

## Chapter 408A

### Options on CME European CAT Index Futures

#### **408A00. SCOPE OF CHAPTER**

This chapter is limited in application to options on CME European CAT Index futures. In addition to this chapter, options on CME European CAT Index 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 herein shall refer to and indicate Chicago time.

#### **408A01. OPTIONS CHARACTERISTICS**

##### **408A01. A. Contract Months and Trading Hours**

Options contracts shall be listed for such contract months and scheduled for trading during such hours as may be determined by the Exchange.

##### **408A01. 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 respective CME European CAT Index futures contract as specified in Chapter 408.

##### **408A01.C. Minimum Fluctuations**

The price of an option shall be quoted in terms of the respective CME European CAT Index. Each index point represents 20 British pounds (pounds sterling) for London-Heathrow, or 20 Euros (€) for all other locations. For example, a quote of 2 index points represents 40 British pounds (pounds sterling) for London-Heathrow, or 40 Euros (€) for all other locations. The minimum fluctuation shall be 1.0 index point (also known as one tick), equal to 20 British pounds (pounds sterling) for London-Heathrow, or 20 Euros (€) for all other locations.

##### **408A01.D. [Reserved]**

##### **408A01.E. Exercise Prices**

Exercise prices shall be stated in terms of the respective CME European CAT Index futures contract. Eligible exercise prices shall also be at intervals of 1 index point (e.g., 710, 711, 712, etc.). At the commencement of option trading in a contract month, the eligible put and call options are dynamically listed at intervals of 1 index point in a range of 0 to 1300 index points for CAT months. 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 deems appropriate.

##### **408A01.F. 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.

##### **408A01.G. [Reserved]**

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##### **408A01.I. Termination of Trading**

Options trading shall terminate on the same date and time as the underlying futures contract.

##### **408A01.J. [Reserved]**

#### **408A02. EXERCISE AND ASSIGNMENT**

In addition to the applicable procedures and requirements of Chapter 7, the following shall apply to the exercise of the CME European CAT options.

**408A02.A. Exercise of Option by Buyer**

An option may be exercised by the buyer only on the termination of Trading Day. To exercise an option the clearing member representing the buyer shall present an exercise notice to the Clearing House by 5:30 p.m. on the day of exercise.

An option that is in the money and has not been liquidated prior to the termination of trading shall, in the absence of contrary instructions delivered to the Clearing House by 5:30 p.m. on the day of expiration by the clearing member representing the option buyer, be exercised automatically.

**408A02.B. Assignment**

Exercise notices accepted by the Clearing House shall be assigned 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.

**408A03. [RESERVED]**

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