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Proposed Rule Change by ICE Clear Europe Limited.  
 Pursuant to Rule 19b-4 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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**Description**  
 Provide a brief description of the proposed rule change (limit 250 characters, required when Initial is checked \*).  
 The principal purpose of the change is to adopt an enhanced margin methodology that addresses the risk of both index and single-name credit default swaps ("CDS") cleared by ICE Clear Europe and permits appropriate margin offsets between related index and single-name CDS positions.

**Contact Information**  
 Provide the name, telephone number and e-mail address of the person on the staff of the self-regulatory organization prepared to respond to questions and comments on the proposed rule change.

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**Signature**  
 Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
 has duly caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized officer.

Date 12/28/2012  
 By Patrick Davis Head of Legal and Company Secretary  
 (Name \*) (Title \*)

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**Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change (required)**

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**Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire**

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Copies of any form, report, or questionnaire that the self-regulatory organization proposes to use to help implement or operate the proposed rule change, or that is referred to by the proposed rule change.

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The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed changes to rule text in place of providing it in Item I and which may otherwise be more easily readable if provided separately from Form 19b-4. Exhibit 5 shall be considered part of the proposed rule change.

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## **Form 19b-4 Information**

### 1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

(a) The principal purpose of the change is to adopt an enhanced margin methodology (the “Decomp Model”) that addresses the risk of both index and single-name credit default swaps (“CDS”) cleared by ICE Clear Europe and permits appropriate margin offsets between related index and single-name CDS positions.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

### 2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

(a) ICE Clear Europe’s Board approved the use of the Decomp Model on December 3, 2012.

(b) Please refer questions and comments regarding the new service offering to Patrick Davis, Head of Legal and Company Secretary, ICE Clear Europe Limited, 5th Floor, Milton Gate, 60 Chiswell Street, London, EC1Y 4SA, United Kingdom, +44 20 7065 7600.

### 3. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

#### (a) Purpose

The purpose of the Decomp Model is to provide an enhanced margin methodology for index and single-name CDS that also permits portfolio margining between such positions.

#### (b) Statutory Basis

ICE Clear Europe has identified portfolio margining as a service that has become increasingly important for market participants to manage risk with respect to the CDS market and that is key to the expansion of clearing for CDS products. It will become particularly important as mandatory clearing for certain CDS products begins to be implemented. The

proposed Decomp Model would permit appropriate portfolio margining between related index and single-name CDS positions. Moreover, ICE Clear Europe believes that the Decomp Model will enhance its own risk management, as discussed below, and thereby facilitate the prompt and accurate settlement and risk management of swaps and contribute to the safeguarding of securities and funds associated with CDS transactions.

A fundamental aspect of the Decomp Model is the recognition that index CDS instruments cleared by ICE Clear Europe are essentially a composition of specific single-name CDS. The Decomp Model includes the following enhancements to the ICE Clear Europe margin methodology for index CDS instruments (which are already in place for single-name CDS): replacing standard deviation with mean absolute deviation (MAD) as a measure of credit spread variability, use of an auto regressive process to obtain multi-horizon risk measures, an increased number of spread response scenarios, and introduction of liquidity requirements. These enhancements and the enhancements referenced below have been reviewed and/or recommended by the ICE Clear Europe risk management personnel, risk and model review working groups and committees, the ICE Clear Europe Risk Committee and an independent third-party risk expert (Finance Concepts). Implementation of these enhancements to the ICE Clear Europe risk methodology will result specifically in a better measurement of the risk associated with clearing index CDS.

As a result of the decomposition of the index CDS, ICE Clear Europe will also be able to (1) incorporate jump-to-default risk as a component of the risk margin associated with index CDS (which is already in place for single-name CDS) and (2) provide appropriate portfolio margin treatment between index CDS and offsetting single-name CDS positions. Jump-to-default risk is currently a component of the margin calculation for single-name but not index

CDS. The Decomp Model will extend the jump-to-default risk component to index CDS as well. Incorporating jump-to-default risk as a component of the Decomp Model will result in a better measurement of the risk associated with clearing index CDS (as is already the case for single-name CDS). Recognizing the highly correlated relationship between long-short positions in index CDS and the underlying single-name CDS constituents of an index CDS will provide for fundamental and appropriate portfolio margin treatment.

