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VIA E-MAIL

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

**RE: Regulation § 40.6(a) Certification: Updated delivery differentials for Soybean Meal and Soybean Oil Futures contracts
CBOT Submission 13-378**

Dear Ms. Jurgens:

The Board of Trade of the City of Chicago, Inc. ("CBOT" or the "Exchange"), pursuant to Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission") Regulation 40.6(a), hereby notifies the Commission that it is self-certifying revised 2014 Soybean Meal Futures and Soybean Oil Futures delivery differential adjustments, which will become effective with the January 2014 delivery cycle on January 2, 2014.

CBOT Rules 12106 (Soybean Oil Futures) and 13106 (Soybean Meal Futures) require the Exchange to announce updated territorial delivery differentials applicable to these products by September 15 of each calendar year. CBOT Soybean Oil and Soybean Meal delivery differentials are updated each January based on a ratio calculated from January through August in Soybean Oil and September through August in Soybean Meal.¹ Special Executive Reports S-6832 and S-6833, announcing the 2014 differentials, are attached at Exhibit B.

Please note that the Soybean Meal Futures differentials are unchanged from 2013. CBOT Rule 13106(i) states that outstanding CBOT Soybean Meal Shipping Certificates must average at least 150 certificates during the calculation period in order for the ratios to trigger any changes to the differentials. For the crop year ending August 31, 2013 there were only 1.8 outstanding Soybean Meal Shipping Certificates on average per week.

CBOT business staff responsible for updating the differentials and the CBOT legal department collectively reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"). During the review, CBOT staff identified the following Core Principles as potentially being impacted:

¹ Please see CBOT Rulebook Chapters 12 and 13 (Rule 12106 (g) through (k) and Rule 13106 (h) through (k)) for details regarding the automatic adjustment mechanism in CBOT Soybean Oil and Soybean Meal Futures.

- **Compliance with Rules:** Yearly adjustments in the delivery differentials are required by the contracts' terms and conditions as set out in CBOT Rule 12106 and Rule 13106.
- **Availability of General Information:** The ratios are published on a weekly basis from September 1st to August 31st for Soybean Meal and from January 1st to Augusts 31st for Soybean Oil. This is available to the public on the Exchange's website in the Deliverable Commodities Under Registration report: <http://www.cmegroup.com/market-data/reports/registrar-reports.html>
- **Recordkeeping:** The information used to calculate the ratios is maintained by the CBOT Registrar's Office for the statutorily required period of time.

CBOT certifies that the proposed amendments comply with the CEA and regulations thereunder. There were no substantive opposing views to this proposal. The amended differentials shall be effective with the January 2014 delivery month. Exhibit A sets for the text of the amendments to the rulebook. Exhibit B includes copies of the CME Group Special Executive Reports announcing the updated differentials to the marketplace. The Exchange certifies that this submission has been concurrently posted on the Exchange's website at <http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html>.

If you require any additional information regarding this action, please contact me at 212-299-2200 or Christopher.Bowen@cmegroup.com, or John McKinlay at 312-930-3028 or John.McKinlay@cmegroup.com, and reference CBOT Submission No. 13-378 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachments: Exhibit A–Text of Rule Amendments
Exhibit B– CME Group Special Executive Reports S-6832 and S-6833

EXHIBIT A

Text of Rule Amendments

(Additions are underlined, deletions are ~~overstruck~~.)

Chapter 12 Soybean Oil Futures

12106. DELIVERY POINTS

Crude Soybean Oil may be delivered in satisfaction of Soybean Oil futures contracts from regular warehouses located in the Illinois Territory, Eastern Territory, Eastern Iowa Territory, Southwest Territory, Western Territory or Northern Territory as defined in this rule and at the following price differentials:

(a) Illinois Territory (That portion of the state of Illinois north of latitude 38°00' N.) at contract price.

(b) Eastern Territory (Those portions of the states of Indiana and Kentucky west of the Ohio-Indiana border and its extension and north of latitude 38°00'N.) at ~~3020~~3020/100ths of one cent per pound under contract price.

(c) Eastern Iowa Territory (That portion of the state of Iowa east of longitude 93°50'W.) at ~~120130~~120130/100ths of one cent per pound under contract price.

(d) Southwest Territory (Those portions of the states of Missouri and Kansas north of latitude 38°00'N. and east of longitude 97°00'W.) at ~~7585~~7585/100ths of one cent per pound over contract price.

(e) Western Territory (Those portions of the states of Iowa west of longitude 93°50'W., and Nebraska east of longitude 97°00'W.) at 5/100ths of one cent per pound over contract price.

