SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-74400; File No. SR-ICEEU-2015-001)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; ICE Clear Europe Limited; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to ICE Clear Europe Clearing Fees

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 February 19, 2015, ICE Clear Europe Limited ("ICE Clear Europe") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II and III below, which Items have been prepared primarily by ICE Clear Europe. ICE Clear Europe filed the proposal pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act,<sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)<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>

The text of the proposed rule change consists of certain rule changes that have been proposed by ICE Clear Europe. The principal purpose of the proposed changes is to specify the clearing and other fees to be charged by ICE Clear Europe in respect of the clearing of equity contracts traded on the LIFFE Administration and Management market which have transitioned to trading on ICE Futures Europe ("Migrating Contracts").

<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)(ii).

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

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

In its filing with the Commission, ICE Clear Europe included statements concerning the purpose of 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. ICE Clear Europe has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of these statements.

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

## 1. Purpose

The purpose of the proposed rule change is for ICE Clear Europe to adopt a new fee schedule in respect of the clearing of the Migrating Contracts following the transition of trading in such contracts to ICE Futures Europe. The new fee schedule specifies certain exchange and clearing fees, as well as certain assignment, delivery and other fees applicable to the Migrating Contracts. The new fee schedule will replace the fee schedule previously published by ICE Futures Europe in respect of equity contracts. The combined exchange and clearing fees under the new fee schedule are the same as those being charged prior to the transition of trading in such contracts to ICE Futures Europe.

### 2. Statutory Basis

ICE Clear Europe has determined that the clearing fees in the new schedule continue to be appropriate to charge Clearing Members in connection with the clearing of the Migrating Contracts by ICE Clear Europe. ICE Clear Europe notes in this regard that the fees are the same as those currently charged for such contracts. ICE Clear Europe believes that imposing such

clearing fees is consistent with the requirements of Section 17A of the Act<sup>5</sup> and the regulations thereunder applicable to it, and in particular continues to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its Clearing Members, within the meaning of Section 17A(b)(3)(D) of the Act.<sup>6</sup> ICE Clear Europe thus believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of Section 17A of the Act<sup>7</sup> and regulations thereunder applicable to it.

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

ICE Clear Europe does not believe the proposed rule change would have any impact, or impose any burden, on competition. The fees in the revised fee schedule are the same as those being charged prior to the transition in trading of the Migrating Contracts to ICE Futures Europe.

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

Written comments relating to the proposed changes to the rules have not been solicited or received. ICE Clear Europe will notify the Commission of any written comments received by ICE Clear Europe.

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective upon filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act<sup>8</sup> and Rule  $19b-4(f)(2)^9$  thereunder because it establishes a fee or other charge imposed by ICE Clear Europe on its Clearing Members, within the meaning of Rule 19b-4(f)(2). Specifically, the proposed rule change will establish fees to be paid by Clearing

<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)(D).

<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)(ii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

Members to ICE Clear Europe with respect to the clearing of Migrating Contracts. 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.

### 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 (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml) or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-ICEEU-2015-001 on the subject line.

## Paper Comments:

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-ICEEU-2015-001. 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 (<a href="http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml">http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</a>). 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 of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such filings also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of ICE Clear Europe and on ICE Clear Europe's website at <a href="https://www.theice.com/clear-europe/regulation">https://www.theice.com/clear-europe/regulation</a>.

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-ICEEU-2015-001 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>10</sup>

Brent J. Fields Secretary

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).