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

**RE: Expansion of Nikkei 225 (Yen) Futures Trading Hours
Submitted per Sec. 5c(c)(1) of the CEA and Regulation Sec. 40.6(a).
CME Submission No. 10-256**

Dear Mr. Stawick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission of the expansion of Nikkei 225 (Yen) Futures trading hours.

On Sunday, September 12th (trade date Monday, September 13th), electronic trading hours for the Yen-denominated Nikkei 225 futures will be expanded to give market participants worldwide nearly 24-hours access to the benchmark contract. Under the expanded hours, the contract will begin trading on CME Globex[®] on Sunday at 17:00—15:15 the next day Chicago Time, with trading Monday-Friday from 15:30 p.m.—15:15 the next day (closing at 15:15 Friday, with a daily maintenance shutdown between 16:30—17:00 CT). The table below illustrates the change:

		Nikkei 225 (Yen) Futures	
		<i>Current Trading Hours (prior to Sep 12, 2010)</i>	<i>Expanded Trading Hours (as of Sep 12, 2010)</i>
CME Globex	Central Standard Time (through Mar 13)	MON-FRI: 05:00-15:15; reopens 15:30-16:30, closes 16:30	MON-FRI: 15:30-15:15 the next day; closes FRI at 15:15. Daily maintenance shutdown 16:30-17:00
	Central Daylight Savings (begins Mar 14)	MON-FRI: 04:00-15:15; reopens 15:30-16:30, closes 16:30-17:00; reopens 17:00-18:00 SUN: 17:00-18:00	SUN: 17:00-15:15 next day

The expanded trading hours were added as part of the licensing agreement extension between CME and Nihon Keizai Shimbun Inc.

CME certifies that this action complies with the Commodity Exchange Act and regulations thereunder.

If you require any additional information regarding this action, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Lucy Wang at 312-648-5478 or via e-mail at lucy.wang@cmegroup.com or me at 312-648-5422. Please reference CME Submission No. 10-256 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

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