

# CME Group Member Newsletter

July 2009

Thanks to your efforts, our NYMEX and COMEX floors were combined in May. We still have more integration news for our members, lessess and customers. Please continue to look for a monthly update from the Trading Operations team – distributed in this newsletter and also available on [www.cmegroup.com/integration](http://www.cmegroup.com/integration).

Thank you for your efforts and patience throughout the integration process.

## Upcoming FEC Training Classes for NYMEX/COMEX Trading Floor Community

The following training schedule has been created in preparation for the upcoming implementation of the new floor view of FEC (Front End Clearing) that will replace TMS. All traders and clerks currently using TMS for trade entry, trade allocation or trade checking must attend one of the following training sessions. Practice sessions also will be offered during the final week of each training session.

|              | FEC IMPLEMENTATION DATE | TRAINING DATES                   | CLASS TIMES (ET)          | PRACTICE SESSION DATES | PRACTICE SESSION TIMES    | LOCATION                                    |
|--------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| <b>COMEX</b> | August 17, 2009         | July 20 though August 14         | 11:00-12:30 & 2:00-3:30   | August 10-14           | 11:00-12:30 & 2:00-3:30   | NYMEX Training Room – 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor |
| <b>NYMEX</b> | September 14, 2009      | August 17** through September 11 | 11:00-12:30 & 3:00 – 4:30 | September 7-11         | 11:00-12:30 & 3:00 – 4:30 |   |

\*\* The 11:00 classes will not be offered during the week of August 17-21 because of the COMEX FEC deployment. Also, due to system maintenance, there are no Wednesday afternoon classes.

You may enroll for training classes in one of two ways. If you have received this newsletter electronically, simply click **COMEX FEC Users** for class registration by July 15, or click **NYMEX FEC Users** for class registration by August 12. If you are reading the paper version of this newsletter, simply go to a public PC located within kiosks at the four corners of the trading floor, and follow these instructions: (Instructions will also be listed trading floor poster boards and on instruction cards located above the public PCs.)

- Type in this URL: <http://www.cmegroup.com/integration/>
- Under FEC Training Registration, simply click on either COMEX FEC Training Registration or NYMEX FEC Training Registration.
- Complete the Registration Form and click Submit.

Please contact Client Management Training Services at 312.930.4523 or at [\\*cmts@cmegroup.com](mailto:*cmts@cmegroup.com) with any questions concerning the upcoming FEC training classes for COMEX/NYMEX members and clerks.

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## TMS Migration & FEC Trade Entry Requirement

All brokers will be required to enter and allocate their trades in the new Front End Clearing (FEC) Trade Entry Screen. Starting on August 17 for COMEX and September 14 for NYMEX, TMS Terminals will no longer be supplied by the exchange.

### All trades can be entered into FEC via several ways.

- Utilize the walk-up terminals located throughout the floor
- Access FEC on a personal computer in your booth via the guest Internet connection or connection to back office
- Access on your tablet via the wireless network or in the ring via a data jack
- Option traders using Whentech will have direct entry to FEC for trade entry only

Members with TMS terminals currently in their booth, will have their terminals removed for the migration, however members can opt to retain these PC as a gift and use them for FEC going forward. This will require Guest Internet connection or back office connection.

**CME Group staff will be contacting every booth owner to help in assessing each booth owners needs in preparation for the FEC migrations in August and September.** If you are a booth owner, you will receive a survey for each booth you currently own. The form will be left in your booth, please fill out this form and return to the trade processing area.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact Rob Stasi 212.299.2067, Joe Vanderberg 212.299.2058, or Marcia Beckford 212.299.2072.

## Clearing Migration Mock Sessions for FEC Migration

CME Clearing plans to conduct mock sessions for FEC migration during July and August months. Testing will include executing and matching CME Globex, CME ClearPort and floor trades. On each test cycle, the test data will be validated in clearing and will be provided to clearing member firms on Monday, following the test. The mock sessions are scheduled for the following dates: July 25, August 1, 8, 22 and 29.

For questions about the mock sessions, call CME Clearing at 312.207.2525 or via e-mail to [ccs@cmegroup.com](mailto:ccs@cmegroup.com).

## Daily Bulletin Changes

Beginning with the August 17, 2009 trade date, the existing NYMEX/COMEX Fact Sheet and Open Interest Report will be replaced by the CME Group Daily Bulletin for COMEX products (including CME ClearPort information). Stapled packets of the Daily Bulletin will be distributed to the New York trading floor at approximately 9:00 a.m. (ET) for preliminary on blue paper and 11:00 a.m. (ET) for final on white paper, Monday through Friday for pick up at the distribution stand located at the south side of the trading floor, next to the Wireless Valet Center.

Beginning with the September 14, 2009 trade date, the Daily Bulletin will also include NYMEX and DME products. **It is important to note that the Daily Bulletin will contain only those products that have volume and open interest, as this is a key difference from the current Fact Sheet.**

The Daily Bulletin also will be available at <http://www.cmegroup.com/tools-information/build-a-report.html?report=dailybulletin> twice per day. A preliminary version will be available at approximately 1:00 a.m. (ET), and the final version at approximately 10:00 a.m. (ET).

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The existing Fact Sheet and Open Interest Report will continue to be produced for all NYMEX products until September 14, 2009, at which time they will be completely eliminated.

In the next two weeks, poster boards will be placed on the trading floor announcing the upcoming change, along with samples of the new report and a **Description Sheet** detailing the Daily Bulletin.

Questions concerning this important change should be directed to Client Management Statistics Support at 312.930.8280.

### **Wireless Headsets for COMEX Members**

Wireless Ascom headsets are available for lease for COMEX members as of June 1, 2009. Please see the Telecom helpdesk to register.

### **Booth Space Billing**

As announced in December 2008, booth space fees for leased booths were effective in June, with the first bill representing these fees sent out this month.

| Booth Location | Monthly Fee |
|----------------|-------------|
| Tiers, Z & Y   | \$100.00    |
| Arb            | \$125.00    |
| A-F            | \$125.00    |

For questions about the fees or to relinquish a booth, call Adrianna Salzer at 212.299.2277 or Anna Singh at 212.299.2272. You will continue to be charged for the booth until a relinquish request is processed.

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