SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-66261; File No. SR-CME-2012-02)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Mercantile Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Regarding Fees for Its Cleared-only OTC FX Clearing Offering

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"), <sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, <sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on January 24, 2012, Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change described in Items I, II and III below, which items have been prepared primarily by CME. CME filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)<sup>3</sup> of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)<sup>4</sup> thereunder.

I. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change</u>

CME is proposing to make certain fee-related changes that would apply to its cleared-only OTC foreign exchange ("FX") swap clearing offering. The text of the proposed changes 5 is as follows:

## **CME OTC FX Fee Waiver Program**

### **Program Purpose**

The purpose of this Program is to incentivize market participants to submit transaction in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The text of the proposed changes does not appear in CME's rulebook but is available on CME's website at <a href="http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html">http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html</a>.

the OTC FX products listed below to the Clearing House for clearing. The resulting increase in volume benefits all participant segments in the market.

# **Product Scope**

The following cleared only OTC FX products ("Products"):

- 1. <u>CME Cleared OTC FX Emerging Markets</u>
  - usdbrl, usdclp, usdcny, usdcop, usdidr, usdinr, usdkrw, usdmyr,
     usdpen, usdphp, usdrub, usdtwd Non-Deliverable Forwards
  - USDCZK, USDHUF, USDHKD, USDILS, USDMXN, USDPLN, USDSGD, USDTHB,
     USDTRY, USDZAR Cash-Settled Forwards

### 2. <u>CME Cleared OTC FX – Majors</u>

a. AUDJPY, AUDUSD, CADJPY, EURAUD, EURCHF, EURGBP, EURJPY, EURUSD,
 GBPUSD, NZDUSD, USDCAD, USDCHF, USDDKK, USDJPY, USDNOK, USDSEK
 Cash-Settled Forwards.

#### **Eligible Participants**

The temporary reduction in fees will be open to all market participants and will automatically be applied to any transaction in the Products submitted to the Clearing House for clearing.

#### **Program Term**

Start date is February 1, 2012. End date is June 30, 2012.

#### Hours

The Program will be applicable regardless of the transaction time.

# **Program Incentives:**

Fee Waivers. All market participants that clear the Products will have their clearing fees waived.

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The text of the proposed changes is also available at the Exchange's Web site at

http://www.cmegroup.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

II. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change</u>

In its filing with the Commission, CME included statements concerning the purpose and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. CME has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the</u> Proposed Rule Change

CME currently offers clearing for certain cleared-only OTC FX swap products. The filing proposes to implement a fee waiver program that will apply to the following cleared-only OTC FX products ("Products"):

- 1. CME Cleared OTC FX Emerging Markets
  - usdbrl, usdclp, usdcny, usdcop, usdidr, usdinr, usdkrw, usdmyr,
     usdpen, usdphp, usdrub, usdtwd Non-Deliverable Forwards
  - USDCZK, USDHUF, USDHKD, USDILS, USDMXN, USDPLN, USDSGD, USDTHB,
     USDTRY, USDZAR Cash-Settled Forwards
- 2. CME Cleared OTC FX Majors
  - a. AUDJPY, AUDUSD, CADJPY, EURAUD, EURCHF, EURGBP, EURJPY, EURUSD, GBPUSD, NZDUSD, USDCAD, USDCHF, USDDKK, USDJPY, USDNOK, USDSEK Cash-Settled Forwards.

The fee waiver will be open to all market participants and will automatically be applied to any transaction in the Products submitted to CME's clearinghouse for clearing. The proposed

changes that are the subject of this filing are related to the fees CME charges for clearing and therefore will become effective upon filing. However, the changes will become operative on February 1, 2012.

Pursuant to Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") regulations, the proposed changes are subject to CFTC Regulation 40.6(d), requiring a self-certification filing to the CFTC, although no change to text of the CME rulebook is required. CME notes that it has already certified the proposed changes that are the subject of this filing to its primary regulator, the CFTC. The text of the CME proposed changes is set out in Section I above.

The proposed changes establish or change a member due, fee or other charge imposed by CME under Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder. CME believes that the proposed changes are consistent with the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations thereunder and, in particular, to 17A(b)(3)(iv), in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among participants. CME notes that it operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily direct business to competing venues.

#### B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

CME does not believe that the proposed rule change will have any impact, or impose any burden, on competition.

C. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others</u>

CME has not solicited, and does not intend to solicit, comments regarding this proposed rule change. CME has not received any unsolicited written comments from interested parties.

III. <u>Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action</u>

The foregoing rule change was filed pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and

paragraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4 and became effective on filing. At any time within sixty days of the filing of such rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

### IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- Electronic comments may be submitted by using the Commission's Internet
  comment form (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml), or send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File No. SR-CME-2012-02 on the subject
  line.
- Paper comments should be sent in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary,
   Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, D.C.,
   20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CME-2012-02. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet website (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for

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website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE,

Washington, DC 20549 on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of

CME. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit

personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you

wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CME-2012-02

and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal

Register].

For the Commission by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated

authority.6

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<sup>6</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).