

June 25, 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 a person land on Mars before California high-speed rail is in service?” 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 a person land on Mars before California high-speed rail is in service?” contract (Contract). The Contract will initially be listed after close-of-business on **June 25, 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>**

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 a person land on Mars before California high-speed rail is in service?”

Rulebook: MARSVRAIL

Summary: Person landing on Mars before rail service

Kalshi Contract Category: Science/Technology

Kalshi Internal Category: Science and Technology

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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 a person land on Mars before California high-speed rail is in service?” Contract is a contract relating to Science and Technology.

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 25, 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 a person land on Mars before California high-speed rail is in service?”

Rulebook: MARSVRAIL

MARSVRAIL

Scope: These rules shall apply to this contract.

Underlying: The Underlying for this Contract is the first occurrence after Issuance of either (1) a human landing on Mars or (2) a human riding the California High-Speed Rail system as a fare-paying or invited passenger. Revisions to the Underlying made after Expiration will not be accounted for in determining the Expiration Value.

Source Agency: The Source Agencies are NASA, ESA, SpaceX, Blue Origin, the Chinese National Space Administration, Roscosmos, the California High-Speed Rail Authority, the Federal Railroad Administration, the California Department of Transportation, The New York Times, the Associated Press, Bloomberg News, Reuters, Axios, Politico, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, ABC, CBS, CNN, Fox News, MSNBC, NBC, Space.com, Railway Age, and Progressive Railroading.

Type: The type of Contract is an Event Contract.

Issuance: This Contract will be issued once.

<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 after Issuance and before <date>, a human being has successfully landed alive on the surface of Mars before any human has ridden the California High-Speed Rail system as a passenger.

For "landing on Mars" to occur:

- At least one human must touch the surface of Mars alive
- The landing may be via any vessel or method
- The human must survive the landing (death during descent or upon impact does not count)
- Flybys, orbital missions, or impacts without survival do not count
- Landing on Martian moons (Phobos or Deimos) does not count

For "riding the California High-Speed Rail" to occur:

- A member of the public must travel as a passenger on the California High-Speed Rail system, and some part of the system must be open to the public
- The ride must be on an electrified high-speed rail system, not conventional rail
- Test rides by officials, construction workers, or invited guests DO NOT count

If neither event occurs before <date>, the market resolves to No.

Examples that would resolve the market to Yes:

- SpaceX Starship lands humans on Mars in 2029, while CA HSR begins operations in 2031
- Any human from any nation lands alive on Mars before CA HSR carries its first passenger

Examples that would NOT resolve the market to Yes:

- Humans ride CA HSR before anyone lands on Mars
- A human crashes into Mars but does not survive
- Neither event occurs before <date>

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 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 latest Expiration Date of the Contract shall be <date>. If an event described in the Payout Criterion occurs (where either a human lands on Mars or rides CA HSR, making the outcome determinable), 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.

