

October 2, 2024

SUBMITTED VIA CFTC PORTAL

Secretary of the Commission
Office of the Secretariat
US Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
1155 21st Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20581

Re: KalshiEX LLC – CFTC Regulation 40.2(a) Notification Regarding the Initial Listing of the “Will <pres candidate> or another <party> Representative win the Presidency by being the first inaugurated as President for the <year> Term of Office?” Contract

Dear Sir or Madam,

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act and Section 40.2(a) of the regulations of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, KalshiEX LLC (Kalshi), a registered DCM, hereby notifies the Commission that it is self-certifying the “Will <pres candidate> or another <party> Representative win the Presidency by being the first inaugurated as President for the <year> Term of Office?” contract (Contract). The contract will be initially listed after close-of-business on October 3, 2024; the portal-generated cover sheet has listing on October 4, 2024 because of limitations of the Commission's online submission portal. The Exchange intends to list the contract in conjunction with American presidential elections. The Contract's terms and conditions (Appendix A) includes the following strike conditions:

- <pres candidate> (the target inaugurated person)
- <party> (the target political party)
- <year> (the target start of the presidential term)

Along with this letter, Kalshi submits the following documents:

- A concise explanation and analysis of the Contract;
- Certification;
- Appendix A with the Contract's Terms and Conditions;
- Appendix B with a list of prohibited trading parties;
- Confidential Appendices with further information; and
- A request for FOIA confidential treatment.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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KalshiEX LLC

Official Product Name: “Will <pres candidate> or another <party> Representative win the Presidency by being the first inaugurated as President for the <year> Term of Office?”

Rulebook: PRES

Kalshi Contract Category: Political Decision ▾

Presidential elections

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CONCISE EXPLANATION AND ANALYSIS OF THE PRODUCT AND ITS COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT, INCLUDING CORE PRINCIPLES AND THE COMMISSION'S REGULATIONS THEREUNDER

Pursuant to Commission Rule 40.2(a)(3)(v), the following is a concise explanation and analysis of the product and its compliance with the Act, including the relevant Core Principles (discussed in Appendix D), and the Commission's regulations thereunder.

I. Introduction

The “Will <pres candidate> or another <party> Representative win the Presidency by being the first inaugurated as President for the <year> Term of Office?” Contract is a contract relating to control of the American Presidency.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Act and CFTC Regulations 40.2(a), the Exchange hereby certifies that the listing of the Contract complies with the Act and Commission regulations under the Act.

General Contract Terms and Conditions: The Contract operates similar to other event contracts that the Exchange lists for trading. The minimum price fluctuation is \$0.01 (one cent). Price bands will apply so that Contracts may only be listed at values of at least \$0.01 and at most \$0.99. Further, the Contract is sized with a one-dollar notional value and has a minimum price fluctuation of \$0.01 to enable Members to match the size of the contracts purchased to their economic risks. As outlined in Rule 5.12 of the Rulebook, trading shall be available at all times outside of any maintenance windows, which will be announced in advance by the Exchange. Members will be charged fees in accordance with Rule 3.6 of the Rulebook. Fees, if they are charged, are charged in such amounts as may be revised from time to time to be reflected on the Exchange’s Website. A new Source Agency can be added via a Part 40 amendment. All instructions on how to access the Underlying are non-binding and are provided for convenience only and are not part of the binding Terms and Conditions of the Contract. They may be clarified at any time. Furthermore, the Contract’s payout structure is characterized by the payment of an

absolute amount to the holder of one side of the option and no payment to the counterparty. During the time that trading on the Contract is open, Members are able to adjust their positions and trade freely. The Expiration Value and Market Outcome are determined at or after Market Close. The market is then settled by the Exchange, and the long position holders and short position holders are paid according to the Market Outcome. In this case, “long position holders” refers to Members who purchased the “Yes” side of the Contract and “short position holders” refers to Members who purchased the “No” side of the Contract. If the Market Outcome is “Yes,” meaning that an event occurs that is encompassed within the Payout Criterion, then the long position holders are paid an absolute amount proportional to the size of their position and the short position holders receive no payment. If the Market Outcome is “No,” then the short position holders are paid an absolute amount proportional to the size of their position and the long position holders receive no payment. Specification of the circumstances that would trigger a Market Outcome of “Yes” are included below in the section titled “Payout Criterion” in Appendix A.

**CERTIFICATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 5c OF THE COMMODITY EXCHANGE
ACT, 7 U.S.C. § 7A-2 AND COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION RULE
40.2, 17 C.F.R. § 40.2**

Based on the above analysis, the Exchange certifies that:

- The Contract complies with the Act and Commission regulations thereunder.
- This submission (other than those appendices for which confidential treatment has been requested) has been concurrently posted on the Exchange's website at <https://kalshi.com/regulatory/filings>.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact the exchange at ProductFilings@kalshi.com.



By: Xavier Sottile
Title: Head of Markets
Date: October 2, 2024

Attachments:

Appendix A - Contract Terms and Conditions

Appendix B - Trading Prohibitions

Confidential appendices

APPENDIX A – CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Official Product Name: “Will <pres candidate> or another <party> Representative win the Presidency by being the first inaugurated as President for the <year> Term of Office?”
Rulebook: PRES

PRES

Scope: These rules shall apply to this contract.

