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Chapter 9 Clearing Members

GENERAL

900. CATEGORIES OF CLEARING MEMBERS

The Exchange may establish different clearing member categories and alter the rights and responsibilities of such categories.

The term "clearing member" as used in the Rules, shall include all clearing member categories established by the Exchange, including Clearing FCMs, Clearing Closely Held Corporate Members¹, Clearing Corporate Members² and Sole Proprietor Clearing Members, unless otherwise specified.

CBOT Clearing Members shall have all applicable rights, responsibilities and privileges attendant thereto, subject to the provisions of these rules and shall be qualified to clear transactions for all CBOT products and all Expanded-Access Products listed for trading by CME after July 12, 2007.

901. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND OBLIGATIONS

Membership in the Clearing House is a privilege and license granted by the Board and may be withdrawn by the Board for cause at any time. Clearing House staff may grant exemptions to the General Requirements and Obligations set forth below for Clearing Members if it is determined that such an exemption will not jeopardize the financial integrity of the Clearing House. Subject to such exemptions, each applicant for qualification as a clearing member must satisfy the following requirements:

- A. It shall be a corporation (defined by the Rules of the Exchange to include a limited liability company), partnership or other entity approved by Exchange staff. It shall agree to: 1) abide by all Exchange Rules and to cooperate in their enforcement; 2) be responsible, even after it has withdrawn as a clearing member, for any violations of Exchange Rules committed by it while it was a clearing member; and 3) continue to meet all requirements applicable to clearing members, including all financial requirements provided by these rules;
- B. It shall have an authorized representative (i.e., officer, principal, or partner) who shall represent the clearing member before the Exchange and its committees. Such authorized representative shall be responsible to the Exchange for any representations made to the Exchange as if such person were a member as defined by Rule 400.
- C. It shall be qualified to do business in the State of Illinois or the State of New York or have a valid agency agreement with an entity qualified to do business in the State of Illinois or the State of New York;
- D. It shall be engaged in or demonstrate immediate capacity to engage in the conduct of the business of a clearing member;
- E. It shall demonstrate such fiscal and moral integrity as would justify the Clearing House's assumption of the risks inherent in clearing its trades;
- F. It shall demonstrate financial capitalization commensurate with Exchange requirements as set by the Clearing House Risk Committee;
- G. If any person directly or indirectly controls, owns 10% or more of, or has the right to 10% or more of the profits of two or more clearing members, then each such clearing member shall guarantee the obligations of the others to the Clearing House and shall execute a written guarantee to the Clearing House on a form approved by the Clearing House.
- H. It shall notify the Exchange prior to any significant business transaction or significant change in operations which shall include, but is not limited to the following:
 1. The merger, combination or consolidation between the clearing member and another person or entity;
 2. The assumption or guarantee by the clearing member of all or substantially all of the liabilities of another in connection with a direct or indirect acquisition of all or substantially all of that person's or entity's assets;
 3. The sale by the clearing member of a significant part of its business and/or assets to another person or entity;

¹ Clearing Closely Held Corporate Members must be wholly owned by members or by members and employees of the firm.

² Clearing Corporate Members that are not wholly owned by members or by members and employees of the firm must have a business purpose deemed appropriate by the CBOT, including cash grain firms, financial institutions, market makers designated by the CBOT, proprietary trading firms that are not fund management companies, pools, or hedge funds, or other forms of business approved by the CBOT.

4. A change in the direct or indirect beneficial ownership of 20% or more of the clearing member;
5. Any change in the system provider used by the clearing member to process its trades; and
6. A significant increase in the number of members that a clearing member qualifies.

Additionally, a clearing member that qualifies members must provide fifteen days notice to the Exchange of any proposal to terminate such business or any material part of such business.

The Clearing House Risk Committee or Exchange staff, upon such notice, may disapprove or approve, subject to certain conditions, such changes in structure or operations if it determines that the proposed change could jeopardize the financial or operational integrity of the Exchange or the Clearing House.

- I. It shall agree to guarantee and assume complete responsibility for the financial obligations attendant to: 1) all trades and orders executed or accepted for execution by a member it qualifies, including trades and orders executed, or which such member fails to execute, negligently, fraudulently or in violation of Exchange rules; 2) an unpaid arbitration award issued by a panel of the Arbitration Committee against a member it qualifies in circumstances where the dispute is related to a matter described in number 1) above; 3) an unpaid restitution order issued against a member it qualifies by a panel of the Business Conduct Committee, the Clearing House Risk Committee or a hearing panel of the Board of Directors; and 4) unpaid Exchange disciplinary fines imposed upon a member it qualifies if the member is also an employee of the clearing member or its affiliate, subject to a determination by the sanctioning entity.

J.-K. [Reserved]

- L. It shall submit to the Clearing House a written guarantee, on a form provided by the Clearing House, from each person or entity owning 5% or more of the equity securities of the clearing member, that shall guarantee all obligations of the clearing member to the Clearing House arising out of accounts cleared by the clearing member that are:

1. non-customer accounts, including proprietary accounts as defined by CFTC Regulation 1.3(y); and
2. accounts carried by another futures commission merchant if such accounts would be considered non-customer accounts, including proprietary accounts as defined by CFTC Regulation 1.3(y), of the clearing member, if carried directly by the clearing member.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the guarantee required by this Rule 901.L. shall not apply to any obligations of the clearing member to pay an assessment to the Clearing House pursuant to Rule 802.B.

Each clearing member must submit and maintain with the Audit Department a current list of every person or entity which is directly, or indirectly through intermediaries, the beneficial owner of 5% or more of any class of equity security of the clearing member. If such person or entity owns the clearing member indirectly through intermediaries, all intermediaries must be listed including, if a corporation, all shareholders who own 5% or more of any class of equity security, or, if a partnership, all general and any limited or special partners who have contributed 5% or more of the partnership's capital. If the intermediary's shareholders or partners are not individuals, the clearing member must include the chain of ownership of 5% shareholders, general partners and 5% limited or special partners until individuals are listed.

If a corporation directly or indirectly owns 5% or more of the equity securities of the clearing member, the written guarantee shall be signed by an appropriate officer of the corporation, and a resolution granting such officer authority to sign the guarantee shall also be submitted to the Clearing House. Clearing House staff may also require each person or entity owning 5% or more of the equity securities of such parent corporation, or of parents of such parent corporation, to execute guarantees.

For purposes of this Rule 901.L., the term "equity security" shall include any stock, partnership interest or similar security; or any security convertible, with or without consideration, into such a security, or carrying any warrant or right to subscribe to or purchase such a security; or any such warrant or right; or any other security that Clearing House staff shall deem to be of similar nature and consider necessary or appropriate to treat as an equity security.

- M. It shall guarantee and assume financial responsibility for all trading activity routed through a Globex portal, or routed through any other electronic trading system to CME for clearing of such transactions. Such activity is guaranteed to CME by the clearing member via any connection, terminal, link, telecommunications hub or handheld unit provided by the clearing member to a third party as well as any other applicable electronic trading systems and terminals that the clearing member provides to a third party to enter orders.

N. It shall be responsible for the acts of Globex terminal operators accessing the Globex system through its connections, including direct connections or other connections that it provides to firms that are under common ownership with it. It shall be the duty of the clearing member to supervise its employees and agents acting as Globex terminal operators to ensure such employees and agents comply with Exchange rules, and any violation of Exchange rules by such terminal operators shall be considered a violation by the clearing member.¹

902. CLEARING MEMBERSHIP ASSIGNMENT REQUIREMENTS

902.A. Assignment Requirement

Subject to exemptions granted by Exchange staff, a CBOT Clearing FCM shall have at least two Series B-1 (Full) memberships assigned to the Clearing House, and all other CBOT clearing members shall have at least one Series B-1 (Full) membership assigned to the Clearing House.

Subject to exemptions granted by Exchange staff, each CBOT clearing member shall assign at least the number of CME Group Class A Shares set forth in the table below:

Number of CME Group Class A Shares Needed for Clearing Membership

Type of Membership	CBOT Clearing Member	Joint Clearing Member of CBOT and CME Or CBOT and NYMEX (including a NYMEX Member Firm)	Joint Clearing Member of CBOT, CME and NYMEX (including a NYMEX Member Firm)
Clearing FCMs	8,000	12,000	16,000
Clearing Closely Held Corporate Members	8,000*	12,000	16,000
Clearing Corporate Members	8,000*	12,000	16,000
Sole Proprietor Clearing Members	8,000*	12,000	16,000

*Clearing Closely Held Corporate Members, Clearing Corporate Members and Sole Proprietor Clearing Members that qualified as clearing member firms as of July 12, 2007, will have a "grandfathered" share requirement of 4,725. The 12,000 and 16,000 share requirements for joint clearing members shall include CBOT clearing members with a grandfathered share requirement of 4,725.

