Intended Use: See notice at 64 FR 63788, November 22, 1999.

Comments: None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as it is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides delivery of drug aerosols by nose-only exposure to mycobacterium infected guinea pigs to evaluate novel therapies for the treatment of tuberculosis in animal models. The National Institutes of Health advises in its memorandum of December 10, 1999 that (1) this capability is pertinent to the applicant's intended purpose and (2) it knows of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument for the applicant's intended use.

We know of no other instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument which is being manufactured in the United States.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology Advanced Technology Program Advisory Committee

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Advanced Technology Program Advisory Committee, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), will meet Wednesday, February 2, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Advanced Technology Program Advisory Committee is composed of seven members appointed by the Director of NIST; who are eminent in such fields as business, research, new product development, engineering, education, and management consulting. The purpose of this meeting is to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for the Advanced Technology Program (ATP), its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. The agenda will include a background and briefing on the ATP, a briefing from each ATP program area, and a presentation by the ATP Economic Assessment Office. Discussions scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. and to end at 9:30 a.m. and to begin at 3 p.m. and to end at 5 p.m. on February 2, 2000, on the ATP budget issues and staffing of positions will be closed.

DATES: The meeting will convene February 2, 2000, at 8:30 a.m. and will adjourn at 5 p.m. on February 2, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Administration Building Tenth Floor Conference Room, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet R. Russell, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899–1004, telephone number (301) 975–2107.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on January 13, 2000 that portions of the meeting of the Advanced Technology Program Advisory Committee which involve discussion of proposed funding of the Advanced Technology Program may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), because those portions of the meetings will divulge matters the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency actions; and that portions of meetings which involve discussion of staffing of positions in ATP may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), because divulging information discussed in those portions of the meetings is likely to reveal information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Dated: January 13, 2000.

Karen H. Brown,

Deputy Director.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

RIN 3038–ZA05

Chicago Mercantile Exchange: Proposed Amendments to the Lean Hogs Futures and Option Contracts Increasing the Contracts' Speculative Position Limits

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed amendments to contract terms and conditions.

SUMMARY: The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME or Exchange) has proposed amendments to the Exchange's lean hogs cattle futures and option contracts. The proposed amendments would increase to 2,400 contracts from 2,000 contracts the speculative position limit applicable to individual non-spot contract months. The proposed amendments also would increase to 950 contracts from 650 contracts the speculative position limit that is applicable to positions held on and after the close of business of the fifth business day of the expiring contract month. The proposed amendments were submitted under the Commission's 45-day Fast Track procedures which provides that, absent any contrary action by the Commission, the proposed amendments may be deemed approved on February 24, 2000—45 days after the Commission's receipt of the proposals. The Acting Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division) of the Commission, acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that publication of the proposed amendments is in the public interest and will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons, and is consistent with the purposes of the Commodity Exchange Act.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 8, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418–5521, or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be made to the proposed amendments to the CME lean hogs futures and option contracts.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact John Bird of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581, telephone (202) 418–5274. Facsimile number: (202) 418–5527. Electronic mail: jbird @cftc.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lean hogs futures contract is cash settled based on cash prices reported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture during the last two trading days of expiring contract month. Contract months for the lean hog futures option contract that correspond to contract months for the underlying lean hogs futures contract expire simultaneously with such futures contract months. Currently, traders' combined positions in the futures and option contracts are subject to speculative position limits of 2000 contracts for positions held in individual non-spot contract months and 650 contracts for positions held in the expiring contract month from the close of business on the fifth business day of that month through the last trading day of the expiring contract month (the tenth business day of the month).

The proposed amendments would increase the speculative position limit applicable to individual non-spot contract months to 2,400 contracts from 2,000 contracts. The proposed amendments also would increase to 950 contracts from 650 contracts the speculative limit applicable from the close of business on the fifth business day of the expiring contract month through the last trading day for that month.

The CME intends to make the proposed amendments effective upon Commission approval for all existing and newly listed contract months.

The Commission is requesting comments on the proposed amendments.

Copies of the proposed amendments will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20581. Copies of the proposed amendments can be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address, by phone at (202) 418–5100, or via the Internet at secretary@cftc.gov.

Other materials submitted by the Exchange in support of the proposal may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 CFR Part 146 (1987)), except to the extent they are entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in 17 CFR 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials should be made to the FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of Secretariat at the Commission's headquarters in accordance with 17 CFR 145.7 and 145.8.

Any person interested in submitting written data, views, or arguments on the proposed amendments, or with respect to other materials submitted by the Exchange, should send such comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 14, 2000.

Richard Shilts,

Acting Director.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

RIN 3038–ZA04

Chicago Mercantile Exchange: Proposed Amendments to the Live Cattle Futures and Option Contracts Increasing the Contracts' Speculative Position Limits

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed amendments to contract terms and conditions.

SUMMARY: The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME or Exchange) has proposed amendments to the Exchange's live cattle futures and option contracts. The proposed amendments would increase to 3,200 contracts from 2,400 contracts the speculative position limit applicable to individual non-spot months. The proposed amendments also would increase to 900 contracts from 600 contracts the speculative position limit applicable to positions held in the expiring contract month from the close of business on the business day following the first Friday of the contract month to the business day preceding the last five trading days of the expiring month. The proposed amendments were submitted under the Commission's 45-day Fast Track procedures which provides that, absent any contrary action by the Commission, the proposed amendments may be deemed approved on February 24, 2000—45 days after the Commission's receipt of the proposals. The Acting Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division) of the Commission, acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulations 140.96, has determined that publication of the proposed amendments is in the public interest, will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons, and is consistent with the purposes of the Commodity Exchange Act.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 8, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418–5521, or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be made to the proposed amendments to the speculative position limits for the CME live cattle futures and option contracts.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact John Bird of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581, telephone (202) 418–5274. Facsimile number: (202) 418–5527. Electronic mail: jbird@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The live cattle futures calls for delivery of 40,000 pounds of live steers at specified CME-approved livestock yards located in Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and Colorado or, at the delivery receiver's request, at CME-approved cattle slaughter plants located near the CME-approved livestock yards. The live cattle futures option contract is exercisable into the futures contract and option contract months expire prior to the last five trading days for the underlying futures contract month (the last trading day for expiring contract months is the last business day of the month). Non-delivery period option contract months expire on the last Friday of the month and delivery period options expire on the business day preceding the last nine business days of the underlying futures contract month. Currently, traders' combined positions in the futures and option contracts are subject to speculative position limits of 2,400 contracts in individual non-spot contract months and 600 contracts commencing at the close of business on the business day following the first Friday of the contract month. In addition, positions in the expiring futures contract month are subject to a speculative position limit of 300 contracts during the last five trading days of the expiring contract month.

The proposed amendments would increase to 3,200 contracts from 2,400 contracts the speculative position limit applicable to combined futures and option positions in individual non-spot months. The proposed amendments also would increase to 900 contracts from 600 contracts the speculative position limit applicable to combined futures and option positions held in the expiring contract month from the close of business on the business day following the first Friday of the contract