Upon approval of the Decomp Model, ICE Clear Europe would initially make appropriate portfolio margining available with respect to its Clearing Members' proprietary positions. ICE Clear Europe does not currently clear CDS positions of customers of its Clearing Members, but it plans to introduce customer clearing for CDS upon receipt of applicable regulatory approvals.<sup>1</sup> The Commission has granted an exemptive order permitting ICE Clear Europe to commingle customer positions in index CDS and single-name CDS carried through FCM/BD Clearing Members in a single account;<sup>2</sup> in addition, ICE Clear Europe has petitioned the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to permit such commingling.<sup>3</sup> Following the commencement of customer clearing for CDS, and receipt of all necessary regulatory approvals, ICE Clear Europe would make appropriate portfolio margining available to commingled customer positions in index and single-name CDS using the Decomp Model. Accordingly, the Decomp Model is an important component of ICE Clear Europe's planned customer clearing offering.

ICE Clear Europe does not believe that the expected phased implementation of the portfolio margining element of the proposed Decomp Model (commencing with proprietary

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<sup>1</sup> ICE Clear Europe has filed separately with the Commission proposed rule changes relating to customer clearing for CDS. See SEC Release No. 34-68152 (File No. SR-ICEEU-2012-09), November 5, 2012.

<sup>2</sup> See <http://sec.gov/rules/exorders/2012/34-68433.pdf>.

<sup>3</sup> Letter, dated May 31, 2012, from ICE Clear Europe to Mr. David Stawick, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission

positions) raises an issue of unfair discrimination. Importantly, the portfolio margining aspect of the Decomp Model does not unfairly discriminate with respect to similarly situated participants because it is available to any participant for whom ICE Clear Europe is currently able to provide portfolio margin treatment. ICE Clear Europe does not currently offer customer clearing in CDS. Once it does so, and upon receipt of all necessary regulatory approvals, ICE Clear Europe will offer portfolio margining with respect to customer positions. The proposed rule amendments are thus not designed to permit unfair discrimination among participants in the use of ICE Clear Europe's clearing services.

In addition, as part of the implementation of the proposed Decomp Model, ICE Clear Europe proposes to (1) reduce the current level of risk mutualization among ICE Clear Europe's CDS Clearing Members through the default resources held in the mutualized CDS Guaranty Fund and significantly increase the level of resources held as initial margin for CDS Contracts (the "Guaranty Fund/IM Modification"), (2) modify the initial margin risk model approach in a manner that will make it easier for market participants to measure their risks, by removing the conditional recovery rate stress scenarios and adding a new recovery rate sensitivity component (the "IM Recovery Rate Modification"), (3) modify the concentration charge calculation by introducing the net notional amount ("NNA") per single-name/index calculation and applying the more conservative concentration charge based on 5Y ENA or NNA (the "IM Concentration Charge Modification"), (4) add a new basis risk component from single-name CDS positions that are offset by index-derived single-name CDS positions (the "IM Basis Risk Modification") and (5) combine a single guaranty fund calculation for index CDS and single-name CDS positions (the "Guaranty Fund Modification").

Currently, ICE Clear Europe maintains a high percentage of its default resources for CDS Contracts in the CDS Guaranty Fund, as compared to initial margin for CDS Contracts. This reflects the fact that the current CDS Guaranty Fund model is designed to cover the uncollateralized losses that would result from the three single names that would cause the greatest losses when entering a state of default. The Guaranty Fund/IM Modification incorporates into the initial margin risk model<sup>4</sup> the single name that causes the greatest loss when entering a state of default (i.e., the single name that results in the greatest amount of loss when stress-tested to undergo a credit event). This change effectively collateralizes the loss that would occur from this single name upon default. Consequently, the amount of uncollateralized loss that would result from the three single names causing the greatest losses when entering a state of default is reduced, thereby reducing the amount of required contributions to the CDS Guaranty Fund.

It is important to note that the decrease in the CDS Guaranty Fund and the increase in initial margin requirements are not equivalent in terms of magnitudes. Instead, based on current portfolios, it is expected that for every \$1 decrease in the CDS Guaranty Fund requirement there will be a corresponding increase of approximately \$5 in initial margin requirements.

The IM Recovery Rate Modification modifies the initial margin risk model by removing the conditional recovery rate stress scenarios and adding a new recovery rate sensitivity component that is computed by considering changes in the recovery rate assumptions and their impact on the net asset value of the credit default swap portfolio. This modification will make it easier for market participants to replicate their initial margin requirements.