Underlying: The Underlying for this Contract is the identity, and partisan affiliation, of the person inaugurated to the Presidency for the term beginning in <year>. Revisions to the Underlying made after Expiration will not be accounted for in determining the Expiration Value.

Source Agency: The Source Agency is the Office of the President of the United States.

Type: The type of Contract is an Event Contract.

Issuance: The Contract will be issued for Presidential elections, which occur every four years (though multiple iterations of the Contract, e.g. for 2024 and 2028, maybe listed at once).

<party>: means the specified political party. <party> representative refers to a person who is a member of, or affiliated with, <party>.

<pres candidate>: means the specified candidate or potential candidate. Kalshi may list iterations of the Contract with <pres candidate> values that refer to candidates and potential candidates for the Presidency. Kalshi will source potential candidates from major sources of news on national politics, for example, *The New York Times*.

<year>: Kalshi may list iterations of the Contract with <year> values that refer to the start of a presidential term, e.g. 2025.

Payout Criterion: The Payout Criterion for the Contract encompasses the Expiration values that either <pres candidate> or another <party> representative is the first person inaugurated as the President of the United States for the 4-year term beginning on January 20, <year> (the “Term”), except as provided herein. To the extent that the first person inaugurated as the President serves only in an acting (i.e., temporary) capacity during the Term, then that inauguration is not encompassed within the Payout Criterion. For the avoidance of doubt, if neither <pres candidate> nor another <party> representative is inaugurated as the President for any reason (including, but not limited to, as a result of Presidential succession), the contract will settle to “No.”

Minimum Tick: The Minimum Tick size for the referred Contract shall be \$0.01.

Position Limit: The Position Limit for the \$1 referred Contract shall be as follows:

- The Position Limit for Individuals and Entities shall be \$7,000,000 per strike, per Member
- The Position Limit for Eligible Contract Participants (“ECP”) shall be \$100,000,000 per strike, per Member

Last Trading Date: The Last Trading Date of the Contract will be the same as the Expiration Date. The Last Trading Time will be the same as the Expiration Time.

Settlement Date: The Settlement Date of the Contract shall be no later than the day after the Expiration Date, unless the Market Outcome is under review pursuant to Rule 7.1.

Expiration Date: The Expiration Date of the Contract shall be the sooner of the date of the first 10:00 AM ET following the occurrence of an event encompassed by the Payout Criterion for any candidate or one year after the November popular vote for the presidential term beginning in <year>.

Expiration time: The Expiration time of the Contract shall be 10:00 AM ET.

Settlement Value: The Settlement Value for this Contract is \$1.00.

Expiration Value: The Expiration Value is the value of the Underlying as documented by the Source Agency on the Expiration Date at the Expiration time.

Contingencies: Before Settlement, Kalshi may, at its sole discretion, initiate the Market Outcome Review Process pursuant to Rule 6.3(c) of the Rulebook.

APPENDIX B – TRADING PROHIBITIONS

In addition to the general prohibition against trading on material nonpublic information, the Exchange will be instituting additional prohibitions for trading the PRES contract. The following individuals will be prohibited from trading:

- Holders of federal and statewide public office.
- Paid campaign staffers on Presidential campaigns.
- Anyone working in a vote-tallying capacity, or who has the potential ability to observe official vote counts before they are public.
- Third-party vendors and contractors (and employees thereof) of Presidential campaigns.
- Paid employees of Democratic and Republican Party organizations, such as the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee or the Republican National Committee.
- Paid employees of Political Action Committees (PACs) and “Super PACs” (independent expenditure only political committees).
- Paid employees of major polling organizations. This prohibition does not apply to all employees of an organization that contains a polling division (e.g. the prohibition does not apply to all employees of Quinnipiac University despite the presence of Quinnipiac University’s polling division). The Exchange shall determine which polling organizations constitute “major” and may modify that determination at any time, and will post publicly a list of those organizations on its website.
- Employees of Decision Desks at major media organizations (including, but not necessarily exclusive to, Fox News, ABC News, AP, CNN, CBS News, Decision Desk HQ and NBC News). The Exchange shall determine which media organizations constitute “major” and may modify that determination at any time, and will post publicly a list of those organizations on its website.
- All Electors who may cast ballots in connection with the determination of the President and/or Vice-President of the United States
- All staff of the U.S. House of Representatives and its members.
- All staff of the U.S. Senate and its members.
- All staff of the Office of the President of the United States
- All staff of the Office of the Vice President of the United States
- All staff of the U.S. Supreme Court and its Justices
- Any foreign national. This is defined as an individual who is: (1) not a citizen of the United States and (2) not lawfully admitted for permanent residence (as defined in 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(20)); or a foreign principal, as defined in 22 U.S.C. § 611(b). Section 611(b) defines a foreign principal to include a foreign government or political party; or a partnership, association, corporation, organization, or other combination of persons organized under the laws of a foreign country or whose principal place of business is in a foreign country.