Kalshi may, at its sole discretion, initiate the Market Outcome Review Process pursuant to Rule 6.3(c) of the Rulebook. Additionally, as outlined in Rule 7.2 of the Rulebook, if any event or any circumstance which may have a material impact on the reliability or transparency of a Contract's Source Agency or the Underlying related to the Contract arises, Kalshi retains the authority to designate a new Source Agency and Underlying for that Contract and to change any associated Contract specifications after the first day of trading.



