June 28, 2024

### **VIA CFTC Electronic Portal**

Mr. Christopher J. Kirkpatrick Secretary of the Commission Office of the Secretariat Commodity Futures Trading Commission Three Lafayette Centre 1155 21st Street, NW Washington, DC 20581

Re: CFTC Regulation 40.6(a) Certification: Modifications to Crypto Futures Block Partner Program

Supplemental to Coinbase Derivatives, LLC Submission #2024-31

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Pursuant to Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") Regulation 40.6(a), Coinbase Derivatives, LLC (the "Exchange") hereby submits supplemental modifications to its Crypto Futures Block Partner Program (the" Program") previously filed with the Commission on June 13, 2024. The purpose of the modification is to correct a typo in the fees through 2025, which should be \$0.40 and not \$0.30 through 2025, in the "Incentives" section. The terms and conditions of the Program are set forth in Appendix A, attached hereto, with modifications as part of this supplemental filing in blue. This Program will become effective on July 1, 2024.

### Compliance with Core Principles

The Exchange has reviewed the designated contract market ("**DCM**") core principles ("**Core Principles**") set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act and the CFTC rules thereunder and has identified that the following Core Principles that may be directly implicated by the Program:

Core Principle 2 -- Compliance with Rules and Core Principle 4 -- Prevention of Market Disruption

All trading on the Exchange, including any trading and related activity by participants under the Program, is subject to the Exchange Rulebook (the "Rulebook") including Chapter 5, which prohibits fraud, non-competitive trading, market manipulation and abusive and disruptive trade practices. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein are defined in the Rulebook. Additionally, as with all trading on the Exchange, trading in the Program's products will be subject to monitoring and surveillance by the Market Regulation Department, which has the authority to investigate and enforce Exchange rules, as described in Chapter 7.

Core Principle 9 -- Execution of Transactions

The Program's products are listed for trading on the Exchange's trading system, which provides for efficient, competitive, and open execution of transactions pursuant to the Exchange rules.

Core Principle 12 -- Protection of Markets and Market Participants

Chapters 4 and 5 of the Rulebook require all market participants, including those participating in the Program, to observe high standards of integrity, market conduct, commercial honor, fair dealing, and just and equitable principles of trade and prohibits, among other things, fraud, non-competitive trading, market manipulation, and abusive and disruptive trade practices. As with all contracts traded on the Exchange, trading in the Program's products will be subject to monitoring and surveillance by the Market Regulation Department and compliance with the Program will be monitored and enforced by the Exchange.

#### Core Principle 18 – Recordkeeping

Records related to the Program will be maintained by the Exchange in compliance with its recordkeeping policies and the requirements of the Commodity Exchange Act and CFTC Rules.

#### Certification

The Exchange is not aware of any substantive opposing views to the Program. The Exchange certifies that the Program complies with the Commodity Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

The Exchange certifies that this submission has been concurrently posted on the Exchange's website at: <a href="https://www.coinbase.com/derivatives">https://www.coinbase.com/derivatives</a>.

If you have any questions or require any further information, please contact me at <a href="mailto:jane.downey@coinbase.com">jane.downey@coinbase.com</a>.

Sincerely,

/s/

Jane Downey Chief Regulatory Officer

Attachment: Appendix A

## **APPENDIX A**

## **Crypto Futures Block Partner Program**

(additions underlined; deletions stricken-through)

#### **Program Purpose:**

The purpose of the Crypto Futures Block Partner Program (the "**Program**") is to support the development of the products listed below by increasing volume and liquidity.

#### **Product Scope:**

Block trades in Bitcoin and Ether Futures (excluding nano Bitcoin and nano Ether Futures)

| Eligible Products                 | Bitcoin Futures (BTI), Ether Futures (ETI)   |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Product Type                      | Blocks on USD-settled index futures  |
| Minimum Block Threshold           | 25 contracts   |
| Reporting Window                  | 15 minutes   |
| Order Entry                       | Submission of block details via email to the CDE Derivatives Command Center  |
| Trade Structure                   | Trades are booked one-to-one   |
| Permissioning and Position Limits | FCMs will grant permission on a user-by-user basis and set specific block limits, which will be separate from CLOB limits. |
| Trading Hours                     | Blocks can be executed at any time, but will be booked during CDE operational hours from:                                  |
|                                   | 5-4pm CT Sun-Fri, with trading halt from 4pm to 5pm CT Mon-Thurs.  |

## **Eligible Participants:**

The Program is limited to "Market Makers" and "Professional Traders" as defined in the Exchange Rulebook (referred to herein as "**Eligible Participants**"). All applicants are subject to review and approval by the Exchange onboarding team.

## **Program Term:**

The Program becomes effective on <u>July 1April 25</u>, 2024 and ends on <u>December 31June 30</u>, 2024.

## **Obligations:**

[REDACTED]

## **Monitoring and Termination of Status**

The Exchange will monitor each Eligible Participant's trading activity and performance and retains the right to revoke the Eligible Participant's status if it determines that an Eligible Participant failed to meet the obligations of the Program.