

# **Special Executive Report**

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SUBJECT: Amendments to Five (5) European Low Sulphur Gasoil Calendar

**Spread Option Contracts** 

Effective Sunday, January 7, 2018 for trade date Monday, January 8, 2018, and pending all relevant CFTC regulatory review periods, New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX" or "Exchange") will amend the underlying futures, contract size, listing rule, and settlement type of five (5) European Low Sulphur Gasoil Calendar Spread Option contracts (the "Contracts") as noted in the table below (collectively, the "Rule Amendments) commencing with the January 2018 contract month and beyond. There is currently no open interest in the Contracts. In addition, effective immediately, the Exchange will suspend trading in the Contracts temporarily and until Sunday, January 7, 2018 for trade date Monday January 8, 2018.

Clearing Code	Globex Code	Contract Title	Rulebook Chapter
GXA	GXA	European Low Sulphur Gasoil Calendar Spread Option (One Month)	552
GXB	GXB	European Low Sulphur Gasoil Calendar Spread Option (Two Month)	552
GXC	GXC	European Low Sulphur Gasoil Calendar Spread Option (Three Month)	552
GXM GXM		European Low Sulphur Gasoil Calendar Spread Option (Six Month)	552
GXZ	GXZ	European Low Sulphur Gasoil Calendar Spread Option (Twelve Month)	552

Effective on Sunday, January 7, 2018 for trade date Monday, January 8, 2018, the Contracts will resume availability trading on the CME Globex electronic trading platform and for submission for clearing via CME ClearPort.

Attachments: Appendix A: Amendment of Option Underlying Futures

Appendix B: Amendment of Contract Size, Listing Rule and Settlement Type

Appendix C: Current NYMEX Rulebook Chapter 552 and Amended and Harmonized

NYMEX Rulebook Chapter 552

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# **Amendment of Option Underlying Futures**

Current Underlying Futures Contract/Rulebook	Underlying Futures Contract Effective January
Chapter/Commodity Code	8, 2018/Rulebook Chapter/Commodity Code
European Low Sulphur Gasoil (1000mt) Bullet	European Low Sulphur Gasoil (100mt) Bullet
Futures/561/BG	Futures/712/7F

# Appendix B

# Amendment of Contract Size, Listing Rule, and Settlement Type

Clearing Code	CME Globex Code	Contract Title	Rulebook Chapter	Current Contract Size (metric tons)	Contract Size (metric tons) Effective January 8, 2018	Current Settlement Type	Settlement Type Effective January 8, 2018	Current Listing Schedule	Listing Schedule Effective January 8, 2018
GXA	GXA	European Low Sulphur Gasoil Calendar Spread Option (One Month)	552	1,000	100	Physical	Financial	Monthly contracts listed for 34 consecutive months. List a new 1-month spread after the nearby expiry.	1-Month spreads listed for the current year and next 3 calendar years. List 1- Month spreads for a new calendar year following the termination of trading in the December spread of the current year.
GXB	GXB	European Low Sulphur Gasoil Calendar Spread Option (Two Month)	552	1,000	100	Physical	Financial	Monthly contracts listed for 2 consecutive months. List a new 2-month spread after the nearby expiry.	2-Month spreads listed for 12 consecutive months. List a new 2-Month spread after the nearby expiry.
GXC	GXC	European Low Sulphur Gasoil Calendar Spread Option (Three Month)	552	1,000	100	Physical	Financial	1 3-month calendar spread	3-Month spreads listed for 12 consecutive months. List a new 3-Month spread after the nearby expiry.
GXM	GXM	European Low Sulphur Gasoil Calendar Spread Option (Six Month)	552	1,000	100	Physical	Financial	2 6-month calendar spreads listed in the June, December cycle. List a new 6-month spread after the nearby expiry.	6-Month spreads listed for 13 consecutive months and the next 2 June and 2 December spreads. List a new 6-Month spread after the nearby expiry.
GXZ	GXZ	European Low Sulphur Gasoil Calendar Spread Option (Twelve Month)	552	1,000	100	Physical	Financial	1 12-month calendar spread	12-Month spreads listed for 13 consecutive months and the next 2 March, 2 June, 2 September and 2 December spreads. List a new 12-Month spread after the nearby expiry.