Assigned Class A Shares may not be sold, pledged, hypothecated, lent, reregistered or otherwise transferred without the prior approval of the Exchange. Each clearing member assigning Class A Shares to the Clearing House hereby acknowledges that the Clearing House has control over such Class A Shares and further agrees to comply with any policies or procedures established by the Clearing House to affect control over Class A shares.

At least one Series B-1 (Full) membership and at least 50% of the Class A Shares required for clearing membership pursuant to this rule must be owned by the clearing member or a person, including a parent company, with an acceptable proprietary interest in such clearing member, if such clearing member was approved for membership after November 29, 2007. If two Series B-1 (Full) memberships are required for clearing membership, one of those memberships may be independently assigned. The remaining 50% of the shares required for clearing membership may also be independently assigned.

A clearing member approved for membership on or before November 29, 2007, may continue to maintain the same number of independent membership assignments and the same ratio of independent Class A Share assignments as the clearing member held on November 29, 2007. If a clearing member approved on or before November 29, 2007, or a person with an acceptable proprietary interest in the clearing member, subsequently purchases a membership or Class A Shares and substitutes such asset for one which was previously an independent assignment, such membership or Class A Shares must thereafter be owned by the clearing member or a person with an acceptable proprietary interest if necessary to meet the minimum requirements of the previous paragraph.

¹ Revised December 2008.

Upon default of a clearing member in meeting its obligations to the Clearing House or upon the Clearing House Risk Committee's determination that a clearing member's financial position jeopardizes the financial integrity of the Clearing House, the Clearing House may direct the sale of any or all of the clearing member's assigned CBOT memberships and Class A Shares. The proceeds from the sale of the CBOT memberships shall be used to satisfy Rule 110 obligations.

902.B. [Reserved]

902.C. Assignment Process

A membership and/or Class A Shares may be assigned upon the completion of an Exchange-approved form. A membership and Class A Shares may be assigned on behalf of only one clearing member and may not be subject to any Rule 110 claims at the time of assignment. Upon submitting an assignment form to the Membership Services Department, the membership shall be notified of the assignment. Parties will have ten days after the notification of the assignment to submit any Rule 110 claims against the membership being assigned. After all Rule 110 claims have been resolved to the satisfaction of the Exchange, the membership shall be assigned.

902.D. Assignment Substitutions

A clearing member may substitute a membership and/or Class A Shares for an assigned membership and/or Class A Shares provided that the clearing member continues to meet the assignment requirements of this Rule.

In the event a clearing member has a valid claim against a member that it qualifies and the member's membership is assigned to another clearing member, the clearing member utilizing the membership for assignment shall have 10 business days to substitute another membership to fulfill the assignment requirements of this Rule.

902.E. Assignment Withdrawal Disputes

In the event a member wants to withdraw his assigned membership over the objection of the clearing member to which the membership is assigned, such member must request permission to do so from Clearing House staff. The request must be in writing with a copy delivered to the clearing member to which the membership is assigned.

902.F. Lien on Memberships and Class A Shares

Each clearing member hereby grants to the Clearing House a first priority and unencumbered lien against all memberships and any Class A shares required for clearing membership by the Exchange.¹

903. RESPONSIBILITY FOR QUALIFIED MEMBERS

- A. A clearing member that qualifies a member thereby guarantees and assumes complete responsibility for the financial obligations attendant to: 1) all trades and orders executed or accepted for execution by such member, including trades or orders executed, or which such member fails to execute, negligently, fraudulently or in violation of Exchange rules; 2) an unpaid arbitration award issued by a panel of the Arbitration Committee against such member in circumstances where the dispute is related to a matter described in number 1) above; 3) an unpaid restitution order issued against such member by a panel of the Business Conduct Committee, the Clearing House Risk Committee or a hearing panel of the Board of Directors; and 4) unpaid Exchange disciplinary fines imposed upon such member if the member is also an employee of the clearing member or its affiliate, subject to a determination by the sanctioning entity.
- B. To qualify traders, a clearing member must have established systems in place for trade submission, clearing, and settlement/banking with the Clearing House.
- C. No member may be qualified by more than one clearing member at one time.
- D. A member may not transfer his qualification unless he has obtained a written release from the clearing member last qualifying him. A release shall not be withheld unless a member has an unsatisfied indebtedness to the clearing member last qualifying him where the indebtedness is due to a deficit arising from transactions on the Exchange or where the clearing member last qualifying him is the guarantor under an existing valid guarantee of a loan which had been made to the member exclusively for the purpose of financing the purchase of the member's membership. A member who believes his qualifying clearing member is unreasonably withholding a release necessary to permit the member to be qualified by a different clearing member may request a hearing before a Panel of the Business Conduct Committee as provided in Rule 511. Any other disputes between the parties shall be resolved, to the extent permitted by the rules, through the arbitration procedures set forth in Chapter 6.
- E. A clearing member may, without prior notice, revoke a member's authorization to trade by written revocation filed with the Shareholder Relations and Membership Services Department. Such

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revocation shall be effective and the member's qualification to trade shall terminate when notice of the disqualification is posted on the Exchange floor. A member shall not appear upon the floor of the Exchange until he has been requalified.

- F. A member shall place all trades, including trades for his own account or any account which he controls, on the books of his qualifying clearing member unless written authorization to the contrary from said clearing member has been filed with the Shareholder Relations and Membership Services Department. Regardless of such authorization, a member in a deficit position with any clearing member shall place trades only through his qualifying clearing member. Any non-qualifying clearing member that carries a member's account in a deficit position shall promptly notify the clearing member that is qualifying such member.
- G. No clearing member shall provide Globex access to, or clear any trade for, an employee, qualified trader or other representative of another clearing member without the written consent of such clearing member. No clearing member shall provide Globex access to, or clear any trade for, a person in a partnership with another clearing member without the written consent of all partners. Such written consent shall be filed with the Shareholder Relations and Membership Services Department.
- H. In the case of a member who has Globex access guaranteed by a clearing member other than his qualifying clearing member, the qualifying clearing member may terminate the member's ability to place orders through Globex by notifying the clearing member providing the member access to Globex. The clearing member providing the access to Globex will be responsible for ensuring that the member does not place orders through Globex.

904. FUNDS IN TRADING ACCOUNTS CARRIED BY CLEARING MEMBERS

If a Member (as defined in Rule 400) trades in excess of written limits prescribed by his qualifying or guaranteeing clearing member or a clearing member through which such Member is authorized by his qualifying clearing member to trade pursuant to Rule 511 without sufficient funds in his account to margin the position, or if the Member is alleged to have engaged in reckless and unbusinesslike dealing inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade, and such trades are profitable, the disposition of any and all funds in the applicable trading account(s) may be suspended by the carrying clearing member. The claim of a carrying clearing member to such profits shall be submitted to arbitration pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 6. The Member may request a hearing to be held as soon as practicable before a Chairman of the Arbitration Committee to determine the amount of any profits that should remain subject to a continued suspension pending an arbitration hearing on the full merits of the claim.

905.-909. [RESERVED]

APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR CLEARING MEMBERS

910. APPLICATION FORMS

Applicants for clearing membership shall submit an application, financial statements and other documentation as Clearing House staff shall require.

911. SCREENING PROCEDURES

Upon receipt of an application, the Audit Department shall investigate the applicant's qualifications, which may include an examination of the books and records of the applicant.

912. APPROVAL

An applicant for clearing membership receiving a majority vote of the full membership of the Clearing House Risk Committee shall be approved effective immediately.

An applicant that fails to receive a majority vote shall be informed by the Clearing House Risk Committee chairman and shall have 10 days thereafter to file an appeal to the Board seeking further consideration. The Board may approve the applicant by a majority vote if it is satisfied that the Clearing House Risk Committee's decision was arbitrary, capricious or an abuse of the Committee's discretion.