The IM Concentration Charge Modification defines concentration charge thresholds in terms of NNA as well as 5Y ENA and takes the more conservative concentration requirement

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<sup>4</sup> The modification applies to the Jump-To-Default requirements component of IM.

based on either notional amount. The current concentration charge approach only takes into account 5Y ENA. This modification captures the risk of large directional CDS positions that may not be captured by the calculation based on 5Y ENA. For example, a set of large NNA positions, whose maturity date is close to the current date, may not be subject to concentration charges based on 5Y ENA if the estimated 5Y ENA is below the established threshold. The alternative NNA-based concentration charge computations may yield significant additional initial margin requirements as the NNA exceeds the established threshold.

As index-derived single-name positions and outright single-name positions are offset, an additional basis risk requirement is introduced to account for the fact that the index instruments are more actively traded than single-name instruments and thus are the preferred instruments to express changing views about the credit market as a whole, or even about specific single-name components of the indices. The IM Basis Risk Modification captures the risk associated with differences between outright single-name CDS positions and index-derived single-name CDS positions. In other words, a “perfectly hedged” portfolio consisting of an index CDS position and opposite index replicating single-name CDS positions will still attract an initial margin requirement due to the basis risk that exists.

Currently, ICE Clear Europe estimates separate guaranty fund sizes for index CDS positions and single-name positions. The Guaranty Fund Modification takes into account the portfolio benefits between index and single-name positions, and incorporates the worst 2-member uncollateralized losses coming from the jump-to-default, spread response, basis and interest rate stress scenario considerations. As noted above, the Decomp Model also extends the jump-to-default calculation to index CDS as well as single-name CDS.

ICE Clear Europe believes that the proposed Decomp Model is consistent with the requirements of Section 17A of the Act and regulations thereunder applicable to it. In particular, the Decomp Model will promote the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of CDS transactions by enhancing the clearinghouse's margin methodology. It will also promote the efficient use of margin for the clearinghouse and its clearing members and their customers, by enabling the clearinghouse to provide appropriate portfolio margining treatment between single-name and index CDS positions. The Decomp Model will also facilitate the launch of customer clearing for CDS transactions, in furtherance of the goals of Section 17A (as modified by the Dodd-Frank Act) to expand the use of clearing for swaps and security-based swaps.

4. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

ICE Clear Europe does not believe the proposed Decomp Model would have any impact, or impose any burden, on competition.

5. Self-Regulatory Organization's statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, participants, or Others

Written comments relating to the proposed changes to the rules and CDS procedures have not been solicited or received. ICE Clear Europe will notify the Commission of any written comments received by ICE Clear Europe. ICE Clear Europe has consulted extensively with CDS Clearing Members and others in developing the Decomp Model.

6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

ICE Clear Europe does not consent to the extension of the time period listed in Section 19(b)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for Commission action.

7. Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) or Section 19(b)(7)(D)

- (a) Not applicable.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

(d)

8. Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization or the Commission

The Decomp Model is substantially similar to the ICE Clear Credit LLC enhanced margin methodology approved by the Commission in December 2011 and May 2012.<sup>5</sup>

9. Exhibits

Exhibit 1. Notice of new Decomp Model for publication in the Federal Register

Exhibit 2. Not applicable

Exhibit 3. Not applicable

Exhibit 4. Not applicable

Exhibit 5. Not applicable

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<sup>5</sup> See Order Approving Proposed Rule Change to Adopt ICC's Enhanced Margin Methodology, Release No. 34-66001 (Dec. 16, 2011); Order Approving Proposed Rule Change to Reduce the Current Level of Risk Mutualization Among Clearing Participants and to Modify the Initial Margin Risk Model so That it is Easier for Clearing Participants to Measure their Recovery Rate Risk Exposure, Release No. 34-66916 (May 3, 2012).

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**SELF-REGULATORY ORGANIZATIONS**

Self-Regulatory Organizations; ICE Clear Europe Limited; Notice of Enhanced Margin Methodology

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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 \_\_\_\_, 2012, ICE Clear Europe Limited (“ICE Clear Europe”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed changes to its margin methodology described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared primarily by ICE Clear Europe. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed changes to the margin methodology from interested persons.

I. Self-regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

ICE Clear Europe proposes to implement an enhanced margin methodology (the “Decomp Model”) that addresses the risk of both index and single-name credit default swaps (“CDS”) cleared by ICE Clear Europe and permits appropriate portfolio margining between related index and single-name CDS positions.

