



## Special Executive Report

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### Venezuela Sanctions Reminder

In light of economic sanctions law developments arising from recent events in Venezuela, CME, CBOT, NYMEX, and COMEX (collectively, "the Exchanges") are reminding all clearing member firms about their continuing obligations under CME/CBOT/NYMEX/COMEX Rules 543. ("Restrictions on Access for Sanctioned Parties and Jurisdictions") and 981. ("Anti-Money Laundering and Economic Sanctions Compliance"). The Exchanges also remind all others of their obligations to comply with applicable anti-money laundering and economic sanctions laws.

All parties should undertake due diligence efforts to assure that their activities do not involve or otherwise relate to parties targeted under the new sanctions. The most recent round of sanctions does not name specific entities or individuals, but instead, cover any entities or individuals that fall within the definition of the "Government of Venezuela," which includes any entities or individuals that are owned or controlled by the Government of Venezuela.

If you have any questions, please contact the Financial and Regulatory Surveillance Department at 312.930.3230 or the Corporate Compliance Department at [CME.Compliance@cmegroup.com](mailto:CME.Compliance@cmegroup.com).