913. WITHDRAWAL FROM CLEARING MEMBERSHIP

913.A. Voluntary Withdrawal

A clearing member may withdraw from clearing membership upon approval of Clearing House staff, and ratification by the Clearing House Risk Committee. Clearing House staff shall base its decision on all relevant factors, including, but not limited to, whether the withdrawal is consistent with the best interests of the Exchange, the Clearing House, the membership and the public. The withdrawal shall be effective on the date that the withdrawal is posted.

913.B. Release of Security Deposit, Membership and Class B Share Proceeds and Assignments

When a clearing member withdraws from clearing membership (whether voluntarily or involuntarily), its security deposit, the proceeds from the sale of its memberships and its Class A Shares assigned for clearing qualification or any other deposits required by the Clearing House, and any remaining assets available to the Exchange and the Clearing House including, but not limited to, memberships and Class A Shares will be released when Exchange and Clearing House staff determine that the following has occurred: (1) all contracts and obligations with the Exchange and the Clearing House have been settled and paid, (2) all sums owing to the Exchange have been paid, (3) all obligations to other members and customers arising out of claims directly related to futures transactions cleared on the Exchange have been paid or otherwise provided for, and (4) all obligations to other members and customers arising out of other arbitration claims filed pursuant to Chapter 6 have been paid or otherwise provided for and (5) the requisite liquidity providers for the Exchange have released the security interest in such clearing member's "Assets" contemplated by Rule 817 in accordance with the terms of the liquidity facility contemplated thereby; provided, however, that in the event that Exchange and Clearing House staff determine that all of the foregoing other than (4) have occurred, the Clearing House Risk Committee may in its discretion authorize the release of such property.

Generally, no such property shall be released prior to the 60th day following the effective date of the clearing member's withdrawal from membership in the Clearing House. Notwithstanding the above, Exchange and Clearing House staff may grant an exemption to the above restriction for good cause shown. Further, for purposes of the paragraph above, all obligations of the withdrawing clearing member to the Exchange or the Clearing House, of whatever nature or kind, shall be accelerated and become due and payable upon the effective date provided for in the Clearing House Risk Committee decision to approve the withdrawal.

914.-929. [RESERVED]

ACCOUNT HOLDER PERFORMANCE BOND REQUIREMENTS

930. PERFORMANCE BOND REQUIREMENTS: ACCOUNT HOLDER LEVEL

930.A. Performance Bond System

The Standard Portfolio Analysis of Risk (SPAN®) Performance Bond System is the performance bond system adopted by the Exchange. SPAN-generated performance bond requirements shall constitute Exchange performance bond requirements. All references to performance bond within the rules of the Exchange shall relate to those computed by the SPAN system.

Performance bond systems other than the SPAN system may be used to meet Exchange performance bond requirements if the clearing member can demonstrate that its system will always produce a performance bond requirement equal to or greater than the SPAN performance bond requirements.

930.B. Performance Bond Rates

Clearing House staff shall determine initial and maintenance performance bond rates used in determining Exchange performance bond requirements. The Board reserves the right to change or modify any performance bond levels determined by Clearing House staff.

930.C. Acceptable Performance Bond Deposits

Clearing members may accept from their account holders as performance bond cash currencies of any denomination, readily marketable securities (as defined by SEC Rule 15c3-1(c)(11) and applicable SEC interpretations), money market mutual funds allowable under CFTC Regulation 1.25, bank-issued letters of credit, deliverable warehouse receipts and shipping certificates, and "London Good Delivery" gold, as defined by the London Bullion Market Association.

Clearing members shall not accept as performance bond from an account holder securities that have been issued by the account holder or an affiliate of the account holder unless the clearing member files a petition with and receives permission from Clearing House staff.

Bank-issued letters of credit must be in a form acceptable to the Clearing House. Such letters of credit must be drawable in the United States. Clearing members shall not accept as performance bond from an account holder letters of credit issued by the account holder, an affiliate of the account holder, the clearing member, or an affiliate of the clearing member.

All assets deposited by account holders to meet performance bond requirements must be and remain unencumbered by third party claims against the depositing account holder.

Except to the extent that Clearing House staff shall prescribe otherwise, cash currency performance bond deposits shall be valued at market value. All other performance bond deposits other than letters of credit shall be valued at an amount not to exceed market value less applicable haircuts as set forth in SEC Rule 240.15c3-1.

930.D. Acceptance of Orders

Clearing members may accept orders for an account provided sufficient performance bond is on deposit in the account or is forthcoming within a reasonable time.

For an account which has been subject to calls for performance bond for an unreasonable time, clearing members may only accept orders that reduce the performance bond requirements of existing positions in the account.

Clearing members may not accept orders for an account that has been in debit an unreasonable time.

930.E. Calls for Performance Bond

1. Clearing members must issue calls for performance bond that would bring an account up to the initial performance bond requirement: a) when performance bond equity in an account initially falls below the maintenance performance bond requirement; and b). subsequently, when performance bond equity plus existing performance bond calls in an account is less than the maintenance performance bond requirement.

Such calls must be made within one business day after the occurrence of the event giving rise to the call. Clearing members may call for additional performance bond at their discretion. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a clearing member is not required to call for or collect performance bond for day trades.

2. Clearing members shall only reduce a call for performance bond through the receipt of performance bond deposits permitted under subsection C. of this rule. Clearing members may cancel a call for performance bond through: a) the receipt of performance bond deposits permitted under subsection C. of this rule only if such deposits equal or exceed the amount of the total performance bond call; or b) inter-day favorable market movements and/or the liquidation of positions only if performance bond equity in the account is equal to or greater than the initial performance bond requirement. Clearing members shall reduce an account holder's oldest outstanding performance bond call first.
3. Clearing members must maintain written records of all performance bond calls issued and satisfied in whole or in part.

930.F. Release of Excess Performance Bond

Subject to exceptions granted by Clearing House staff, clearing members may only release performance bond deposits from an account if such deposits are in excess of initial performance bond requirements.

930.G. Loans to Account Holders

Clearing members may not make loans to account holders to satisfy their performance bond requirements unless such loans are secured as defined in CFTC Regulation 1.17(c)(3). The proceeds of such loans must be treated in accordance with CFTC Regulation 1.30.

930.H. Aggregation of Accounts and Positions

Clearing members may aggregate and net positions in accounts under identical ownership within the same classifications of customer segregated, customer secured, special reserve account for the exclusive benefit of customers, and nonsegregated for performance bond purposes. Clearing members may compute performance bond requirements on identically owned concurrent long and short positions on a net basis.

930.I. Hedge Positions

Clearing members shall have reasonable support to classify positions as bona-fide hedge and risk management positions, as defined by Rule 559, that are afforded hedge performance bond rates.

930.J. Omnibus Accounts

1. Clearing members shall collect performance bond on a gross basis for positions held in domestic and foreign omnibus accounts.
2. For omnibus accounts, initial performance bond requirements shall equal maintenance performance bond requirements.
3. Clearing members shall obtain and maintain written instructions from domestic and foreign omnibus accounts for positions which are entitled to spread or hedge performance bond rates.

930.K. Liquidation of Accounts

If an account holder fails to comply with a performance bond call within a reasonable time (the clearing member may deem one hour to be a reasonable time), the clearing member may close out the account holder's trades or sufficient contracts thereof to restore the account holder's account to required performance bond status. Clearing members shall maintain full discretion to determine when and under what circumstances positions in any account shall be liquidated.

930.L. Clearing House Authority to Require Additional Performance Bond

The Clearing House, in its sole discretion, has the authority to require clearing members to collect additional performance bond from specific account holders in circumstances deemed necessary by the Clearing House.

930.M. Failure to Maintain Performance Bond Requirements

If a clearing member fails to maintain performance bond requirements for an account in accordance with this rule, the Exchange or the Clearing House may direct such clearing member to immediately liquidate all or part of the account's positions to eliminate the deficiency.¹

931. CUSTOMER MARGINS FOR SECURITY FUTURES POSITIONS HELD IN FUTURES ACCOUNTS

Margin requirements associated with Security Futures positions, which result from transactions made on the Exchange on behalf of Customers, and which are held in a futures account, shall be determined and administered in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Exchange, and in compliance with CFTC Regulations 41.42 through 41.49 and SEC Regulations 242.400 through 242.406. With regard to such Security Futures positions, if Exchange Rules or Regulations are inconsistent with CFTC Regulations 41.42 through 41.49 and SEC Regulations 242.400 through 242.406, including any successor Regulations, the CFTC and SEC Regulations shall prevail.