A fundamental aspect of the Decomp Model is the recognition that index CDS instruments cleared by ICE Clear Europe are essentially a composition of specific single-name CDS. The Decomp Model includes the following enhancements to the ICE Clear

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<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).  
<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

Europe margin methodology for index CDS instruments (which are already in place for single-name CDS): replacing standard deviation with mean absolute deviation (MAD) as a measure of credit spread variability, use of an auto regressive process to obtain multi-horizon risk measures, an increased number of spread response scenarios, introduction of liquidity requirements and introduction of enhanced concentration charge computations to reflect net notional amounts in addition to the currently used 5-Year (“5Y”) equivalent notional amount. These enhancements and the enhancements referenced below have been reviewed and/or recommended by the ICE Clear Europe risk management personnel, risk and model review working groups and committees, the ICE Clear Europe Risk Committee and an independent third-party risk expert (Finance Concepts). Implementation of these enhancements to the ICE Clear Europe risk methodology will result specifically in a better measurement of the risk associated with clearing index CDS.

As a result of the decomposition of the index CDS, ICE Clear Europe will also be able to (1) incorporate jump-to-default risk as a component of the risk margin associated with index CDS (which is already in place for single-name CDS) and (2) provide appropriate portfolio margin treatment between index CDS and offsetting single-name CDS positions. Incorporating jump-to-default risk as a component of the Decomp Model will result in a better measurement of the risk associated with clearing index CDS (as is already the case for single-name CDS). Recognizing the highly correlated relationship between long-short positions in index CDS and the underlying single-name CDS constituents of an index CDS will provide for fundamental and appropriate portfolio margin treatment.

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ICE Clear Europe does not believe that the expected phased implementation of the portfolio margining element of the proposed Decomp Model (commencing with proprietary positions) raises an issue of unfair discrimination. Importantly, the portfolio margining aspect of the Decomp Model does not unfairly discriminate with respect to similarly situated participants because it is available to any participant for whom ICE Clear Europe is currently able to provide portfolio margin treatment. ICE Clear Europe does not currently offer customer clearing in CDS. Once it does so, and upon receipt of all necessary regulatory approvals, ICE Clear Europe will offer portfolio margining with respect to customer positions. The proposed rule amendments are thus not designed to permit unfair discrimination among participants in the use of ICE Clear Europe's clearing services.

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Currently, ICE Clear Europe maintains a high percentage of its default resources for CDS Contracts in the CDS Guaranty Fund, as compared to initial margin for CDS Contracts. This reflects the fact that the current CDS Guaranty Fund model is designed to cover the uncollateralized losses that would result from the three single names that would cause the greatest losses when entering a state of default. The Guaranty Fund/IM Modification incorporates into the initial margin risk model the single name that causes the greatest loss when entering a state of default (i.e., the single name that results in the greatest amount of loss when stress-tested to undergo a credit event). This change effectively collateralizes the loss that would occur from this single name upon default.

Consequently, the amount of uncollateralized loss that would result from the three single names causing the greatest losses when entering a state of default is reduced, thereby reducing the amount of required contributions to the CDS Guaranty Fund.

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## II. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, ICE Clear Europe included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for proposing the Decomp Model. 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.<sup>3</sup>

### (A) Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

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<sup>3</sup> The Commission has modified the text of the summaries prepared by ICE Clear Europe.

ICE Clear Europe believes that the changes will facilitate the prompt and accurate settlement and risk management of security-based swaps and contribute to the safeguarding of securities and funds associated with security-based swap transactions. As discussed above, ICE Clear Europe does not believe that the portfolio margining-related proposed changes raise an issue of unfair discrimination in the use of ICE Clear Europe's clearing services by similarly situated participants.

(B) Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

ICE Clear Europe does not believe the proposed changes to its margin methodology would have any impact, or impose any burden, on competition.

(C) Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, CDS Clearing Members or Others

ICE Clear Europe will notify the Commission of any written comments received by ICE Clear Europe. As noted above, ICE Clear Europe has consulted extensively with CDS Clearing Members and others in developing the Decomp Model.

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

Within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register or within such longer period up to 90 days (i) as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

(A) by order approve or disapprove the proposed rule change or

(B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

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 [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-ICEEU-2012-11 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-ICEEU-2012-11. 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 website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Section, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 pm. Copies of such filings will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of ICE Clear Europe and on ICE Clear Europe's website at

<https://www.theice.com/notices/Notices.shtml?regulatoryFilings>. 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-2012-11 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>4</sup>

Elizabeth M. Murphy  
Secretary

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<sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).