#### **Current NYMEX Rulebook Chapter 552**

# Chapter 552 European Low Sulphur Gasoil Calendar Spread Option

#### 552.01 EXPIRATION

A European Low Sulphur Gasoil Calendar Spread Option contract on the Exchange shall expire at the close of trading one business day immediately preceding the expiration of the first expiring Low Sulphur European Low Sulphur Gasoil Bullet Futures (BG) contract in the spread.

#### 552.02 TRADING UNIT

A European Low Sulphur Gasoil Calendar Spread Put Option contract traded on the Exchange represents an option to assume a short position in the first expiring European Low Sulphur Gasoil Bullet Futures (BG) contract in the spread and a long position in the second expiring European Gasoil Bullet Futures (BG) contract in the spread traded on the Exchange. A European Low Sulphur Gasoil Calendar Spread Call Option represents an option to assume a long position in the first expiring European Low Sulphur Gasoil Bullet Futures (BG) contract in the spread and a short position in the second expiring European Low Sulphur Gasoil Bullet Futures (BG) contract in the spread traded on the Exchange.

## 552.03 TRADING MONTHS

Trading in European Low Sulphur Gasoil Calendar Spread Option contracts shall be conducted in the months determined by the Exchange.

#### 552.04 HOURS OF TRADING

The hours of trading for this contract shall be determined by the Exchange.

#### 552.05 EXERCISE PRICES AND CHARACTERISTICS

Transactions shall be conducted for option contracts as set forth in Rule 300.20.

#### 552.06 PRICES

Prices shall be quoted in dollars and cents per ton and prices shall be in multiples of \$0.01 (1 cent) per ton. The minimum price increment shall be \$.01 per ton. A cabinet trade may occur at a price of \$0.001 per ton, or \$1.00 a contract, however, if it results in the liquidation of positions for both parties in the trade.

#### 552.07 ABSENCE OF PRICE FLUCTUATION LIMITATIONS

Trading in European Low Sulphur Gasoil Calendar Spread Option contracts shall not be subject to price fluctuation limitations.

#### Harmonized and Amended NYMEX Rulebook Chapter 552

## <u>Chapter 552</u> European Low Sulphur Gasoil Calendar Spread Option

## 552100. SCOPE OF CHAPTER

This chapter is limited in application to put and call options on European Low Sulphur Gasoil (100mt) Bullet Futures contract. In addition to the rules of this chapter, transactions in options on European Low Sulphur Gasoil (100mt) Bullet Futures shall be subject to the general rules of the Exchange insofar as applicable.

## 552101. OPTION CHARACTERISTICS

The number of months open for trading at a given time shall be determined by the Exchange.

#### 552101.A. Trading Schedule

The hours of trading for this contract shall be determined by the Exchange.

## 552101.B. Trading Unit

A European Low Sulphur Gasoil Calendar Spread Put Option contract traded on the Exchange represents an option to assume a short position in the first expiring European Low Sulphur Gasoil (100mt) Bullet Futures contract in the spread and a long position in the second expiring European Gasoil (100mt) Bullet Futures contract in the spread traded on the Exchange. A European Low Sulphur Gasoil Calendar Spread Call Option represents an option to assume a long position in the first expiring European Low Sulphur Gasoil (100mt) Bullet Futures contract in the spread and a short position in the second expiring European Low Sulphur Gasoil (100mt) Bullet Futures contract in the spread traded on the Exchange.

#### 552101.C. Price Increments

<u>Prices shall be quoted in dollars and cents per barrel. The minimum price fluctuation shall be 0.01 per barrel.</u>

#### 552101.D. Position Limits, Exemptions, Position Accountability and Reportable Levels

The applicable position limits and/or accountability levels, in addition to the reportable levels, are set forth in the Position Limit, Position Accountability and Reportable Level Table in the Interpretations & Special Notices Section of Chapter 5.

A Person seeking an exemption from position limits for bona fide commercial purposes shall apply to the Market Regulation Department on forms provided by the Exchange, and the Market Regulation Department may grant qualified exemptions in its sole discretion.

Refer to Rule 559 for requirements concerning the aggregation of positions and allowable exemptions from the specified position limits.

#### 552101.E. Termination of Trading

Trading shall expire at the close of trading one business day immediately preceding the expiration of the first expiring Low Sulphur European Low Sulphur Gasoil (100mt) Bullet Futures contract in the spread.

#### 552101.F. Type Option

The option is a European-style option which can be exercised only on the expiration day.

#### 552102. EXERCISE PRICES AND CHARACTERISTICS

Transactions shall be conducted for option contracts as set forth in Rule 300.20.