- (a) Initial and maintenance margin rates used in determining Exchange margin requirements applicable to Security Futures that are held on behalf of Customers in a futures account, shall be established at levels no lower than those prescribed by CFTC Regulation 41.45 and SEC Regulation 242.403, including any successor Regulations.
- (b) As used in this Regulation, the term "Customer" does not include (a) an "exempted person" as defined in CFTC Regulation 41.43(a)(9) and SEC Regulation 242.401(a)(9); or (b) Market Makers as defined below.
- (c) A Person shall be a "Market Maker" for purposes of this Rule, and shall be excluded from the requirements set forth in CFTC Regulations 41.42 through 41.49 and SEC Regulations 242.400 through 242.406, as applicable, in accordance with CFTC Regulation 41.42(c)(2)(v) and SEC Regulation 242.400(c)(2)(v), with respect to all trading in Security Futures for its own account, if such Person is an Exchange Member that is registered with the Exchange as a "Security Futures Dealer".

Each such Market Maker shall: (a) be a member of the Exchange and be registered as a floor trader or a floor broker with the CFTC under Section 4f(a)(1) of the CEA or be registered as a dealer with the SEC under Section 15(b) of the Exchange Act; (b) maintain records sufficient to prove compliance with the requirements set forth in this Regulation and CFTC Regulation 41.42(c)(2)(v) or SEC Regulation 242.400(c)(2)(v), as applicable, including without limitation, trading account statements and other financial records sufficient to detail activity; and (c) hold itself out as being willing to buy and sell Security Futures for its own account on a regular continuous basis.

A Market Maker satisfies condition (c) above if any of the following three requirements are fulfilled:

- (1) The Market Maker:
 - (i) Provides continuous two-sided quotations throughout the trading day for all delivery months of Security Futures Contract representing a meaningful proportion of the total trading volume of Security Futures Contracts on the Exchange, subject to relaxation during unusual market conditions as determined by the Exchange (such as a fast market in either a Security Futures Contract or a security underlying a Security Futures Contract) at which times the Market Maker must use its best efforts to quote continuously and competitively; and
 - (ii) When providing quotations, quotes with a maximum bid/ask spread of not more than the greater of \$0.20 or 150% of the bid/ask spread in the primary market for the security underlying each Security Futures Contract.
- (2) The Market Maker:
 - (i) Responds to at least 75% of the requests for quotations for all delivery months of Security Futures Contracts representing a meaningful proportion of the total trading volume of Security Futures Contracts on the Exchange, subject to relaxation during unusual market conditions as determined by the Exchange (such as a fast market in either a Security Futures Contract or a security underlying a Security Futures Contract) at which times the Market Maker must use its best efforts to quote competitively; and

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- (ii) When responding to requests for quotation, quotes within five seconds with a maximum bid/ask spread of no more than the greater of \$0.20 or 150% of the bid/ask spread in the primary market for the security underlying each Security Futures Contract.
- (3) The Market Maker:
- (i) Is assigned to a group of Security Futures Contracts listed on the Exchange that is either unlimited in nature (“Unlimited Assignment”) or is assigned to no more than 20% of the Security Futures Contracts listed on the Exchange (“Limited Assignment”); and
 - (ii) At least 75% of the Market Maker’s total trading activity in Exchange Security Futures Contracts is in its assigned Security Futures Contracts, measured on a quarterly basis; and
 - (iii) During at least 50% of the trading day, the Market Maker has bids or offers in the market that are at or near the best market, except in unusual market conditions as determined by the Exchange (such as a fast market in either a Security Futures Contract or a security underlying a Security Futures Contract), with respect to at least 25% (in the case of an Unlimited Assignment) or at least one (in the case of a Limited Assignment) of its assigned Security Futures Contracts; and
 - (iv) The requirements in (ii) and (iii) are satisfied on (a) at least 90% of the trading days in each calendar quarter by Market Makers who have undertaken an Unlimited Assignment; or (b) at least 80% of the trading days in each calendar quarter by Market Makers who have undertaken a Limited Assignment; or (c) on at least 80% of the trading days in each calendar quarter by Market Makers who have undertaken either an Unlimited Assignment or Limited Assignment but where the Exchange is listing four (4) or fewer Security Futures Contracts.

For purposes of clauses (1) and (2) above, beginning on 181st day after the commencement of trading of Security Futures Contracts on the Exchange, a “meaningful proportion of the total trading volume of Security Futures Contracts on the Exchange” shall mean a minimum of 20% of such trading volume.

Any Market Maker that fails to comply with the applicable Rules of the Exchange, CFTC Regulations 41.42 through 41.49 or SEC Regulations 242.400 through 242.406, as applicable, shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Chapter 5. Appropriate sanctions in the case of any such failure shall include, without limitation, a revocation of such Market Maker’s registration with the Exchange as a Security Futures Dealer.

(d) The Exchange shall establish initial and maintenance margin requirements applicable to Security Futures that are held in a futures account, provided that the margin requirement for any long or short position held by a member firm on behalf of a Customer shall not be less than 20% of the current market value of the relevant Security Futures Contract, or such other requirement as may be established by the CFTC and SEC for purposes of CFTC Regulation 41.45(b)(1) and SEC Regulation 242.403(b)(1), unless a lower margin level is available for such position pursuant to paragraph (e) below.

(e) Initial and maintenance margin requirements for offsetting positions involving Security Futures and related positions are provided in the schedule below, for purposes of CFTC Regulation 41.45(b)(2) and SEC Regulation 242.403(b)(2).

	Description of Offset	Security Underlying the Security Future	Initial Margin Requirement	Maintenance Margin Requirement
1	Long security future (or basket of security futures representing each component of a narrow-based securities index ¹) and long put option ² on the same underlying security (or index)	Individual stock or narrow-based security index	20% of the current market value of the long security future, plus pay for the long put in full	The lower of: (1) 10% of the aggregate exercise price ³ of the put plus the aggregate put out-of-the-money ⁴ amount, if any; or (2) 20% of the current market value of the long security future
2	Short security future (or basket of security futures representing each component of a narrow-based securities index) and	Individual stock or narrow-based security index	20% of the current market value of the short security future, plus the aggregate put in-the-money amount,	20% of the current market value of the short security future, plus the aggregate put in-the-

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	short put option on the same underlying security (or index)		if any. Proceeds from the put sale may be applied.	money amount, if any ⁵ .
3	Long security future and short position in the same security (or securities basket) underlying the security future	Individual stock or narrow-based security index	The initial margin required under Regulation T for the short stock or stocks.	5% of the current market value as defined in Regulation T of the stock or stocks underlying the security future.
4	Long security future (or basket of security futures representing each component of a narrow-based securities index) and short call option on the same underlying security (or index)	Individual stock or narrow-based security index	20% of the current market value of the long security future, plus the aggregate call in-the-money amount, if any. Proceeds from the call sale may be applied.	20% of the current market value of the long security future, plus the aggregate call in-the-money amount, if any.
5	Long a basket of narrow-based security futures that together tracks a broad-based index and short a broad-based security index call option contract on the same index	Narrow-based security index	20% of the current market value of the long basket of narrow-based security futures, plus the aggregate call in-the-money amount, if any. Proceeds from the call sale may be applied.	20% of the current market value of the long basket of narrow-based security futures, plus the aggregate call in-the-money amount, if any.
6	Short a basket of narrow-based security futures that together tracks a broad-based security index and short a broad-based security index put option contract on the same index.	Narrow-based security index	20% of the current market value of the short basket or narrow-based security futures, plus the aggregate put in-the-money amount, if any. Proceeds from the put sale may be applied.	20% of the current market value of the short basket of narrow-based security futures, plus the aggregate put in-the-money amount, if any.
7	Long a basket of narrow-based security futures that together tracks a broad-based security index and long a broad-based security index put option contract on the same index	Narrow-based security index	20% of the current market value of the long basket of narrow-based security futures, plus pay for the long put in full.	The lower of: (1) 10% of the aggregate exercise price of the put, plus the aggregate put out-of-the-money amount, if any; or (2) 20% of the current market value of the long basket of security futures.
8	Short a basket of narrow-based security futures that together tracks a broad-based security index and long a broad-based security index call option contract on the same index	Narrow-based security index	20% of the current market value of the short basket of narrow-based security futures, plus pay for the long call in full	The lower of: (1) 10% of the aggregate exercise price of the call, plus the aggregate call out-of-the-money amount, if any; or (2) 20% of the current market value of the short basket of security futures
9	Long security future and short security future on the same underlying security (or index)	Individual stock or narrow-based security index	The greater of: 5% of the current market value of the long security future; or (2) 5% of the current market value of the short security future.	The greater of: 5% of the current market value of the long security future; or (2) 5% of the current market value of the short security future.
10	Long security future, long put option and short call option. The long security future, long put and short call must be on the same underlying security	Individual stock or narrow-based security index	20% of the current market value of the long security future, plus the aggregate call in-the-money amount, if any, plus pay for the put	10% of the aggregate exercise price, plus the aggregate call in-the-money amount, if any.

