

Chapter 28

CBOT[®] Dow Jones Industrial AverageSM Index¹ Futures (\$25 Multiplier)

28100. SCOPE OF CHAPTER

This chapter is limited in application to trading of CBOT DJIASM Index (\$25 Multiplier) futures. Hereafter in this chapter, CBOT DJIA Index (\$25 Multiplier) futures shall be referenced as "CBOT \$25 DowSM futures." The procedures for trading, clearing, delivery and settlement of CBOT \$25 Dow futures, and any other matters not specifically covered herein or in Chapter 7 shall be governed by the general rules of the Exchange.

28101. CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

The contract grade shall be the final settlement price (as described in Rule 28104.) of the DJIA Index on final settlement day (as described in Rule 28105.). The DJIA is a price-weighted composite index of 30 of the largest and most liquid U.S. stocks.

28102. TRADING SPECIFICATIONS

Trading in CBOT \$25 Dow futures is regularly conducted in four months - March, June, September and December. The number of months open for trading at a given time shall be determined by the Exchange.

28102.A. Trading Schedule

The hours of trading for CBOT \$25 Dow futures shall be determined by the Exchange.

The market shall be opened and closed for all months simultaneously.

28102.B. Trading Unit

The unit of trading shall be \$25.00 times the DJIA.

28102.C. Price Increments

The price of CBOT \$25 Dow futures shall be quoted in points. One point equals \$25.00. The minimum price fluctuation shall be one point per contract. Contracts shall not be made on any other price basis.

28102.D. Daily Price Limits²

Daily price limits and trading halts of the CBOT DJIA Index (\$25 Multiplier) futures contract shall be coordinated with trading halts of the underlying stocks listed for trading in the securities markets.

For purposes of this rule, the primary contract expiration month for CBOT DJIA Index (\$25 Multiplier) futures contracts shall be defined as the futures contract that trades in the lead month configuration. Exchange staff shall have the responsibility of determining whether the primary contract expiration month is limit bid or limit offered.

For the first day of trading in a newly listed contract expiration month, there will be an implied previous business day's settlement price, created by the Exchange for the sole purpose of establishing price limits. The implied settlement price will be created by extrapolating the annualized percentage carry between the two contract months immediately prior to the newly listed contract.

Price Limits: For each calendar quarter, there shall be three successive price limits: Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3. The limit thresholds that define Levels 1, 2, and 3 shall be calculated at the beginning of the pertinent calendar quarter, using the average daily closing value of the DJIA for the calendar month prior to the beginning of such calendar quarter. The Level 1 limit threshold shall equal 10% of such average daily closing value, the Level 2 limit threshold shall equal 20% of such average daily closing value, and the Level 3 limit threshold shall equal 30% of such average daily closing value. Each limit threshold shall be rounded to the nearest fifty

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DJIA index points.

These three limit thresholds, so computed, shall remain in effect throughout the pertinent calendar quarter, until the next calculation. These limit thresholds shall be used to calculate price limits for each trading session within the pertinent calendar quarter, as follows:

Level 1 shall equal the settlement price of the preceding regular trading session minus the Level 1 limit threshold.

Level 2 shall equal the settlement price of the preceding regular trading session minus the Level 2 limit threshold.

Level 3 shall equal the settlement price of the preceding regular trading session minus the Level 3 limit threshold.

Price Limits During Regular Trading Hours: The following price limits and trading halts shall apply to open outcry and electronic trading, in the primary contract expiration month only, during the Exchange's regular trading hours. For purposes of this rule, "regular trading hours" are defined for CBOT DJIA Index (\$25 Multiplier) futures to begin with the time of the open for open outcry trading in DJIA futures, and to end with the later of the time of the close of open outcry trading, or the conclusion of any daytime electronic trading session that is part of the same trading day.

(a) Level 1:

When the primary futures contract is limit offered at the Level 1 Price Limit, a 10-minute period shall commence. If the primary futures contract is not limit offered at the end of the 10-minute period, trading will continue with the next applicable Price Limit in effect. If the primary futures contract is limit offered at the end of the 10-minute period, trading shall terminate for a period of two minutes, after which time the market shall reopen. The next applicable price Limit shall apply to such reopening.

(b) Level 2:

When the primary futures contract is limit offered at the Level 2 Price Limit, a 10-minute period shall commence. If the primary futures contract is not limit offered at the end of the 10-minute period, trading will continue with the next applicable Price Limit in effect. If the primary futures contract is limit offered at the end of the 10-minute period, trading shall terminate for a period of two minutes, after which time the market shall reopen. The next applicable price Limit shall apply to such reopening.

(c) Level 3:

The Level 3 price limit shall be in effect during all regular trading hours.

In the event that trades on the electronic trading platform occur through the price limits described above, any such trades may be busted by the Exchange.

