# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-70928; File No. SR-CME-2013-31)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Regarding the Addition of a New Rate Option for Interest Rate Swaps Denominated in Mexican Peso

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act" or "Exchange Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on November 12, 2013, 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 proposal pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act,<sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(4)(ii)<sup>4</sup> thereunder so that the proposal was effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

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

CME is filing a proposed rule change that is limited to its business as a derivatives clearing organization. More specifically, the proposed rule change would update the CME Rulebook to reflect the addition of MXN-TIIE-BANXICO Rate Option for interest rate swaps denominated in Mexican Peso ("MXN").

- <sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).
- <sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(4)(ii).

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

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

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

CME is registered as a derivatives clearing organization with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and currently offers clearing services for many different futures and swaps products. With this filing, CME proposes to make amendments to its rules to reflect the addition of the MXN-TIIE-BANXICO Rate Option for interest rate swaps denominated in MXN. Although these changes will be effective on filing, CME plans to operationalize the proposed changes on November 18, 2013.

Section 90102.E of the Rulebook is being updated to reflect the addition of MXN-TIIE-BANXICO Rate Option for interest rate swaps denominated in MXN. CME will also be making certain conforming changes to its IRS Manual of Operations for CME Cleared Interest Rate Swaps to address the addition of MXN as an eligible currency and MXN-TIIE-BANXICO as an eligible floating rate for fixed-floating interest rate swaps.

The changes that are described in this filing are limited to CME's business as a derivatives clearing organization clearing products under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") and do not materially impact CME's security-based swap clearing business in any way. CME notes that it has already submitted the

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proposed rule change that is the subject of this filing to its primary regulator, the CFTC, in CME Submissions 13-520 and 13-522 (and will also be making an additional filing with CFTC in the near future, CME Submission No. 13-523, to provide additional information required for the new product to the CFTC separately under CFTC Regulation 39.5).

CME believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Exchange Act including Section 17A of the Exchange Act.<sup>5</sup> The proposed rule change reflects the addition of new derivatives products, namely, the MXN-TIIE-BANXICO Rate Option for interest rate swaps denominated in MXN, and as such is designed to promote the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions and, to the extent applicable, derivatives agreements, contracts, and transactions, to assure the safeguarding of securities and funds which are in the custody or control of the clearing agency or for which it is responsible, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest consistent with Section 17A(b)(3)(F) of the Exchange Act.<sup>6</sup>

Furthermore, the proposed changes are limited in their effect to swaps products offered under CME's authority to act as a derivatives clearing organization. These products are under the exclusive jurisdiction of the CFTC. As such, the proposed CME changes are limited to CME's activities as a derivatives clearing organization clearing swaps that are not security-based swaps; CME notes that the policies of the CFTC with respect to administering the Commodity Exchange Act are comparable to a number of the policies underlying the Exchange Act, such as promoting market transparency for over-the-counter derivatives markets, promoting the prompt and accurate clearance of transactions and protecting investors and the public interest.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(F).

Because the proposed changes are limited in their effect to swaps products offered under CME's authority to act as a derivatives clearing organization, the proposed changes are properly classified as effecting a change in an existing service of CME that:

(a) primarily affects the clearing operations of CME with respect to products that are not securities, including futures that are not security futures, and swaps that are not security-based swaps or mixed swaps; and

(b) does not significantly affect any securities clearing operations of CME or any rights or obligations of CME with respect to securities clearing or persons using such securitiesclearing service.

As such, the changes are therefore consistent with the requirements of Section 17A of the Exchange  $Act^7$  and are properly filed under Section  $19(b)(3)(A)^8$  and Rule  $19b-4(f)(4)(ii)^9$  thereunder.

## B. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

CME does not believe that the proposed rule change will have any impact, or impose any burden, on competition. The rule change merely adds new products for clearing.

## C. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule</u> <u>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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(4)(ii).

#### III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section  $19(b)(3)(A)^{10}$  of the Act and Rule  $19b-4(f)(4)(ii)^{11}$  thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed 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.<sup>12</sup>

#### 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:

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<u>http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</u>), or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File No. SR-CME-2013-31 on the subject line.

#### Paper Comments:

• Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC, 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CME-2013-31. 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(4)(ii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(C).

comments on the Commission's Internet website (<u>http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</u>). 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 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 or 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 and on CME's website at <u>http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html</u>.

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-2013-31 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.<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).