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Mr. David Stawick
Secretary of the Commission
Office of the Secretariat
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
1155 21st Street, NW
Washington, DC 20581

**Re: Amendments to Coffee "C"® Appendix II - Schedule of Imperfections
Submission Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Act and Regulation 40.6**

Dear Mr. Stawick:

Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended, and Commission Regulation 40.6(a), ICE Futures U.S., Inc. ("Exchange") submits an amendment to Coffee Appendix II(g) – Schedule of Imperfections, as set forth in Exhibit A.

The amendment will treat "immature beans" in the same manner that "partly sour" beans are currently treated in the grading process. Beginning with the March 2013 contract, Brazil will become a deliverable origin. In commercial practice immature beans are a common defect found in Brazilian arabicas but not in the other origins currently deliverable against the Coffee "C" contract. This is the result of differences in harvest and processing practices in Brazil compared to the other origins. For Brazilian coffees, immature beans are analogous to partly sour beans as that term is used in both commercial practice and Exchange grading for the other deliverable growths; both partly sour and immature beans can create an off flavor in the cup. Under the amendment, two (2) to five (5) partly black or partly sour or partly immature beans, depending upon the extent to which each bean is discolored or immature or spoiled, will constitute one full imperfection.

The Exchange certifies that the amendment to Coffee "C" Appendix II(g) complies with the requirements of the Commodity Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. The Exchange has reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act and has determined that the amendment

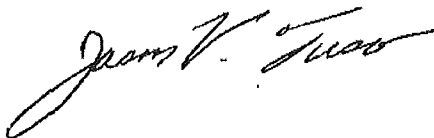
complies with the Core Principle 3 (Contracts not Readily Subject to Manipulation) as the Schedule of Imperfections will track the cash market practice making the Coffee "C" contract less susceptible to price manipulation.

The amendment shall be implemented commencing with the May 2014 futures contract. Coffee "C" Rules and Exchange By-Law 17.1 permit amendments to Coffee Rules regarding the quality of product in delivery to be implemented on contract months with outstanding open interest as long as implementation is announced more than twenty four months prior to the first notice day of the contract; the first notice day for the May 2014 futures contract is April 22, 2014.

No substantive opposing views were expressed by members or others with respect to the amendments. The Exchange certifies that, concurrent with this filing, a copy of this submission was posted on the Exchange's website, which may be accessed at (<https://www.theice.com/notices/RegulatoryFilings.shtml>).

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at 212-748-4021 or at jason.fusco@theice.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason V. Fusco". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

Jason V. Fusco
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Market Regulation

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cc: Division of Market Oversight
New York Regional Office

Exhibit A

(In the text of the amendments below, additions are underscored and deletions are bracketed and lined through.)

APPENDIX II

Procedures for Grading Coffee and Issuance of Certificates of Grade

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(g) Schedule of Imperfections.

- (1) The following constitute one (1) full imperfection:
 - one (1) full black;
 - one (1) full sour;
 - one (1) pod or cherry;
 - five (5) shells;
 - five (5) broken or cut beans;
 - two (2) to five (5) partly black or partly sour or partly immature beans, depending upon the extent to which each bean is discolored or immature or spoiled;
 - five (5) floaters;
 - three (3) sticks smaller than one-half (1/2) inch;
 - one (1) stick ranging in size from one-half (1/2) inch to one (1) inch;
 - three (3) stones passing through a screen size below twelve (12);
 - one (1) stone passing through a screen size no smaller than twelve (12);
 - two (2) to three (3) hulls or husks, depending upon size;
 - ten (10) bored beans; and
 - two (2) to three (3) parchments, depending upon size.
- (2) The following constitute two (2) full imperfections:
 - one (1) stick ranging in size from one (1) inch to two (2) inches; and
 - one (1) stone passing through a screen size no smaller than sixteen (16).
- (3) The following constitute three (3) full imperfections:
 - one (1) stick larger than two (2) inches; and
 - one (1) stone passing through a screen size over twenty (20).
- (4) Any additional non-coffee item shall be one (1) full imperfection.