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	and the put and call must have the same exercise price. (Conversion)		in full. Proceeds from the call sale may be applied.	
11	Long security future, long put option and short call option. The long security future, long put and short call must be on the same underlying security and the put exercise price must be below the call exercise price (Collar)	Individual stock or narrow-based security index	20% of the current market value of the long security future, plus the aggregate call in-the-money amount, if any, plus pay for the put in full. Proceeds from call sale may be applied.	The lower of: (1) 10% of the aggregate exercise price of the put plus the aggregate put out-of-the-money amount, if any; or (2) 20% of the aggregate exercise price of the call, plus the aggregate call in-the-money amount, if any.
12	Short security future and long position in the same security (or securities basket) underlying the security future	Individual stock or narrow-based security index	The initial margin required under Regulation T for the long stock or stocks	5% of the current market value, as defined in Regulation T, of the long stock or stocks
13	Short security future and long position in a security immediately convertible into the same security underlying the security future, without restriction, including the payment of money	Individual stock or narrow-based security index	The initial margin required under Regulation T for the long security	10% of the current market value, as defined in Regulation T, of the long security.
14	Short security future (or basket of security futures representing each component of a narrow-based securities index) and long call option or warrant on the same underlying security (or index)	Individual stock or narrow-based security index	20% of the current market value of the short security future, plus pay for the call in full	The lower of: (1) 10% of the aggregate exercise price of the call, plus the aggregate call out-of-the-money amount, if any; or (2) 20% of the current market value of the short security future
15	Short security future, short put option and long call option. The short security future, short put and long call must be on the same underlying security and the put and call must have the same exercise price. (Reverse Conversion)	Individual stock or narrow-based security index	20% of the current market value of the short security future, plus the aggregate put in-the-money amount, if any, plus pay for the call in full. Proceeds from put sale may be applied.	10% of the aggregate exercise price, plus the aggregate put in-the-money amount, if any.
16	Long (short) a basket of security futures, each based on a narrow-based security index that together tracks the broad-based index and short (long) a broad-based index future	Narrow-based security index	5% of the current market value for the long (short) basket of security futures	5% of the current market value of the long (short) basket of security futures
17	Long (short) a basket of security futures that together tracks a narrow-based index and short (long) a narrow-based index future	Individual stock or narrow-based security index	The greater of: (1) 5% of the current market value of the long security future(s); or (2) 5% of the current market value of the short security future(s).	The greater of: (1) 5% of the current market value of the long security future(s); or (2) 5% of the current market value of the short security future(s)
18	Long (short) a security future and short (long) an identical	Individual stock or narrow-based	The greater of: (1) 3% of the current market value	The greater of: (1) 3% of the current market value

Description of Offset	Security Underlying the Security Future	Initial Margin Requirement	Maintenance Margin Requirement
security future traded on a different market. ⁶	security index	of the long security future(s); or (2) 3% of the current market value of the short security future(s).	of the long security future(s); or (2) 3% of the current market value of the short security future(s).

¹ Baskets of securities or security futures contracts must replicate the securities that comprise the index, and in the same proportion.

² Generally, for the purposes of these regulations, unless otherwise specified, stock index warrants shall be treated as if they were index options.

³ "Aggregate exercise price", with respect to an option or warrant based on an underlying security, means the exercise price of an option or warrant contract multiplied by the number of units of the underlying security covered by the option contract or warrant. "Aggregate exercise price" with respect to an index option, means the exercise price multiplied by the index multiplier. See, e.g., Amex Rules 900 and 900C; CBOE Rule 12.3; and NASD Rule 2522.

⁴ "Out-of-the-money" amounts shall be determined as follows:

- (1) for stock call options and warrants, any excess of the aggregate price of the option or warrant over its current market value (as determined in accordance with Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System);
- (2) for stock put options or warrants, any excess of the current market value (as determined in accordance with Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System) of the option or warrant over its aggregate exercise price;
- (3) for stock index call options and warrants, any excess of the aggregate exercise price of the option or warrant over the product of the current index value and the applicable index multiplier; and
- (4) for stock index put options and warrants, any excess of the product of the current index value and the applicable index multiplier over the aggregate exercise price of the option or warrant. See, e.g., NYSE Rule 431 (Exchange Act Release No. 42011 (October 14, 1999), 64 FR 57172 (October 22, 1999) (order approving SR-NYSE-99-03)); Amex Rule 462 (Exchange Act Release No. 43582 (November 17, 2000), 65 FR 71151 (November 29, 2000) (order approving SR-Amex-99-27)); CBOE Rule 12.3 (Exchange Act Release No. 41658 (July 27, 1999), 64 FR 42736 (August 5, 1999) (order approving SR-CBOE-97-67)); or NASD Rule 2520 (Exchange Act Release No. 43581 (November 17, 2000), 65 FR 70854 (November 28, 2000) (order approving SR-NASD-00-15)).

⁵ "In-the-money" amounts must be determined as follows:

- (1) for stock call options and warrants, any excess of the current market value (as determined in accordance with Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System) of the option or warrant over its aggregate exercise price;
- (2) for stock put options or warrants, any excess of the aggregate exercise price of the option or warrant over its current market value (as determined in accordance with Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System);
- (3) for stock index call options and warrants, any excess of the product of the current index value and the applicable index multiplier over the aggregate price of the option or warrant; and
- (4) for stock index put options and warrants, any excess of the aggregate exercise price of the option or warrant over the product of the current index value and the applicable index multiplier.

⁶ Two security futures will be considered "identical" for this purpose if they are issued by the same clearing agency or cleared and guaranteed by the same derivatives clearing organization, have identical contract specifications, and would offset each other at the clearing level.

932. ACCEPTABLE MARGIN FOR SECURITY FUTURES AND TREATMENT OF UNDERMARGINED ACCOUNTS

Notwithstanding any other Exchange Rules or Regulations, the following provisions shall establish the acceptable margin for Security Futures Positions that are held on behalf of Customers in a futures account, and the treatment of undermargined futures accounts containing Security Futures Contracts.

(a) Member firms may accept from their Customers as margin for Security Futures held in a futures account, deposits of cash, margin securities (subject to the limitations set forth in the following

sentence), exempted securities, any other assets permitted under Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (as in effect from time to time) to satisfy a margin deficiency in a securities margin account, and any combination of the foregoing, each as valued in accordance with CFTC Regulations 41.46(c) and 41.46(e) or SEC Regulation 242.404(c) and 242.404(e), as applicable. Shares of a money market mutual fund that meet the requirements of CFTC Regulation 1.25 may be accepted as a margin deposit from a Customer for purposes of this Rule.

(b) A member firm shall not accept as margin from any Customer securities that have been issued by such Customer or an Affiliate of such Customer unless such member firm files a petition with and receives permission from the Exchange for such purpose.

(c) All assets deposited by a Customer to meet margin requirements must be and remain unencumbered by third party claims against the depositing Customer.

(d) If a Customer fails to comply with a margin call within a reasonable period of time (the member firm may deem one hour to be a reasonable period of time), the relevant member firm shall take the deduction required with respect to an undermargined account in computing its net capital under applicable CFTC and SEC Regulations.

(e) If at any time there is a liquidating deficit in an account in which Security Futures are held, the member firm shall take steps to liquidate positions in the account promptly and in an orderly manner.

933.-949. [RESERVED]

SALES PRACTICES AND CUSTOMER PROTECTION

950. SUPERVISION

Each clearing member shall adopt and enforce written procedures pursuant to which it will supervise in accordance with the requirements of these Rules and the CEA and CFTC Regulations thereunder, each customer's account(s), including, but not limited to, the solicitation of any such account(s). For purposes of this rule, the term "customer" does not include another futures commission merchant.

951. DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

Each clearing member must comply with all disclosure requirements set forth in applicable CFTC and NFA Rules and Regulations.

952. SALES COMMUNICATIONS

No clearing member shall make fraudulent or high-pressure sales communications relating to the offer or sale of commodity futures and options.

953. PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL

No clearing member shall use any promotional material which is likely to deceive or mislead the public. Each clearing member shall maintain a copy of all written and electronic promotional material at the clearing member's principal place of business and shall make such promotional material available to the Exchange upon request.

954. CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS

Each clearing member shall retain all written customer complaints, and make and retain a record of the date each complaint was received, the associated person who serviced the account, a general description of the matter complained of, and what, if any, action was taken by the clearing member regarding the complaint. With respect to verbal complaints, each clearing member shall develop and implement a written program approved by senior management that requires clearing member staff to direct individuals with verbal complaints to place such complaints in written form and submit such complaints to the Compliance Officer of the clearing member. Such complaints and related records must be maintained at the clearing member's principal place of business.

955. ASSIGNMENT AND NOTIFICATION OF EXERCISE NOTICES

- A. Each clearing member shall adopt written procedures pursuant to which it shall allocate option exercise notices in a fair and non-preferential manner.
- B. Upon notification from the Clearing House of assignment of an exercise notice, the clearing member shall promptly notify the option grantor to whom the notice has been allocated.

956. DISCRETIONARY, CONTROLLED AND MANAGED ACCOUNTS

956.A. Requirements

1. Power of Attorney

No clearing member shall accept or carry an account over which a person other than the account owner exercises discretionary trading authority or control (hereinafter referred to as a discretionary, controlled, or managed account) without first obtaining a written power of attorney, trading authorization, or similar document (hereinafter referred to as a power of attorney). Such power of attorney must be signed and dated by the account owner and clearly designate the person to whom discretionary trading authority has been granted.

The power of attorney shall remain in effect until it is terminated by a written revocation signed and dated by the account owner or by the death or incapacity of the account owner. Written revocation may also be made by the person to whom discretionary trading authority has been granted.

2. Discretionary Account Listing

A clearing member must clearly identify each discretionary trading account it carries and promptly provide the Exchange with a complete and accurate list of such accounts upon request.

956.B. Presumption of Authority

Except where specifically indicated by the phrase "discretion not exercised" written on the order ticket, and subsequently confirmed to the customer as such, every trade in a discretionary trading account shall be presumed to have been made pursuant to the power of attorney and subject to the requirements of this rule.

956.C. Supervision and Trading of Discretionary Trading Accounts

1. Discretionary Trading Account Activity

Each clearing member shall have a supervisory employee (other than the person granted discretionary trading authority) supervising activity in discretionary trading accounts. The supervision shall include, but is not limited to, a review of excessive trading in amount or frequency in relation to account equity. This requirement shall only apply to discretionary trading accounts controlled by an employee of the clearing member or the clearing member's guaranteed introducing brokers.

2. Floor Trading

No member shall execute a transaction in the trading pit for an account over which he has discretionary trading authority unless the transactions are for a) family accounts as defined in Section E.1. or b) another member of the Exchange for an account owned by such other member or proprietary accounts of member firms as set forth in Section E.2.

956.D. Position Limits

A person with discretionary trading authority over one or more discretionary trading accounts shall not execute or order the execution of trades for such accounts where such trades, by themselves or in addition to his personal trades, exceed the limits prescribed in these rules regarding total positions in any contract.

A husband, wife and dependent children are presumed to be a single entity and, as such, must adhere to the position limits as prescribed by the Exchange rules unless otherwise approved by Exchange staff upon written application.

956.E. Exceptions

The provisions of Sections B. and C.1. of this rule shall not apply to the following accounts:

1. Family Accounts

Accounts controlled or managed by persons for their own family. For purposes of this rule, members of one's family shall include a spouse, parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, nephew, niece or in-law.

2. Member and Proprietary Accounts

Accounts of members or proprietary accounts as defined by CFTC Regulation 1.3(y).

957. CONFIRMATIONS TO CUSTOMERS

A clearing member shall confirm to the customer every transaction made for the customer no later than the following business day. Such confirmation shall be in electronic or written form and shall show the commodity bought or sold, the quantity, the price, the delivery month and, for options, strike price, put or call and expiration month.

958. BRANCH OFFICES, GUARANTEED INTRODUCING BROKERS, AND ASSOCIATED PERSONS

A. Each clearing member must maintain a complete and accurate list of all branch offices, guaranteed introducing brokers, and the associated persons of the clearing member and its guaranteed introducing brokers. Such list shall be promptly provided to the Exchange upon request.

B. Branch offices, guaranteed introducing brokers, and the associated persons of the clearing

member and its guaranteed introducing brokers must comply with Exchange rules. Each associated person of the clearing member or its guaranteed introducing brokers shall be bound by Exchange rules to the same extent as if such person were a member.

- C. Each clearing member must diligently supervise its branch offices, guaranteed introducing brokers, and the associated persons of the clearing member and its guaranteed introducing brokers.
- D. Each clearing member shall be responsible for the acts or omissions of its branch offices, guaranteed introducing brokers, and the associated persons of the clearing member and its guaranteed introducing brokers. Any violation of an Exchange rule by any such person may be considered a violation by the clearing member.

959. [RESERVED]

OMNIBUS AND CARRYING BROKER ACCOUNTS

960. OMNIBUS AND CARRYING BROKER ACCOUNTS

- A. All clearing members must maintain a complete list of all omnibus and carrying broker accounts maintained on their books. Such list shall be promptly provided to the Exchange upon request. Information for each such account must include account name, number and address, and classification of the account as either customer or house. Additionally, the identities and positions of the beneficial owners of any omnibus account must be immediately disclosed to the Exchange upon request.
- B. A clearing member carrying an omnibus account shall have the responsibility for ensuring that each person carried in the account does not exceed speculative limits unless granted an exemption pursuant to Rule 559.
- C. Each clearing member carrying an omnibus account must at all times reflect in its records the gross long and short positions held in such omnibus account.

Prior to the first delivery day in a contract month or as otherwise required by the Clearing House, each clearing member carrying an omnibus account must maintain a complete and accurate list of the purchase and sale dates of all open positions held in such omnibus account for that contract month. Such list must be current throughout the contract month to ensure that the delivery procedure is not impaired.
- D. Each clearing member that maintains an omnibus account with another clearing member shall also bear financial responsibility to the Exchange and the Clearing House for that omnibus account.

961.-969. [RESERVED]

FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS AND FINANCIAL EMERGENCIES

970. FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. Subject to exceptions granted by Exchange staff, all clearing members, including non-FCMs, must comply with the requirements set forth in CFTC Regulations 1.10, 1.12, 1.17 and 1.18. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - 1. Maintenance of minimum capital requirements of at least \$5 million;
 - 2. Submission of a Form 1-FR, FOCUS Report or other requested information within the specified period of time;
 - 3. Notification requirements when a clearing member:
 - a. Fails to maintain minimum capital requirements;
 - b. Fails to maintain early warning capital requirements;
 - c. Fails to maintain current books and records; or
 - d. Determines the existence of a material inadequacy as specified in CFTC Regulation 1.16(d)(2);
 - e. Changes its fiscal year; or
 - f. Changes its public accountant;

In addition to the notifications required by CFTC regulations, all clearing members must provide written notice to the Audit Department of the above events.

 - 4. Completely and accurately computing and recording the balances in the net capital computation including capital requirements;
 - 5. Subordination agreement requirements, including the filing of such agreements; and
 - 6. Preparation of a monthly computation of adjusted net capital and minimum financial

requirements.

