



December 19, 2013

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: CFTC Regulation 40.6(a) Certification. Notification Regarding Adoption of Rule 980.F
CME/CBOT/NYMEX Submission No. 13-581**

Dear Ms. Jurgens:

Pursuant to Commission Regulation 40.6(a), Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME"), the Board of Trade of the City of Chicago, Inc. ("CBOT") and the New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX") (collectively, the "Exchanges") hereby notify the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") that they are self-certifying the adoption of Rule 980.F, to be effective Sunday, February 2, 2014, for trade date Monday, February 3, 2014 (the "Effective Date").

Rule 980.F provides for administrative fines related to late submissions of financial information to CME's Financial and Regulatory Surveillance Department ("FRSD"). Beginning on the Effective Date, the FRSD may assess clearing members a \$1,000 administrative fine for each required submission that is not received by the due date and time. The FRSD may, in its discretion, waive assessment of the administrative fine.

Exchange staff and the Exchanges' legal department collectively reviewed the derivatives clearing organization core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA" or the "Act"). During the review, the Exchanges identified that the adoption of Rule 980.F may have some bearing on the following Core Principles:

- **Participant and Product Eligibility**: The adoption of Rule 980.F is designed to ensure clearing member compliance with continuing participation requirements by providing for the assessment of administrative fines in the event of clearing member non-compliance with reporting requirements.
- **Treatment of Funds**: The standard established by Rule 980.F is designed to ensure the safety of funds and assets belonging to the clearing member and their customers by requiring clearing members to report financial information regarding customer funds and assets in a timely manner.
- **Recordkeeping**: The records subject to Rule 980.F will continue to be maintained in accordance with Core Principle K.

- Public Information: As required by Core Principle L, the Exchanges will make information concerning Rule 980.F available to market participants by amending their rulebooks, which are posted on the CME Group website. This submission will also be made available on the CME Group website.

The Exchanges certify that Rule 980.F complies with the Act and regulations thereunder. There were no substantive opposing views to the proposed rule.

The Exchanges certify that this submission has been concurrently posted on the CME Group website at <http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html>.

If you have any questions regarding this submission, please contact me at (212) 299-2228 or via e-mail at Jason.Silverstein@cmegroup.com. Alternatively, you may contact John McKinlay at (312) 930-3028 or via e-mail at John.McKinlay@cmegroup.com.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jason Silverstein
Executive Director & Associate General Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit A – Text of CME, CBOT and NYMEX Rule 980.F

EXHIBIT A

CME/CBOT/NYMEX Rule 980.F

(additions underlined)

CME Rule 980.F.

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