CME Group

iLink Auto-Deletion Process

Introduction

Idle iLink session IDs needlessly consume resources and make load balancing and resource allocation planning more difficult. CME Group is committed to managing session IDs to ensure the best performance on CME Globex for our customers. The iLink session ID auto-delete process helps ensure these resources are managed proactively and consistently across the marketplace.

Policy includes a Minimum Messaging Threshold

The current iLink Session policy includes a minimum messaging threshold and sessions that fail to meet this requirement will be subject to deletion. For the purposes of this policy, a message[2] is defined as an order, modify, cancel or mass quote. The initial threshold level will be set at 100 messages over a 3 month period.

The Deletion Process

30 days before the deletion date
Affected Class A clearing firms will receive an email notifying them of the idle iLink session ID(s) that are subject to deletion. The listed idle IDs will be deleted within 30 days unless an exemption [3] is approved.

One week before the deletion date
As an added safety measure, CME Group will change the passwords for idle iLink session IDs one week before deletion. Class A clearing firms will receive another email notification when the passwords are changed. The CME Globex Control Center (GCC) will also have a list of these iLink session IDs, to facilitate customer support. The GCC will advise customers to contact their Class A clearing firm should any impacted customers require new session IDs.

[1] Idle iLink session IDs have not had any activity (or the minimum 100 messaging threshold) in the past three months.
[2] A message is defined as an order, cancel, modify or mass quote.
[3] Exemptions from the auto-deletion process are granted only if your GAM approves the request. If approved, the session ID(s) will be exempted from the quarterly deletion process for three months.