

February 25, 2013

VIA E-MAIL

Ms. Melissa Jurgens Office of the Secretariat Commodity Futures Trading Commission Three Lafayette Centre 1155 21st Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20581

Re: Reg 40.6(a) Self-Certification: Revisions to Errata in CME and CBOT Options on Equity Index Futures CME/CBOT Submission No. 13-061

Dear Ms. Jurgens:

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME") and the Board of Trade of the City of Chicago, Inc. ("CBOT") (collectively, the "Exchanges") pursuant to Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission") Regulation 40.6(a) hereby self-certify the attached changes related to CME and CBOT options on Equity Index futures exercises.

These changes relate to the deadline for issuance of contrarian instructions concerning option exercise on the expiration date for all CME and CBOT domestic options on Equity Index futures. The rule changes clarify that an option will be automatically exercised, in the absence of contrarian instructions issued to the clearing house by 7:00 p.m., on expiration day. The current rule indicates that contrarian instructions must be issued by 7:00 p.m. on the day after expiration day. These amendments are designed to align the rulebook language with current operational procedures. The effective date for these modifications to CME and CBOT options on Equity Index futures exercise will be Tuesday, March 12, 2013, for the trade day ending Wednesday, March 13, 2013.

The rule changes pertain to the following CME and CBOT options on Equity Index futures:

<u>CME</u>

- Options on S&P 500 Stock Price Index futures
- Options on E-mini S&P 500 Stock Price Index futures
- Options on Nasdaq 100 Index futures
- Options on E-mini Nasdaq 100 Index futures
- Options on S&P MidCap 400 Stock Price Index futures
- Options on S&P 500/Growth Index futures
- Options on S&P 500/Value Index futures
- Options on E-mini S&P SmallCap 600 Stock Price Index futures

<u>CBOT</u>

- CBOT Dow Jones Industrial Average Index (\$10 Multiplier) Futures Options
- CBOT Dow Jones Industrial Average Index (\$5 Multiplier) Futures Options

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The Research Department and the Legal Department collectively reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"). During the review, CME and CBOT Staff have identified that this amendment may have some bearing on the following Core Principle:

 <u>Availability of General Information</u>: The marketplace will be notified of the change in trading hours on the last day of trading via a Special Executive Report ("SER"). The Exchange will also publish information on the change in trading hours on the last day of trading on its website. In addition, the CME Global Command Center will notify market participants of the change in trading hours via email. A copy of the SER is included in the Appendix to this submission.

The Exchanges certify that these amendments comply with the Act and rules thereunder.

The Exchanges have discussed these proposed changes with their members and other market participants. There were no substantive opposing views.

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 action, please do not hesitate to contact me at 312-466-7478. Please reference CME Submission No. 13-061 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/Timothy R. Elliott Executive Director and Associate General Counsel

- Attachment: Appendix A Amendments to CME & CBOT Chapters (Black-line Format) Appendix B – Amendments to CME & CBOT Chapters (Clean)
- cc: Mr. Thomas M. Leahy and Mr. Philip Colling CFTC Division of Market Oversight, Product Review & Analysis Section

APPENDIX A AMENDMENTS TO CME & CBOT CHAPTERS (Black-line Format)

CME CHAPTERS

Chapter 351A

Options on Standard and Poor's 500 Stock Price Index[™] Futures

351A02.A.1 Options Not in the European Style "End-of-Month" Series and European Style Weekly Series

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Chapter 353A Options on Standard and Poor's Midcap 400 Stock Price Index™ Futures

353A02.A. Exercise of Option by Buyer

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Chapter 355A Options on S&P 500® / Growth Index Futures

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Chapter 356A Options on S&P 500® / Value Index Futures

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Chapter 357A Options on NASDAQ 100 Index® Futures

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Chapter 358A Options on E-mini® Standard and Poor's 500 Stock Price Index Futures

358A02.A.1 Options Not in the European Style "End-of-Month" Series and European Style Weekly Series

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Chapter 359A Options on E-mini NASDAQ 100 Index® Futures

359A02.A.1 Options Not in the European Style "End-of-Month" Series

An option may be exercised by the buyer on any Business Day that the option is traded. To exercise an option the clearing member representing the buyer shall present an exercise notice to the Clearing House by 7:00 p.m. on the day of exercise.

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Chapter 362A Options on E-mini Standard & Poor's MidCap 400® Stock Price Index Futures

362A02.A. Exercise of Option by Buyer

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Chapter 368A Options on E-mini Standard & Poor's SmallCap 600 Stock Price Index Futures

368A02.A. Exercise of Option by Buyer

An option may be exercised by the buyer on any Business Day that the option is traded. To exercise an option the clearing member representing the buyer shall present an exercise notice to the Clearing House by 7:00 p.m. on the day of exercise.

An option in the March quarterly cycle that is in the money and has not been liquidated or exercised prior to the termination of trading shall, in the absence of contrary instructions delivered to the Clearing House by 7:00 p.m. on the day of determination of the Final Settlement Price the expiration by the clearing member representing the option buyer, be exercised automatically.

In-the-money options that expire in months other than those in the March quarterly cycle and have not been liquidated or exercised prior to the termination of trading shall, in the absence of contrary instructions delivered to the Clearing House by 7:00 p.m. on the day of the termination of trading expiration by the clearing member representing the option buyer, be exercised automatically.

CBOT CHAPTERS

Chapter 26A CBOT[®] Dow Jones Industrial Average[™] Index (\$10 Multiplier) Futures Options

26A02.A. Exercise of Option

The buyer of a CBOT \$10 Dow futures option may exercise the option on any business day prior to expiration by giving notice of exercise to the Clearing House by 6:00 p.m., or by such other time designated by the Exchange, on such day.

Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, for options with quarterly expirations, all inthe-money options shall be automatically exercised after 6:00 p.m. on the Business Day following the termination of trading day of the expiration, or such other time designated by the Exchange, unless notice to cancel automatic exercise is given to the Clearing House. For options with non-quarterly expirations, all in-the-money options shall be automatically exercised after 6:00 p.m. on the last day of trading day of expiration, or such other time designated by the Exchange, unless notice to cancel automatic exercise is given to the Clearing House.

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An option is in-the-money if the settlement price of the underlying futures contract is less in the case of a put, or greater in the case of a call, than the exercise price for the option.

Unexercised CBOT \$10 Dow futures options with quarterly expirations shall expire at 7:00 p.m. on the Business Day following the termination of trading day of the expiration.

Unexercised CBOT \$10 Dow futures options with non-quarterly expirations shall expire at 7:00 p.m. on the last day of trading day of expiration.

Chapter 27A CBOT[®] Dow Jones Industrial AverageSM Index (\$5 Multiplier) Futures Options

27A02.A. Exercise of Option

The buyer of a mini-sized Dow futures option may exercise the option on any business day prior to expiration by giving notice of exercise to the Clearing House by 6:00 p.m., or by such other time designated by the Exchange, on such day.

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APPENDIX B AMENDMENTS TO CME & CBOT CHAPTERS (CLEAN)

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Chapter 353A Options on Standard and Poor's Midcap 400 Stock Price Index™ Futures

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Chapter 355A Options on S&P 500® / Growth Index Futures

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Chapter 356A Options on S&P 500® / Value Index Futures

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Chapter 368A Options on E-mini Standard & Poor's SmallCap 600 Stock Price Index Futures

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Chapter 27A CBOT[®] Dow Jones Industrial AverageSM Index (\$5 Multiplier) Futures Options

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