

Chapter 22 30-Day Federal Funds Futures

22100. SCOPE OF CHAPTER

This chapter is limited in application to trading of 30-Day Federal Funds futures (“futures”). The procedures for trading, clearing, delivery and settlement, and any other matters not specifically covered herein or in Chapter 7 shall be governed by the general rules of the Exchange.

22101. CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

The contract grade shall be 100 minus the arithmetic average of the daily effective federal funds rate during the contract delivery month. Such arithmetic average shall be rounded to the nearest one tenth of one basis point per annum, and shall be rounded up in the case of a tie. The daily effective federal funds rate shall be as published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

For any day during the contract delivery month for which the Federal Reserve Bank of New York does not publish a rate (e.g., weekends and holidays), the rate shall be the rate for the last day for which a rate was published.

22102. TRADING SPECIFICATIONS

Trading in futures is regularly conducted in all calendar months. The number of delivery months open for trading at a given time shall be determined by the Exchange.

22102.A. Trading Schedule

The hours of trading shall be determined by the Exchange.

22102.B. Trading Unit

For a contract for a given delivery month, the Trading Unit shall be a US domestic interbank deposit in the amount of \$5,000,000 that pays interest at a rate equal to the arithmetic average of the daily effective federal funds rate during such contract’s delivery month.

22102.C. Price Increments¹

For a contract for a given delivery month, the price shall be quoted in terms of price points, as 100.0000 price points minus the average daily effective federal funds rate during such contract’s delivery month. (For example, an average daily effective federal funds rate of 4.3275 percent shall be quoted as 95.6725 price points.)

The minimum price fluctuation shall be 0.005 price points, equal to \$20.835 per contract, *subject to the following exceptions:*

Where the first day of a contract’s delivery month is a Saturday, a Sunday, or a Monday, the minimum price fluctuation for such contract shall be 0.0025 price points, equal to \$10.4175 per contract, as of the first Trading Day of such contract delivery month.

Where the first day of a contract’s delivery month is a Tuesday, a Wednesday, a Thursday, or a Friday, the minimum price fluctuation for such contract shall be 0.0025 price points, equal to \$10.4175 per contract, as of the Trading Day immediately following the last Sunday of the month preceding such contract delivery month.

22102.D. Position Limits, Exemptions, Position Accountability and Reportable Levels

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

¹ Revised January 2009 and February 2016.

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

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

22102.E. Special Price Fluctuation Limits

At the commencement of each trading day, the contract shall be subject to special price fluctuation limits as set forth in Rule 589 and in the Special Price Fluctuation Limits Table in the Interpretations & Special Notices Section of Chapter 5.

22102.F. Termination of Trading

The last day of trading in an expiring futures contract shall be the last Business Day of such contract's delivery month. Trading in expiring futures shall terminate at the close of the Trading Day on the last day of trading. Contracts that remain outstanding following termination of trade shall be liquidated by cash settlement pursuant to Rule 22103.

22103. DELIVERY ON FUTURES CONTRACTS

Delivery shall be made by cash settlement through the Clearing House following normal variation margin procedures. The final settlement price of an expiring contract shall be calculated on the business day on which the Federal Reserve Bank of New York publishes the daily effective federal funds rate for the last day of such contract's delivery month. Such final settlement price shall be 100 minus the arithmetic average of the daily effective federal funds rate during the contract delivery month. On their last day of trading, open contracts shall be marked to market by reference to the Exchange daily settlement price. The final mark to market on such contracts shall be made on the day the final settlement price is determined.