Chapter 252A
Options on Canadian Dollar/U.S. Dollar (CAD/USD) Futures

252A00. SCOPE OF CHAPTER
This chapter is limited in application to options on Canadian dollar/U.S. dollar futures. In addition to this chapter, options on Canadian dollar/U.S. dollar futures shall be subject to the general rules and regulations of the Exchange insofar as applicable.

For purposes of this chapter, unless otherwise specified, times referred to herein shall refer to and indicate Chicago time.

252A01. OPTIONS CHARACTERISTICS

252A01.A. Contract Months, Trading Hours, and Trading Halts
Options contracts shall be listed for such contract months (i.e., expirations) and scheduled for trading during such hours, except as indicated below, as may be determined by the Exchange.

252A01.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 Canadian dollar/U.S. dollar futures contract as specified in Chapter 252.

252A01.C. Price Increments
For options trading on CME Globex and via open outcry and for submission for clearing via CME ClearPort, the price of an option shall be quoted in U.S. dollars per Canadian dollar. Each $0.0001 per Canadian dollar (one point) shall represent $10.00. For example, a quote of .0075 represents an option price of $750.00 (75 points x $10.00 per point) of premium. The minimum fluctuation shall be one point (also known as one tick). A trade may also occur at a price of $.00005 ($5, also known as one-half tick), $.00015 ($15, also known as one and one-half ticks), $.00025 ($25, also known as two and one-half ticks), $.00035 ($35, also known as three and one-half ticks), and $.00045 ($45, also known as four and one-half ticks).

In addition, for options that are quoted in volatility terms, the minimum fluctuation shall be 0.01 percent for the volatility quote. Also, following a volatility trade, when CME Globex converts the volatility-traded options position into a premium-based options position for clearing, the minimum price increment for the premium-based option position shall be $0.00001 per Canadian dollar (equal to $1.00).

252A01.D. Underlying Futures Contract
The underlying futures contract is the nearest quarterly futures contract following the options expiration except for options expiring the week prior to a quarterly futures termination. For options expiring the week prior to a quarterly futures termination, the underlying futures contract is the next nearest quarterly futures contract.

252A01.E. Position Limits, Exemptions, Position Accountability and Reportable Levels
The applicable position limits and/or accountability levels, in addition to the reportable levels, are set forth in the Position Limit, Position Accountability and Reportable Level Table in the Interpretations & Special Notices Section of Chapter 5.

A Person seeking an exemption from position limits for bona fide commercial purposes shall apply to the Market Regulation Department on forms provided by the Exchange, and the Market Regulation Department may grant qualified exemptions in its sole discretion.

Refer to Rule 559 for requirements concerning the aggregation of positions and allowable exemptions from the specified position limits.
252A02. LISTING OF EXERCISE PRICES

1. Monthly Options in the March Quarterly Cycle ("Quarterly Options")

At the commencement of trading in a contract month, the Exchange shall list put and call options at
the regular exercise price that is nearest the previous day’s settlement price of the underlying
futures contract. For options on Canadian dollar/U.S. dollar futures, the Exchange shall list put
and call options at the next twenty-four higher and next twenty-four lower regular exercise
prices. When a sale, bid, offer, or settlement price in the underlying futures occurs within half a
regular exercise price interval of the twenty-fourth highest or twenty-fourth lowest existing regular exercise
price for options on Canadian dollar/U.S. dollar futures, put and call options at the next higher or
next lower regular exercise price shall be listed for trading on the next trading day. New options
may be listed for trading up to and including the termination of trading.

The Exchange may modify the provisions governing the establishment of exercise prices as it

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deems appropriate.

2. Options Not in the March Quarterly Cycle ("Serial" and "Weekly Options")

Upon demand, the Exchange shall list put and call options at any regular exercise price listed for trading in the next March quarterly cycle futures option that is nearest the expiration of the option. New options may be listed for trading up to and including the termination of trading.

3. Dynamically-Listed Exercise Prices.

Upon demand and at the discretion of the Exchange, new out-of-current-range exercise prices at regularly defined intervals may be added for trading on as soon as possible basis.

252A03. EXERCISE AND ASSIGNMENT

In addition to the applicable procedures and requirements of Chapter 7, the following shall apply to the exercise of option contracts on Canadian dollar/U.S. dollar futures. All options on Canadian dollar/U.S. dollar futures are European-style exercise only. Early option exercise prior to the option expiration day is not permitted. Contrary option exercise instructions are also not allowed.

252A03.A.1. [Reserved]

252A03.A.2. [Reserved]

252A03.A.3. Exercise of Options

All in-the-money options are automatically exercised by the Clearing House on the day of expiration for the option. All out-of-the-money options are abandoned by the Clearing House on the day of expiration for the option. To determine whether an option is in or out of the money on this day, the Exchange shall calculate the relevant “CME currency fixing price” from GLOBEX-traded underlying futures contracts as follows:

Tier 1  Take the 60-second average of sale (trade) prices, weighted by volume from 8:59:00 to 8:59:59 a.m. on the day of determination of the CME currency fixing price.

Tier 2  If less than three or no sales (trades) occurred during the 60-second interval noted above, take the midpoint of each bid & ask spread where available and average the resulting midpoints over the 60-second interval.

Tier 3  If no sales (trades) and no bid and ask prices occurred during the 60-second interval, then Exchange staff shall derive the CME currency fixing price (as a synthetic futures price) from quote vendor spot rates and appropriate maturity forward points.

252A03.B. Assignment

Exercise notices created by the Clearing House for buyers of options shall be assigned by the Clearing House 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.

252A04. [RESERVED]

(End Chapter 252A)