- B. For non-FCMs, all filing, notification, and approval requirements set forth in CFTC Regulations 1.10, 1.12, 1.17 and 1.18 and in the rules of the Exchange must be submitted to or obtained from the Audit Department, if necessary, rather than the Commission.
- C. In conjunction with the requirements set forth in CFTC Regulations 1.10, 1.12, 1.17, and 1.18, clearing members must comply with the following requirements:
 - 1. Submit a monthly Form 1-FR or FOCUS Report and the Exchange Supplementary Information schedule including an unaudited monthly Form 1-FR or FOCUS Report as of the clearing member's fiscal year-end, within the time requirements set forth in CFTC Regulation 1.10. A clearing member must include with its Form 1-FR or FOCUS Report a Statement of Income (loss) for the period between the date of the most recent financial statement or, at the option of the clearing member, the most recent certified financial statement filed with the Audit Department and the date for which the report is made.
 - 2. Submit a certified Form 1-FR or FOCUS Report as of the clearing member's fiscal year-end within the time requirements set forth in CFTC Regulation 1.10. A clearing member must include with its certified Form 1-FR or FOCUS Report, a reconciliation from the certified Form 1-FR or FOCUS Report to the monthly Form 1-FR or FOCUS Report as of the same date or a statement that no differences were noted.
 - 3. A clearing member for which the CBOT is the designated self-regulatory organization may request the Audit Department's permission to change its fiscal year. Such request will only be granted for good cause and in accordance with the requirements of CFTC Regulation 1.10(e)(2). The Audit Department's grant of the change in fiscal year will fulfill the approval requirements of CFTC Regulation 1.10(e)(2).
 - 4. A clearing member for which the CBOT is the designated self-regulatory organization may request an extension of time to file a monthly Form 1-FR, monthly FOCUS Report, certified Form 1-FR or certified FOCUS Report from the Audit Department. Such extension will only be granted for good cause and in accordance with the requirements of CFTC Regulations 1.10(f) and 1.16(f). The Audit Department's grant of an extension will fulfill the approval requirements of CFTC Regulations 1.10(f) and 1.16(f).
- D. Exchange staff may prescribe additional accounting, reporting, and other financial and/or operational requirements and clearing members must comply with such requirements. All clearing members must provide notice to the Audit Department of a failure to comply with the additional accounting, reporting, financial, and/or operational requirements. The Audit Department must receive immediate written notification when a clearing member knows or should know of such failure.
- E. Financial statement filing requirements under this Rule must be met through Exchange-approved electronic transmissions, except for certified Form 1-FRs or FOCUS Reports.
Personal Identification Numbers (PINs) must be submitted by authorized signers of the Form 1-FR or FOCUS Report. The PIN will constitute and become a substitute for the manual signature of the authorized signer to the electronically filed Form 1-FR or FOCUS Report. The PIN is a representation by the authorized signer that, to the best of his or her knowledge, all information contained in the statement being transmitted under the PIN is true, correct and complete. The unauthorized use of a PIN for electronic attestation by an unauthorized party is expressly prohibited.
- F. Exchange staff may grant exceptions to the financial and reporting requirements of Rule 970 for good cause if it is determined that such exceptions will not jeopardize the financial integrity of the Exchange.¹

971. SEGREGATION AND SECURED REQUIREMENTS

- A. All clearing members must comply with the requirements set forth in CFTC Regulations 1.20 through 1.30, 1.32, and 30.7. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - 1. Maintaining sufficient funds in segregation or set aside in separate accounts;
 - 2. Computing, recording and reporting completely and accurately the balances in the:
 - a. Statement of Segregation Requirements and Funds in Segregation; and
 - b. Statement of Secured Amounts and Funds Held in Separate Accounts;
 - 3. Obtaining satisfactory segregation and separate account acknowledgment letters and identifying segregated and separate accounts as such; and

¹ Revised December 2008.

4. Preparing complete and materially accurate daily segregation and secured amount computations in a timely manner.
- B. Exchange staff may prescribe additional segregation and secured amount requirements.
- C. All clearing members must provide written notice to the Audit Department of a failure to maintain sufficient funds in segregation or set aside in separate accounts. The Audit Department must receive immediate written notification when a clearing member knows or should know of such failure.

972. REDUCTIONS IN CAPITAL

A clearing member must provide written notice to the Audit Department as set forth below of any substantial reduction in capital as compared to the most recent filing of a financial report.

1. If any event or series of events, including any withdrawal, advance, loan or loss would cause, on a net basis, a reduction in net capital as reported on the Form 1-FR, or in tentative net capital as reported on the FOCUS Report for broker/dealers, of 20% or more, notice must be provided within two business days of the event or series of events causing the reduction; and
2. If equity capital of the clearing member or a subsidiary or a consolidated affiliate would be withdrawn by action of a stockholder or a partner or by redemption or repurchase of shares of stock by any of the consolidated entities or through the payment of dividends or any similar distribution, or an unsecured advance or loan would be made to a stockholder, partner, sole proprietor, employee or affiliates, such that the withdrawal, advance or loan would cause, on a net basis, a reduction in excess net capital of 30% or more, notice must be provided at least two business days prior to the withdrawal, advance or loan that would cause the reduction.

The foregoing shall not apply in the case of a reduction in capital resulting from (1) the repayment or prepayment of subordinated liabilities for which notice has been given in accordance with Rule 970 or (2) any futures or securities transaction in the ordinary course of business between a clearing member and any affiliate where the clearing member makes payment to or on behalf of such affiliate for such transaction and then receives payment from such affiliate for such transaction within two business days from the date of the transaction.

973. CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS WITH THE CLEARING HOUSE

All customer funds deposited with the Clearing House on behalf of customers protected by CFTC Regulation 1.20 shall be held in accordance with the Commodity Exchange Act and CFTC Regulation 1.20 in an account identified as Customer Segregated. Such customer funds shall be segregated by the Clearing House and treated as belonging to the customers of the clearing member. Pursuant to this rule, a clearing member shall satisfy the segregation acknowledgment letter requirement of CME Rule 971.A.2., the Commodity Exchange Act, and CFTC Regulation 1.20 for customer deposits held at the Clearing House.

All customer funds deposited with the Clearing House on behalf of customers protected by CFTC Regulation 30.7 shall be held in accordance with the Commodity Exchange Act and CFTC Regulation 30.7 in an account identified as Customer Secured 30.7. Such customer funds shall be segregated by the Clearing House and treated as belonging to such customers of the clearing member.

All customer funds deposited with the Clearing House on behalf of customers protected by SEC Regulation 15c3-3 shall be held in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and SEC Regulation 15c3-3 in an account identified as Special Reserve Account for the Exclusive Benefit of Customers. Such customer funds shall be segregated by the Clearing House and treated as belonging to such customers of the clearing member.

974. FAILURE TO MEET MINIMUM FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. If, in the opinion of the Audit Department, a clearing member fails to meet the minimum financial requirements as prescribed herein or neglects to promptly furnish a statement upon request, a recommendation may be made to the Clearing House Risk Committee to suspend the privileges of the clearing member. Upon such recommendation, the Clearing House Risk Committee shall conduct a hearing and such clearing member shall show cause why its privileges should not be suspended. Upon finding that the minimum financial requirements are being violated, the Clearing House Risk Committee may suspend the privileges of such clearing member in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 4 of these rules. The CFTC shall be immediately notified of any clearing member which fails to meet the minimum financial requirements. Any suspended clearing member may appeal the decision of the Clearing House Risk Committee to the Board.
- B. If any Rule 106H., I., J., R., or S. member firm has notified the Exchange of a bankruptcy proceeding or a definite intention to file for bankruptcy pursuant to Rule 442, or if the Exchange otherwise becomes aware of such a proceeding or intention, or if, in the opinion of the Audit

Department, any non-clearing member firm that is an FCM fails to meet CFTC minimum financial requirements or neglects to promptly furnish a statement upon request, the membership privileges of the member firm may be suspended, subject to approval of any two of the following individuals; the Chief Executive Officer, the President, the President of the Clearing House, the Chairman of the Board, or the Chief Operating Officer. Any two of these individuals may reinstate the membership privileges of such a suspended member firm, in their discretion, if the suspended member firm provides evidence satisfactory to the Audit Department of its financial responsibility or that it meets CFTC minimum financial requirements.¹

975. EMERGENCY FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

If the President of the Exchange or the President of the Clearing House determines that the financial or operational condition of a clearing member or one of its affiliates is such that to allow that clearing member to continue its operation would jeopardize the integrity of the Exchange, or negatively impacts the financial markets by introducing an unacceptable level of uncertainty, volatility or risk, whether or not the clearing member continues to meet the required minimum financial requirements, he may empanel the Chief Executive Officer, the President of the Exchange, Chairman of the Board, the Chairman of the Clearing House Risk Committee and the President of the Clearing House. ("Emergency Financial Committee") Such panel shall be duly authorized and, upon a unanimous vote of the panel, be empowered to order (a) an immediate position limitation, (b) an immediate suspension of the clearing member, (c) that all open trades of said clearing member be for liquidation only, (d) the liquidation or transfer of all or a portion of the open positions of the clearing member, (e) additional performance bond to be deposited with the Clearing House and/or (f) any other action necessary to protect the financial integrity of the Clearing House. The clearing member affected by action taken shall be notified and may request a hearing before the Board as provided in Rule 412. In the event of suspension, the Chief Executive Officer shall, promptly after a suspension, set the matter for hearing before the Board for final determination. To the extent that the panel orders that all open trades of a clearing member be for liquidation only, or the panel orders the liquidation or transfer of all of the open positions of a clearing member, Rule 913.B. shall apply and the clearing member shall be treated as a withdrawing clearing member.

