



Special Executive Report

DATE: December 19, 2017
SER#: 8063
SUBJECT: Initial Listing of Four (4) Baltic Freight Route Futures 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 list four (4) new freight route futures contracts based on the Baltic Exchange ("Baltic") price assessments as shown in the table below.

The proposed contracts will be listed on NYMEX for trading on CME Globex, and for submission for clearing through CME ClearPort. The contracts are cash settled against the arithmetic average of the respective Baltic front month settlement prices for each business day of the contract month. The summary contract specifications are in Appendix A.

Contract Title	Rulebook Chapter	Commodity Code
Freight Route TC9 (Baltic) Futures	945	TC9
Freight Route TC15 (Baltic) Futures	946	T5C
Freight Route TD8 (Baltic) Futures	943	TD8
Freight Route TD20 (Baltic) Futures	944	T2D

Trading and Clearing Hours

CME Globex and CME ClearPort: Sunday – Friday 6:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (5:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Central Time/CT) with an hour break each day beginning at 5:00 p.m. (4:00 p.m. CT).

Exchange Fees

Exchange Fees	Member	Non-Member	International Incentive Programs (IIP/IVIP)
CME Globex	\$2.60	\$3.25	\$2.90
EFP	\$2.60	\$3.25	
Block	\$2.60	\$3.25	
EFR/EOO	\$2.60	\$3.25	
Agency Cross	\$2.60	\$3.25	

Processing Fees	Member	Non-Member
Cash Settlement	\$0.50	\$0.50

Other Processing Fees	Fee
Facilitation Fee	\$0.60
Give-Up Surcharge	\$0.05
Position Adjustments/Position Transfers	\$0.10

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APPENDIX A
SUMMARY CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

Contract Title	Freight Route TC9 (Baltic) Futures
Commodity Code	TC9
Rulebook Chapter	945
Contract Size	1,000 metric tons
Price Quotation	U.S. dollars and cents per metric ton
Minimum Price Fluctuation	\$0.0001 per metric ton
Value per Tick	\$0.10
Settlement Method	Financial
Listed Contracts	Monthly contracts listed for the current year and the next two years. Monthly contracts for a new calendar year will be added following termination of trading in the December contract of the current year.
Floating Price	<p>The Floating Price for each contract month is equal to the arithmetic average of the rates for each business day that the TC9 Tanker Route (for 30,000 metric tons Primorsk to Le Havre) is published by the Baltic Exchange during the contract settlement period, as described in paragraph 945102.E of these rules.</p> <p>If for any reason the Baltic Exchange cannot provide any rate required for establishing the Floating Price, then the Forward Freight Agreement Brokers Association (FFABA) may be instructed by either party to form a panel to establish any rate which will be binding on both parties.</p>
First Listed Month	January 2018
Termination of Trading	Trading shall cease on the last business day of the contact month
Block Trade Minimum Threshold	5 contracts
CME Globex Matching Algorithm	FIFO

Contract Title	Freight Route TC15 (Baltic) Futures
Commodity Code	T5C
Rulebook Chapter	946
Contract Size	1,000 metric tons
Price Quotation	U.S. dollars and cents per metric ton
Minimum Price Fluctuation	\$0.0001 per metric ton
Value per Tick	\$0.10

Settlement Method	Financial
Listed Contracts	Monthly contracts listed for the current year and the next two years. Monthly contracts for a new calendar year will be added following termination of trading in the December contract of the current year.
Floating Price	<p>The Floating Price for each contract month is equal to the arithmetic average of the rates for each business day that the TC15 Tanker Route (for 80,000 metric tons Skikda to Chiba) is published by the Baltic Exchange during the contract settlement period, as described in paragraph 945102.E of these rules.</p> <p>If for any reason the Baltic Exchange cannot provide any rate required for establishing the Floating Price, then the Forward Freight Agreement Brokers Association (FFABA) may be instructed by either party to form a panel to establish any rate which will be binding on both parties.</p>
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Termination of Trading	Trading shall cease on the last business day of the contact month
Block Trade Minimum Threshold	5 contracts
CME Globex Matching Algorithm	FIFO

Contract Title	Freight Route TD8 (Baltic) Futures
Commodity Code	TD8
Rulebook Chapter	943
Contract Size	1,000 metric tons
Price Quotation	U.S. dollars and cents per metric ton
Minimum Price Fluctuation	\$0.0001 per metric ton
Value per Tick	\$0.10
Settlement Method	Financial
Listed Contracts	Monthly contracts listed for the current year and the next two years. Monthly contracts for a new calendar year will be added following termination of trading in the December contract of the current year.
Floating Price	<p>The Floating Price for each contract month is equal to the arithmetic average of the rates for each business day that the TD8 Tanker Route (for 80,000 metric tons Kuwait to Singapore) is published by the Baltic Exchange during the contract settlement period, as described in paragraph 945102.E of these rules.</p> <p>If for any reason the Baltic Exchange cannot provide any rate required for establishing the Floating Price, then the Forward Freight Agreement Brokers Association (FFABA) may be instructed by either party to form a panel to establish any rate which will be binding on both parties.</p>
First Listed Month	January 2018

Termination of Trading	Trading shall cease on the last business day of the contract month
Block Trade Minimum Threshold	5 contracts
CME Globex Matching Algorithm	FIFO

Contract Title	Freight Route TD20 (Baltic) Futures
Commodity Code	T2D
Rulebook Chapter	944
Contract Size	1,000 metric tons
Price Quotation	U.S. dollars and cents per metric ton
Minimum Price Fluctuation	\$0.0001 per metric ton
Value per Tick	\$0.10
Settlement Method	Financial
Listed Contracts	Monthly contracts listed for the current year and the next two years. Monthly contracts for a new calendar year will be added following termination of trading in the December contract of the current year.
Floating Price	<p>The Floating Price for each contract month is equal to the arithmetic average of the rates for each business day that the TD20 Tanker Route (for 130,000 metric tons Bonny, Nigeria to Rotterdam) is published by the Baltic Exchange during the contract settlement period, as described in paragraph 945102.E of these rules.</p> <p>If for any reason the Baltic Exchange cannot provide any rate required for establishing the Floating Price, then the Forward Freight Agreement Brokers Association (FFABA) may be instructed by either party to form a panel to establish any rate which will be binding on both parties.</p>
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