Trade at Settlement - TAS

Orders for TAS (Trade at Settlement) products are executed at the current day's settlement price for the standard contract or at a valid price increment above or below the settlement price of the standard contract.

To ensure appropriate and efficient messaging practices for TAS orders into CME Globex, the timing of each TAS groups' pre-open state is randomized. The market state sequence for TAS groups has a market pause, communicated via the market data Security Status message (tag 35-MsgType=f), tag 326-SecurityTradingStatus=2 at 16:00:00 on Sunday and 16:45:00 Monday through Thursday. TAS groups then go into pre-open on Sundays between 16:00:00 and 16:01:00 Central time (CT), and Mondays through Thursdays between 16:45:00 and 16:46:00 CT.

> TAS products are listed in the CME Globex Product Reference Sheet and designated TAS in the instrument name (e.g. Brent Crude Oil Last Day Financial Futures TAS).

Example
For Cotton futures (TT), the minimum price fluctuation is .01 cents per pound. A trader may enter an order for Cotton TAS (TC) a price of 0 (which means the trader wants to trade at the TT settlement price), or at +1 or +2 (which would mean that the trader wants to trade at the TT settlement price plus one or two minimum price increments (settlement price plus .01 or plus .02), or at -1 or -2 (settlement price minus .01 or minus .02).

TAS Calendar Spreads

The pricing of the legs of a TAS calendar spread is calculated as follows:

- The legs of TAS spread trades executed on CME Globex at **zero** or at a **negative differential** will be priced as follows:
  - If the spread trades at **zero**, each leg will be priced at the settlement price for the respective contract months.
  - If the spread trades at a **negative differential**:
    - the **nearby** leg of the spread will be priced at the settlement price for that contract month.
    - the **far** leg of the spread will be priced at the settlement price for that contract month **minus** the allowable TAS price increment traded (negative 1 through negative 10).
- The legs of TAS spread trades executed on CME Globex at a **positive differential** will be priced as follows:
  - The **far** leg of the spread will be priced at the settlement price for that contract month.
  - The **nearby** leg of the spread will be priced at the settlement price for that contract month **plus** the TAS price increment traded.

Example 1
A February 2015/March 2015 (G/H) Light Sweet Crude Oil calendar spread trades at TAS -1 (minus 1). Assume the February contract settles at 101.31 and the March contract settles at 101.52.

The February leg will be priced at the February settlement price of 101.31. The March leg will be priced at 101.53, which is the March settlement price of 101.52 minus the TAS price increment of -1 (101.52 minus -.01 = 101.53).

Example 2
A March 2015/April 2015 (H/J) Henry Hub Natural Gas calendar spread trades at TAS +3. Assume the March contract settles at 3.050 and the April contract settles at 3.115.

The April leg will be priced at the April settlement price of 3.115. The March leg will be priced at 3.053, which is the March settlement price of 3.050 plus the TAS price increment of +3 (3.050 plus +.003 = 3.053).

> TAS orders can be accepted through the Convenience Gateways or Market Segment Gateways (MSGWs) Market Segment Gateway.