

June 6, 2025

SUBMITTED VIA CFTC PORTAL

Secretary of the Commission
Office of the Secretariat
U.S. 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 weekly initial jobless claims be <above/below/between/exactly/at least> <count> in <week>?” 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 weekly initial jobless claims be <above/below/between/exactly/at least> <count> in <week>?” contract (Contract). The Contract will initially be listed on **June 7, 2025**. The Exchange intends to list the contract on a **custom** basis. The Contract’s terms and conditions (Appendix A) includes the following strike conditions:

- <date>
- <above/below/between/exactly/at least>
- <count>
- <week>

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;
- 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 weekly initial jobless claims be <above/below/between/exactly/at least> <count> in <week>?”

Rulebook: JOBLESS

Summary: Event outcome

Kalshi Contract Category: Other Event

Kalshi Internal Category: World

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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 weekly initial jobless claims be <above/below/between/exactly/at least> <count> in <week>?” Contract is a contract relating to World.

Further information about the Contract, including an analysis of its risk mitigation and price basing utility, as well as additional considerations related to the Contract, is included in Confidential Appendices B, C, and D.

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: June 6, 2025

Attachments:

Appendix A - Contract Terms and Conditions

Appendix B (Confidential) - Further Considerations

Appendix C (Confidential) - Source Agency

Appendix D (Confidential) - Compliance with Core Principles

APPENDIX A – CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**Official Product Name: “Will weekly initial jobless claims be
<above/below/between/exactly/at least> <count> in <week>?”**

Rulebook: JOBLESS

JOBLESS

Scope: These rules shall apply to this contract.

Underlying: The Underlying for this Contract is the seasonally adjusted initial claims for unemployment insurance for <week> as reported in the first official release by the U.S. Department of Labor. Revisions to the Underlying made after Expiration will not be accounted for in determining the Expiration Value.

Instructions: The Underlying can be found at: <https://www.dol.gov/ui/data.pdf>. The figure can typically be found immediately following the phrase "In the week ending [date], the advance figure for seasonally adjusted is..." These instructions on how to access the Underlying 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.

Source Agency: The Source Agency is the U.S. Department of Labor.

Type: The type of Contract is an Event Contract.

Issuance: The Contract is based on the outcome of a recurrent data release, which is issued on a weekly basis. Thus, Contract iterations will be issued on a recurring basis, and future Contract iterations will generally correspond to subsequent weeks.

<count>: <count> refers to a number of initial jobless claims specified by the Exchange. The Exchange may list iterations of the Contract with <count> levels that fall within an inclusive range between 0 and 10,000,000 at consecutive increments of 1,000. Due to the potential for variability in the Underlying, the Exchange may modify <count> levels in response to suggestions by Members.

<week>: <week> refers to the week ending on a Saturday for which initial jobless claims are being reported, specified by the Exchange. This is the week that the jobless claims data covers, not the week in which the data is released. For example, data released on Thursday, November 21, 2024 would typically cover the week ending Saturday, November 16, 2024.

<above/below/between/exactly/at least>: "Above" means the Underlying is strictly greater than <count>. "Below" means the Underlying is strictly less than <count>. "Exactly" means the Underlying equals <count>. "At least" means the Underlying is greater than or equal to <count>. "At most" means the Underlying is less than or equal to <count>. "Between" requires two values and means the Underlying is greater than or equal to the lower value AND less than or equal to the higher value.

Payout Criterion: The Payout Criterion for the Contract encompasses the Expiration Values where the seasonally adjusted initial claims for <week> are <above/below/between/exactly/at least> <count>.

- Only the seasonally adjusted figure from the first official release is used. Figures that are not seasonally adjusted are not encompassed by the Payout Criterion.
- If the Department of Labor's initial release is delayed beyond the Expiration Date, the Contract will use the last available seasonally adjusted value.
- Preliminary estimates or unofficial figures from other sources are not encompassed by the Payout Criterion.

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

Position Accountability Level: The Position Accountability Level for the Contract shall be \$25,000 per strike, per Member.

Last Trading Date: The Last Trading Date of the Contract will be the day of the scheduled data release. The Last Trading Time will be 8:29 AM ET (one minute before the typical 8:30 AM ET release time). If the Department of Labor announces a different release time in advance, the Last Trading Time will be adjusted to one minute before the announced release 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 latest Expiration Date of the Contract shall be one week after the scheduled release date for <week>. If data is released as encompassed by the Payout Criterion, expiration will be moved to an earlier date and time in accordance with Rule 7.2.

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(d) of the Rulebook. If an Expiration Value cannot be determined on the Expiration Date, Kalshi has the right to determine payouts pursuant to Rule 6.3(b) in the Rulebook.

