

**26-241: Implementation of the Cryptocurrency Options 24/7 Weekend Market Maker Program**



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**RE: Implementation of the Cryptocurrency Options 24/7 Weekend Market Maker Program  
CME Submission No. 26-241**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of plans to implement the Cryptocurrency Options 24/7 Weekend Market Maker Program ("Program"). The proposed Program will become effective on May 29, 2026.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of the Program.

CME reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"). During the review, CME staff identified the following Core Principles as potentially being impacted: Monitoring of Trading, Execution of Transactions, Protection of Market Participants, Compliance with Rules, Availability of General Information, and Recordkeeping.

The Program will not impact the Exchange's ability to perform its trade practice and market surveillance obligations under the CEA. Exchange staff will monitor trading in the Program's products in order to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse. Additionally, the Exchange has implemented systems to track Program participants' volume to ensure proper distribution of earned incentives. The Program does not impact the Exchange's order execution. Participants in the Program will be selected by CME staff using criteria as set forth in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the Exchange rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. All participants must execute a contractual agreement with CME in which each participant will expressly agree to comply with, and be subject to, applicable regulations and Exchange rules. Additionally, the Program is subject to the Exchange's record retention policies, which comply with the CEA.

CME certifies that the Program complies with the CEA and the regulations thereunder. There were no substantive opposing views to this Program.

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 submission, please e-mail [CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com](mailto:CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com) or contact Rachel Johnson at 312-466-4393 or via e-mail at [Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com](mailto:Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com).

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Exhibit 1

# EXHIBIT 1

## Cryptocurrency Options 24/7 Weekend Market Maker Program

### **Program Purpose**

The purpose of this Program is to incentivize participants to support the launch of 24/7 trading for the products listed below. More liquid contracts benefit all participants in the marketplace.

### **Product Scope**

Options on Bitcoin Futures (“BTC”), Options on Ether Futures (“ETH”), Monthly Options on Micro Bitcoin Futures (“WM”), Monthly Options on Micro Ether Futures (“VM”), Options on SOL Futures (“SOL”), Options on Micro SOL Futures (“MSL”), Options on XRP Futures (“XRP”), and Options on Micro XRP Futures (“MXP”) that are traded on the CME Globex Platform (“Products”).

### **Eligible Participants**

The Exchange may designate up to seven (7) participants in the Program. Participants may be CME members or non-members. Potential participants are required to submit an application/bid sheet to the Exchange as part of a competitive application process which is used to determine eligibility. In determining whether or not a prospective participant is selected to participate in the Program, Exchange staff may take into account a variety of factors including the strength of the quoting obligations the prospective participant is willing to commit to provide, whether Exchange staff believes that the prospective participant can maintain such obligations, and historical volume trading the Products. The Exchange may, from time to time, add or subtract from the aforementioned requirements as it deems necessary.

### **Program Term**

Start date is May 29, 2026. End date is January 31, 2027, or the date on which the Exchange determines to modify, extend, or terminate the Program. Participants will be given notice of any changes to the Program Term.

### **Hours**

Designated weekend trading hours.

### **Obligations**

Participants must quote continuous two-sided markets in the Products at maximum bid/ask spreads and minimum quote sizes during a certain percentage of time-in-market.

### **Incentives**

Upon satisfying all obligations, as determined by the Exchange, participants will receive predetermined incentives.

### **Monitoring and Termination of Status**

The Exchange shall monitor trading activity and participants' performance and shall retain the right to revoke participant status if it concludes from review that a participant no longer meets the requirements of the Program.