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March 14, 2000

Mr. Richard J. McDonald
Senior Vice President, Research
And Chief Economist
Chicago Mercantile Exchange
30 South Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL 60606

Re: Notice that the Chicago Mercantile Exchange has been deemed designated as a contract market in the Ten-Year Agency Note and Five-Year Agency Note Futures Contracts and Options on those Futures Contracts (CME Submissions #00-10 and #00-11).

Dear Mr. McDonald:

By correspondence dated January 27, 2000 and received by the Commission on January 28, 2000, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) applied pursuant to Sections 4c and 6 of the Commodity Exchange Act (Act), 7 U.S.C. §§ 6c and 8, and Commission Regulation 5.1, for designation as a contract market in the subject contracts.

The Division has reviewed the materials submitted by the CME and has determined that the designation applications appear to meet the Fast Track review requirements of Commission Regulations 5.1(b) and 1.41(b). Accordingly, please be advised that, as of the close of business on March 13, 2000, the CME was deemed to have been designated as a contract market in the Ten-Year Agency Note and Five-Year Agency Note futures contracts and options on those futures contracts pursuant to Sections 4c and 5 of the Act, 7 U.S.C. §§ 6c and 7. On the same date, for each proposed futures contract, proposed rules XX00 through XX05 and, for each proposed option contract, YY00 through YY03 and YY30 through YY38 and "Clarification of New Non-Agricultural Option Speculative Position Limit Rule" were deemed approved pursuant to Section 5a(a)(12) of the Act, 7 U.S.C. § 7a(a)(12) and Regulation 1.41(b).

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Additionally, please be advised that the request for authority to trade the proposed contracts through Globex also is hereby approved. Further, the Commission is notifying the CME of the establishment, for the proposed contracts, of standards under the expedited procedures of Commission Regulation 1.41(n) regarding Globex trading month cycles and strike price listing procedures, update times for the Reference Regular Trading Hours Price, and for changes to the re-opening procedures following option trading halts. These standards, which apply to all contracts approved for trading through Globex, are contained in the enclosure for your convenience.

Sincerely,



Richard A. Shilts
Acting Director