Chapter 402A
Options on CME Seasonal Strip Snowfall Index Futures

402A00. SCOPE OF CHAPTER

This chapter is limited in application to trading in put and call options on CME Seasonal Strip Snowfall Index futures contracts. The procedures for trading, clearing and settlement and any other matters not specifically covered herein shall be governed by the rules of the Exchange.

402A01. OPTION CHARACTERISTICS

402A01.A. Contract Months and Trading Hours

Options contracts shall be listed for such contract months and scheduled for trading during such hours as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

402A01.B. Trading Unit

The trading unit shall be an option to buy, in the case of the call, or to sell, in the case of the put, one respective CME Seasonal Strip Snowfall Index futures contract as specified in Chapter 402.

402A01.C. Minimum Fluctuations

The price of an option shall be quoted in terms of the respective CME Seasonal Strip Snowfall Index. Each index point represents $500. For example, a quote of 2 index points represents $1,000. The minimum fluctuation shall be 0.1(one-tenth) index point (also known as one tick), equal to $50.

402A01.D. [Reserved]

402A01.E. Exercise Prices

Exercise prices shall be stated in terms of the respective CME Seasonal Strip Snowfall Index futures contract. Eligible exercise prices shall also be at intervals of 0.1 (one-tenth) index point (e.g., 1.0, 1.1, 1.2, etc.).

At the commencement of option trading in a contract month, the eligible put and call options are at intervals of 0.1 (one-tenth) index point in a range of 0 to 200 index points. New options may be listed for trading up to and including the termination of trading.

The Board may modify the provisions governing the establishment of exercise prices as it deems appropriate.

402A01.F. Position Limits

No person shall own or control a combination of options and underlying futures contracts that exceeds 10,000 futures-equivalent contracts net on the same side of the market in all contract months combined.

For the purpose of this rule, the futures equivalent of an option contract is 1 times the previous business day's IOM risk factor for the option series. Also for purposes of this rule, a long call option, a short put option, and a long underlying futures contract are on the same side of the market; similarly, a short call option, a long put option, and a short underlying futures contract are on the same side of the market.

402A01.G. Accumulation of Positions

For the purposes of this rule, the positions of all accounts directly or indirectly owned or controlled by a person or persons, and the positions of all accounts of a person or persons acting pursuant to an expressed or implied agreement or understanding, and the positions of all accounts in which a person or persons have a proprietary or beneficial interest, shall be cumulated.

402A01.H. Exemptions

The foregoing position limits shall not apply to commercially appropriate risk reducing option positions defined in accordance with Regulation 1.3(z)(1) of the CFTC and meeting the requirements of Rule 559 and shall not apply to other option positions exempted pursuant to Rule 559.

402A01.I. Termination of Trading

Options trading shall terminate on the same date and time as the underlying futures contract.

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402A01.J. Contract Modifications

Specifications shall be fixed as of the first day of trading of a contract except that all options must conform to government regulations in force at the time of exercise. If the U.S. government, an agency or duly constituted body thereof issues an order, ruling, directive or law inconsistent with these rules, such order, ruling, directive or law shall be construed to become part of these rules and all open and new options contracts shall be subject to such governmental orders.

402A02. EXERCISE

In addition to the applicable procedures and requirements of Chapter 7, the following shall apply to the exercise of the CME Seasonal Strip Snowfall Index options.

402A02.A. Exercise of Option by Buyer

An option may be exercised by the buyer only on the termination of trading day. To exercise an option the clearing member representing the buyer shall present an exercise notice to the Clearing House by 7:00 p.m. on the day of exercise.

An option that is in the money and has not been liquidated prior to the termination of trading shall, in the absence of contrary instructions delivered to the Clearing House by 7:00 p.m. on the day of expiration by the clearing member representing the option buyer, be exercised automatically.

402A02.B. Assignment

Exercise notices accepted by the Clearing House shall be assigned through a process of random selection to clearing members with open short positions in the same series. A clearing member to which an exercise notice is assigned shall be notified thereof as soon as practicable after such notice is assigned by the Clearing House, but not later than 45 minutes before the opening of Regular Trading Hours in the underlying futures contract on the following business day.

The clearing member assigned an exercise notice shall be assigned a short position in the underlying futures contract if a call is exercised or a long position if a put is exercised. The clearing member representing the option buyer shall be assigned a long position in the underlying futures contract if a call is exercised and a short position if a put is exercised.

All such futures positions shall be assigned at a price equal to the exercise price of the option and shall be marked to market in accordance with Rule 814 on the trading day of acceptance by the Clearing House of the exercise notice.

402A03. ACTS OF GOVERNMENT, ACTS OF GOD AND OTHER EMERGENCIES

(Refer to Rule 701. – ACTS OF GOVERNMENT, ACTS OF GOD AND OTHER EMERGENCIES)

(End Chapter 402A)

INTERPRETATIONS & SPECIAL NOTICES RELATING TO CHAPTER 402A

CLARIFICATION OF NON-AGRICULTURAL OPTION SPECULATIVE POSITION LIMIT RULE

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Please note that the non-agricultural option speculative position limit rule, in effect at this time, supersedes the speculative position rule for the underlying futures contract. Therefore, for example, a trader may hold a gross futures position that exceeds the futures position limit rule if that gross position is part of a spread with options, such that the net position across options and futures is less than the applicable limit set in the options rule.

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