

HARMONIZING CME FLEX OPTION PROCEDURES TUESDAY, January 22, 2008

Effective on Tuesday, January 22, 2008, the Exchange Rules governing the following changes on flex option practices:

- Elimination of the current restriction on the creation of new flex options on the option's final trading day.
- Elimination of the current constraint on trading a newly created flex option for five (5) minutes subsequent to the initial receipt of an associated RFQ.

Lifting these restrictions provide additional flexibility for the benefit of CME customers and are further consistent with existing practices in the context of legacy CBOT products.

The text of Rule amendments are as follows, with additional underlined.

If you have any questions regarding these rule amendments, please contact Mr. Tom Boggs, Equity Index Products, at 312-930-3038, or Ms. Lucy Wang, Research & Product Development, at 312-648-5478.

Chapter 351A: Options on Standard and Poor's 500 Stock Price Index™ Futures

351A31.I. Termination of Trading ¹

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Chapter 352A: Options on Nikkei Stock Average Futures

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Chapter 353A:
Options on Standard and Poor's Midcap 400 Stock Price Index™ Futures

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Chapter 354A:
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