(f) Northern Territory (Those portions of the states of Minnesota south of latitude 45°10'N., and South Dakota south of latitude 45°10'N., and east of 97°00'W.) at 125/100ths of one cent per pound under contract price.

SPECIAL NOTICES RELATING TO CHAPTER 12

Soybean Oil Delivery Differentials in Cents Per 100 lbs.

For Delivery Months January through December ~~2013~~2014

DELIVERY TERRITORY DIFFERENTIALS*
Warehouse Location
Illinois Territory: PAR
Bloomington, IL
Danville, IL
Decatur, IL
Galesburg, IL
Gibson City, IL
Quincy, IL
Eastern Territory: (3020)
Decatur, IN
Frankfort, IN
Lafayette, IN
Logansport, IN
Eastern Iowa Territory: (420130)
Ackley, IA
Buffalo, IA
Cedar Rapids, IA
Cedar Rapids (E), IA
Des Moines, IA
Iowa Falls, IA
Mason City, IA
Southwest Territory: 7585
Kansas City, MO
Mexico, MO
St. Joseph, MO
Emporia, KS
Northern Territory: (125)
Dawson, MN
Mankato, MN
Volga, SD
Western Territory: 5
Eagle Grove, IA
Emmetsburg, IA
Manning, IA
Sergeant Bluff, IA
Sheldon, IA
Lincoln, NE
Omaha, NE

* Differentials enclosed by parentheses () are discounts.

**SPECIAL NOTICES RELATED TO CHAPTER 13
Soybean Meal Approved Delivery Locations and Differentials**

For Delivery Months January through December ~~2013~~2014

DELIVERY TERRITORY DIFFERENTIALS*
Plant Locations
Central Territory: PAR
Bloomington, IL
Cairo, IL
Danville, IL
Decatur, IL
Galesburg, IL
Gibson City, IL
Quincy, IL
Owensboro, KY
Northeast Territory: \$2.00
Bellevue, OH
Claypool, IN
Decatur, IN
Fostoria, OH
Frankfurt, IN
Lafayette, IN
Morristown, IN
Mt. Vernon, IN
Sidney, OH
Midsouth Territory: \$9.50
Decatur, AL
Guntersville, AL
Little Rock, AR
Stuttgart, AR
Missouri Territory: \$3.50
Kansas City, MO
Mexico, MO
St. Joseph, MO
Eastern Iowa Territory: (\$2.00)
Cedar Rapids (East), IA
Des Moines, IA
Iowa Falls, IA
Northern Territory: (\$2.50)
Eagle Grove, IA
Council Bluffs, IA
Creston, IA
Emmetsburg, IA
Manning, IA
Mason City, IA
Sergeant Bluff, IA
Sheldon, IA
Sioux City, IA

* Differentials enclosed by parentheses () are discounts.

EXHIBIT B



Special Executive Report

S-6832

September 13, 2013

RE: SOYBEAN MEAL DELIVERY DIFFERENTIALS

Per Regulation 13106, the territorial delivery differentials, in dollars per ton, for all Soybean Meal futures delivery months **beginning with January 2014 and ending with December 2014** shall be the following:

<u>Territory</u>	<u>2014 Differential</u>
Central	Par
Northeast	+2.00
MidSouth	+9.50
Missouri	+3.50
Eastern Iowa	-2.00
Northern	-2.50

Please note these 2014 differentials did not change as the weekly average number of certificates outstanding did not exceed 150 certificates in all territories combined during the previous soybean crop year.

The current Soybean Meal futures territorial delivery differentials, in dollars per ton, for Soybean Meal futures delivery months through December 2013 are as follows:

<u>Territory</u>	<u>2013 Differential</u>
Central	Par
Northeast	+2.00
MidSouth	+9.50
Missouri	+3.50
Eastern Iowa	-2.00
Northern	-2.50

Questions in this regard may be directed to John D. Hill at (312) 930-1852 or Fred Seamon (312) 634-1587 or Dave Lehman (312) 930-1875.



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September 13, 2013

RE: SOYBEAN OIL DELIVERY DIFFERENTIALS

Per Regulation 12106, the territorial delivery differentials, in cents per hundredweight, for all Soybean Oil futures delivery months **beginning with January 2014 and ending with December 2014** shall be the following pending CFTC review:

<u>Territory</u>	<u>2014 Differential</u>
Illinois	Par
Eastern	-20
Eastern Iowa	-130
Southwest	+85
Northern	-125
Western	+5

The current Soybean Oil futures territorial delivery differentials, in cents per hundredweight, for Soybean Oil futures delivery months through December 2013 are as follows:

<u>Territory</u>	<u>2013 Differential</u>
Illinois	Par
Eastern	-30
Eastern Iowa	-120
Southwest	+75
Northern	-125
Western	+5

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