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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 <country_1> recognize <person> as the leader of <country_2>?” 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 <country_1> recognize <person> as the leader of <country_2>?” contract (Contract). The Contract will initially be listed after close-of-business on **June 17, 2025**; it is listed as the day after because of limitations of the Commission's online submission portal. 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>**
- **<country_1>**
- **<person>**
- **<country_2>**

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 <country_1> recognize <person> as the leader of <country_2>?”

Rulebook: RECOGPERSON

Summary: Country1's recognition of country2's leader

Kalshi Contract Category: Political Decision

Kalshi Internal Category: Politics

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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 <country_1> recognize <person> as the leader of <country_2>?” Contract is a contract relating to Politics.

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 17, 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 <country_1> recognize <person> as the leader of
<country_2>?”**

Rulebook: RECOGPERSON

RECOGPERSON

Scope: These rules shall apply to this contract.

Underlying: The Underlying for this Contract is official statements, actions, and diplomatic communications by <country_1> regarding <person> as head of state or government of <country_2> after Issuance and before <date>. Revisions to the Underlying made after Expiration will not be accounted for in determining the Expiration Value.

Instructions: Diplomatic recognition can be accessed through foreign ministry statements, official government communications, and diplomatic channels. 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 Agencies are the government of <country_1>, the foreign ministry of <country_1>, the head of state of <country_1>, the head of government of <country_1>, the government and foreign ministry of <country_2>, The New York Times, the Associated Press, Bloomberg News, Reuters, Axios, Politico, Semafor, The Information, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, ABC, CBS, CNN, Fox News, MSNBC, BBC, and NBC.

Type: The type of Contract is an Event Contract.

Issuance: After the initial Contract, Contract iterations will be listed on an as-needed basis at the discretion of the Exchange and corresponding to the risk management needs of Members.

<country_1>: <country_1> refers to the recognizing country specified by the Exchange. Recognition must come from the official government of <country_1> through authorized officials or institutions.

<country_2>: <country_2> refers to the country where <person> claims or holds leadership, as specified by the Exchange.

<person>: <person> refers to an individual specified by the Exchange who claims to be or is the head of state or head of government of <country_2>.

<date>: <date> refers to a calendar date specified by the Exchange. The Exchange may list iterations of the Contract corresponding to variations of <date>.

Payout Criterion: The Payout Criterion for the Contract encompasses the Expiration Values that <country_1> has officially recognized <person> as the legitimate head of state or head of government of <country_2> after Issuance and before <date>.

For purposes of this Contract, <country_1> recognizes <person> when the government of <country_1> takes official action acknowledging <person> specifically as the rightful or legitimate leader of <country_2>. Recognition must be explicit regarding <person> as an individual, not merely recognition of <country_2> as a state or recognition of whatever government happens to be in power.

The following scenarios will resolve the market to Yes:

- <country_1> issues an official statement recognizing <person> as the legitimate head of state or government of <country_2>
- <country_1> accepts diplomatic credentials from <person> as the representative of <country_2>
- <country_1> formally invites <person> to state functions or diplomatic meetings in their capacity as leader of <country_2>

The following scenarios will NOT resolve the market to Yes:

- <country_1> recognizes <country_2> as a state without specifically acknowledging <person> as its leader
- <country_1> engages in informal or unofficial communications with <person> without formal recognition
- <country_1> provides humanitarian aid or conducts business with <country_2> without diplomatic recognition
- <country_1> makes conditional statements about potential future recognition dependent on unmet conditions
- <country_1> recognizes a different person as the legitimate leader of <country_2>
- <country_1> maintains "studied neutrality" or refuses to recognize any claimant to leadership of <country_2>
- Private entities or non-governmental organizations from <country_1> express support for <person>
- <country_1> had already recognized <person> before Issuance (prior recognition does not count as new recognition)

Conditional Recognition: If <country_1> announces recognition of <person> conditional upon specific future events, this will resolve to Yes only when those conditions are met and full recognition is confirmed.

Withdrawal of Recognition: If <country_1> recognizes <person> after Issuance but subsequently withdraws that recognition before <date>, this will still resolve to Yes as recognition occurred within the specified timeframe.

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 prior to <date>. The Last Trading Time will be 11:59 PM ET.

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 <date>. If an event described in the Payout Criterion occurs, or if <person> permanently loses their claim to leadership of <country_2>, 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.