976. SUSPENSION OF CLEARING MEMBERS

If a clearing member becomes insolvent, the clearing member must immediately notify the Exchange and the Clearing House of such insolvency. The insolvency shall be announced by the President of the Exchange or the President of the Clearing House and thereupon such clearing member shall be deemed automatically suspended from the Clearing House and/or the Exchange, as applicable. If a member of the Clearing House becomes insolvent, or for other reasons is suspended from the Clearing House or the Exchange, the officers, owners or partners who are members of the Exchange may also be suspended from the Exchange.

A clearing member shall be deemed insolvent:

1. If it files a voluntary petition in bankruptcy or is adjudicated as bankrupt;
2. If it fails to fulfill or promptly adjust all of its Exchange obligations; or
3. If satisfactory proof is made to the Clearing House Risk Committee that it is unable to pay its debts as they fall due in the ordinary course of business.

A clearing member may be suspended by the Clearing House Risk Committee pursuant to Rule 403 if it fails to meet the capital requirements of the Exchange, the Clearing House, or the CFTC, or if its financial condition, or the financial condition of one of its affiliates, is such that its continued operation would jeopardize the integrity of the Exchange or the Clearing House. Members and clearing members suspended in accordance with this rule shall be notified and may request a hearing before the Board as provided in Rule 412.

977. SUSPENSION OF OFFICERS OR PARTNERS

Whenever an officer, owner or partner of a clearing member is suspended or expelled, the respective clearing member may be suspended or expelled for a like term. Members and clearing members affected by this rule shall be notified and may request a hearing before the Board as provided in Rule 412.

978. OPEN TRADES OF SUSPENDED CLEARING MEMBERS

When a clearing member, having open trades, is suspended or expelled, it may designate a clearing member to close out such transactions through designated personnel and in a manner acceptable to the Clearing House.

When a clearing member that has open positions, defaults to the Clearing House in the deposit of

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performance bonds or settlements, or is suspended for insolvency, the President of the Exchange or the President of the Clearing House, or their delegates, may appoint a clearing member to which all such open positions shall be transferred for liquidation, or may appoint a clearing member to liquidate such positions on behalf of such defaulted or suspended clearing member. If open positions are transferred, all supporting performance bond associated with the positions and any settlement payments due or collected must be delivered to the Clearing House, to be entrusted to the clearing member designated to liquidate the positions. The clearing member appointed to liquidate the positions shall have the right, under the direction of the President of the Clearing House, to buy or sell for the account of the suspended clearing member such contracts as may be necessary to clear the suspended clearing member's contracts with the Clearing House; the clearing member shall also have the right under the direction of the President of the Clearing House to make or take delivery.

979. SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED CLEARING MEMBERS

In the event a clearing member has been suspended or expelled, the clearing member shall comply with all orders of the Board, the Clearing House Risk Committee, the President of the Clearing House, or the President of the Exchange.

In the event of refusal by a clearing member to comply with any order placed upon it, the Clearing House or the Exchange may take whatever means necessary to effect the order.

A clearing member or any member suspended due to a clearing member's insolvency may be reinstated upon affirmative proof to the Clearing House Risk Committee of such clearing member's financial responsibility. A member may withdraw from the clearing member and may apply for reinstatement to membership in the Exchange provided that the insolvency of the clearing member was not caused by such member's willful, reckless or unbusinesslike conduct.

RECORDS AND REPORTS

980. REQUIRED RECORDS AND REPORTS

- A. Each clearing member shall prepare, maintain and keep current those books and records required by the rules of the Exchange, the Commodity Exchange Act and the Regulations thereunder. Such books and records shall be open to inspection and promptly provided to the Exchange upon request.
- B. Each clearing member shall maintain an adequate accounting system, internal accounting controls, and procedures for safeguarding customer and firm assets as set forth in CFTC Regulation 1.16(d)(2). This includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - 1. Preparation and maintenance of complete and accurate reconciliations for all accounts; and
 - 2. Resolution of reconciling items in a timely manner.
- C. A clearing member must file any information requested by the Exchange within the time period specified in the request.
- D. Each clearing member shall maintain at all times the ability to provide to the Exchange in an acceptable form a complete set of equity system reports (including, at a minimum, the equity run, open position listing, day trade listing, cash adjustments listing and performance bond call and debit equity listing). Such reports shall be available to the Exchange in Chicago no later than 8:00 a.m. Chicago time on the business day following the report date.
- E. Each clearing member shall maintain at all times the ability to provide to the Exchange a listing of each customer's method of access to CBOT markets, including front end applications and network connections.

981. ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING

Each clearing member shall develop and implement a written anti-money laundering program approved in writing by senior management reasonably designed to achieve and monitor the clearing member's compliance with the applicable requirements of the Bank Secrecy Act (31 U.S.C. 5311, et. seq.), and the implementing regulations promulgated thereunder by the Department of the Treasury and, as applicable, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. That anti-money laundering program shall, at a minimum,

- 1. Establish and implement policies, procedures and internal controls reasonably designed to assure compliance with the applicable provisions of the Bank Secrecy Act and the implementing regulations thereunder;
- 2. Provide for independent testing for compliance to be conducted by clearing member personnel or by a qualified outside party;
- 3. Designate an individual or individuals responsible for implementing and monitoring the day-to-day

operations and internal controls of the program; and

- 4 Provide ongoing training for appropriate personnel.

Clearing members must also supervise and ensure that their guaranteed introducing brokers are in compliance with the anti-money laundering provisions contained in this Rule.

982. RISK MANAGEMENT

All clearing members must have written risk management policies and procedures in place to ensure they are able to perform certain basic risk and operational functions at all times. At a minimum, the following areas must be considered in the firm's policies and procedures, depending on the firm's size and its business and product mix:

- A. Trade Submission and Account Monitoring. Clearing members must have procedures in place to demonstrate compliance in the following areas for trades executed through both electronic platforms and open outcry:
 1. Monitoring the credit risks of accepting trades, including give-up trades, of specific customers.
 2. Monitoring the risks associated with proprietary trading.
 3. Limiting the impact of significant market moves through the use of tools such as stress testing or position limits.
 4. Maintaining the ability to monitor account activity on an intraday basis, including overnight.
 5. Ensuring order entry systems include the ability to set automated credit controls or position limits or requiring a firm employee to enter orders.
 6. Defining sources of liquidity for increased settlement obligations.
- B. Additional and/or Alternative Requirements. Exchange or Clearing House staff may prescribe additional and/or alternative requirements in order for clearing members to comply with this Rule.¹

983. DISASTER RECOVERY AND BUSINESS CONTINUITY

All clearing members must have written disaster recovery and business continuity policies and procedures in place to ensure they are able to perform certain basic operational functions in the event of a significant internal or external interruption to their operations. At a minimum, the following areas must be considered in the firm's policies and procedures, depending on the firm's size and its business and product mix:

- A. Clearing members must have procedures in place to allow them to continue to operate during periods of stress or to transfer accounts to another fully operational clearing member with minimal disruption to the Exchange, the Clearing House, or their customers. In order to satisfy this requirement, clearing members must perform:
 1. Periodic testing of disaster recovery and business continuity plans.
 2. Duplication of critical systems at back up sites.
 3. Periodic back-up of critical information.
- B. Key Staff Contacts. Clearing members must maintain and, at the request of the Exchange or the Clearing House, provide accurate and complete information for their key personnel. Clearing members must inform the Exchange and the Clearing House, as applicable, in a timely manner whenever a change to their key personnel is made.
- C. Additional and/or Alternative Requirements. Exchange or Clearing House staff may prescribe additional and/or alternative requirements in order for clearing members to comply with this Rule.

(End Chapter 9)

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