Trading Halts: If there is an NYSE Rule 80B trading halt declared in the primary securities market, trading shall be halted. Once trading in the primary securities market resumes after an NYSE Rule 80B trading halt, trading on the CBOT DJIA (DJIA) Index (\$25 Multiplier) futures contract shall resume.

If an NYSE Rule 80B trading halt becomes inapplicable, the corresponding Price Limit shall likewise become inapplicable. E.g., if an NYSE Rule 80B trading halt, triggered by a 10% or a 20% decline in the Dow Jones Industrial Average, has been declared in the primary securities market, and trading in the primary securities market has recommenced, then the 10.0% or 20.0% Price Limits shall become inapplicable, respectively. E.g., when the NYSE Rule 80B 10.0% price limit provisions are suspended after 2:30 p.m. Eastern time, then the 10.0% Price Limit shall become inapplicable. Trading on the CBOT DJIA (DJIA) Index (\$25 Multiplier) futures contract shall continue and the next applicable Price Limit shall apply.

Opening Time¹: If either a trading halt was in effect or the primary futures contract was locked at a limit at the close of trading, then the opening time of trading on GLOBEX® shall be delayed until 6:00 p.m.

During Electronic Trading Hours (ETH), there shall be no trading of CBOT DJIA Index (\$25 Multiplier) futures at a price more than the 5.0% Price Limit above or below the Reference RTH Price. If the market is limit bid or limit offered fifteen (15) minutes prior to the opening of the RTH, and remains limit bid or limit offered five (5) minutes prior to the opening of the RTH, there shall be a trading halt in effect until the commencement of Regular Trading hours (RTH).

¹ Revised January 2009

During the trading halt, the Exchange shall provide an indicative opening price for the re-opening of trading on GLOBEX, if applicable, pursuant to Rule 573. Once RTH commences, the next applicable trading limit shall be in effect.

The 5.0% Price Limit shall be calculated as one-half of the Level 1 or 10% price limit rounded down to the nearest integral multiple of 10 index points.

28102.E. Position Limits

In accordance with Rule 559., Position Limits and Exemptions, no person shall own or control positions in excess of 50,000 contracts net long or short in all months combined.

The aggregate position limit in DJIA Index (\$25 multiplier) futures, mini-sized Dow futures (\$5 multiplier) and options, and DJIA Index (\$10 multiplier) futures and options is 50,000 DJIA Index futures contracts, net long or net short in all contract months combined. For the purposes of this rule:

- One DJIA Index (\$10 multiplier) futures contract shall be deemed to be equivalent to two mini-sized Dow (\$5 multiplier) contracts.
- One DJIA Index (\$25 multiplier) futures contract shall be deemed to be equivalent to five mini-sized Dow (\$5 multiplier) contracts.
- Two DJIA Index (\$25 multiplier) futures contracts shall be deemed to be equivalent to five DJIA Index (\$10 multiplier) futures contracts.

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

28102.F. Termination of Trading¹

Futures trading shall terminate at the regularly scheduled start of trading at the NYSE on the day scheduled for the determination of the Final Settlement Day.

After trading in contracts for future delivery in the current delivery month has ceased, outstanding contracts for such delivery shall be liquidated by cash settlement as prescribed in Rule 28103.

28103. DELIVERY ON FUTURES CONTRACTS

Delivery against the CBOT \$25 Dow futures contract must be made through the Clearing House. Delivery under these rules shall be on the final settlement day (as described in Rule 28105.) and shall be accomplished by cash settlement as hereinafter provided.

Clearing members holding open positions in CBOT \$25 Dow futures at the time of termination of trading shall make payment to and receive payment through the Clearing House in accordance with normal variation settlement procedures based on a settlement price equal to the final settlement price (as described in Rule 28104.).

28104. FINAL SETTLEMENT PRICE

The final settlement price of an expiring \$25 Dow futures shall be determined on the final settlement day (Rule 28105.). The final settlement price shall be \$25 times a Special Opening Quotation (SOQ) of the DJIA based on the opening prices of DJIA component stocks.

If, on the regularly scheduled final settlement day, the designated primary market for a DJIA component stock does not open, then the next opening price for that component stock shall be used in the determination of the SOQ.

If, on the regularly scheduled final settlement day, the designated primary market for a DJIA component stock is open, but that component stock does not open for trading, then the last sale price for that component stock shall be used in the determination of the SOQ.

28105. FINAL SETTLEMENT DAY

The final settlement day for an expiring CBOT \$25 Dow futures contract shall be the third Friday of the contract expiration month. If the DJIA is not scheduled to be published for that day, then the final settlement day shall be the first preceding business day for which the DJIA is scheduled to be published.

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28106. ACTS OF GOVERNMENT, ACTS OF GOD AND OTHER EMERGENCIES

(See Rule 701.).

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