

TO: Clearing Member Firms; Back Office Managers

FROM: CME Clearing

SUBJECT: **OTC Holiday Advisory – Good Friday and Easter**

Please be advised that on Friday, March 30, 2018 (Good Friday) CME Clearing will be open to clear trades. Due to the holiday, however, there will be several impacts to CME Clearing's processing and trade submission timelines for OTC products. For details on these impacts, please see the tables below.

Trade Submission and Variation Margin Settlement:

| Good Friday Holiday | | | | | |
|---------------------|----------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Asset Class | Currencies | | Bank Holiday | For trades submitted on Bank Holiday | |
| | | | | Clear Date | Upfront Fee Settlement Date |
| IRS | T+1 Currencies | USD, KRW | N/A | Friday, March 30 th | Monday, April 2 nd |
| | | CAD, MXN, BRL | Friday, March 30 th | Monday, April 2 nd | Tuesday, April 3 rd |
| | | EUR, GBP, INR | Friday, March 30 th | Tuesday, April 3 rd | Wednesday, April 4 th |
| | T+2 Currencies | AUD, CHF, DKK, HKD, NOK, NZD, SEK, ZAR, CZK | Friday, March 30 th | Tuesday, April 3 rd | Thursday, April 5 th |
| | | SGD | Friday, March 30 th | Monday, April 2 nd | Wednesday, April 4 th |
| | | JPY | N/A | Friday, March 30 th | Tuesday, April 3 rd |
| | | HUF, PLN | N/A | Friday, March 30 th | Wednesday, April 4 th |
| CDS | | USD-CDX | Friday, March 30 th | Monday, April 2 nd | Tuesday, April 3 rd |
| | | EUR-iTraxx | Friday, March 30 th Monday, April 2 nd | Tuesday, April 3 rd | Wednesday, April 4 th |

For USD IRS it will be business as usual. Since Friday, March 30th, 2018, and Monday, April 2nd, 2018 is a EUR and GBP holiday (Good Friday & Easter Monday), any EUR and GBP swaps submitted on Friday, March 30th, 2018 will clear on Tuesday, April 3rd, 2018

Since Monday, April 2nd, 2017 is a holiday for CZK, HUF, and PLN currencies, IRS trades in these currencies will clear on Friday, March 30th, 2018 (Good Friday is not a holiday), but will settle on Wednesday, April 4th, 2018.

OTC FX holiday information will be sourced from COPP CLARK.

Price Alignment Interest:

The table below provides information related to PAI calculation for Good Friday.

| IRS & CDS | Close of Business Date | Currency | Number of Days for PAI |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------|
| | Wednesday, March 28, 2018 | DKK, NOK, INR | 6 |
| | | MXN | 5 |
| | Thursday, March 29, 2018 | AUD, CHF, EUR, GBP, HKD, NZD, SEK, ZAR | 5 |
| | | CAD, SGD, BRL | 4 |
| | | USD, CZK, HUF, JPY, PLN | 1 |
| | | DKK, NOK, MXN, INR | 0 |
| | Friday, March 30, 2018 | USD, KRW | 3 |
| | | AUD, CAD, CHF, DKK, EUR, GBP, HKD, MXN, NOK, NZD, SEK, SGX, ZAR, INR | 0 |
| | Monday, April 2 nd , 2018 | CAD, CZK, HUF, JPY, PLN, SGX, MXN, USD, KRW | 1 |
| AUD, CHF, DKK, EUR, GBP, HKD, NOK, NZD, SEK, ZAR, INR | | 0 | |

Initial Margin Calculations:

| Close of Business Date | Product | Currencies | Will CME generate new IM requirements? |
|---------------------------------------|---------|--------------------|--|
| Friday, March 30 th , 2018 | IRS | All Currencies | Yes |
| | CDS | USD-CDX | No |
| | | EUR-iTraxx | No |
| | OTC FX | All Currency Pairs | Yes |

EOD Reporting:

Please refer to the table below for CME Clearing's plans to produce end of day reporting in both the New Release and Production environments for Good Friday holiday.

| Date | Product | Environment | EOD Reports Produced? |
|--|---------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Friday, March 30 th , 2018 | CDS | Production | Yes |
| | CDS | New Release (UAT) | Yes |
| | IRS | Production | Yes |
| | IRS | New Release (UAT) | Yes |
| | OTC FX | Production | Yes |
| | OTC FX | New Release (UAT) | Yes |

CDX & iTraxx Price Submission:

| Close of Business Date | Product | Price Submission |
|----------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|
| Thursday, March 29 th | USD-CDX | Yes (Early Submission) |
| | EUR-iTraxx | Yes (Regular Submission) |
| Friday, March 30 th | USD-CDX | No |
| | EUR-iTraxx | No[LJ1] |
| Monday, April 2 nd | USD-CDX | Yes |
| | EUR-iTraxx | No[LJ2] |

On Thursday, March 29th, 2017, CME Clearing will be following the schedule outlined below for North America CDX

- **Publication for price requirement file:** 12:30 pm ET
- **Publication of Preliminary Dealer Feedback Files:** 14:05 pm ET
- **Dealer Price Submission Deadline:** 14:35 pm ET
- **Publication of Final CDX PQA Dealer Feedback Files:** 14:45 pm ET

If you have questions, please contact the CME Client Services Team at onboarding_clearing@cmegroup.com.

Regards,
CME Clearing