

## Chapter 452A

### Options on Three-Month Eurodollar Futures

#### 452A00. SCOPE OF CHAPTER

This chapter is limited in application to options on Three-Month Eurodollar futures (“options”). In addition to this chapter, options shall be subject to the general rules and regulations of the Exchange insofar as applicable.

Unless otherwise specified, times referenced herein shall refer to and indicate Chicago time.

#### 452A01. OPTION CHARACTERISTICS

##### 452A01.A. Contract Months and Trading Hours

Options shall be listed for expiration on such dates and shall be scheduled for trading during such hours as may be determined by the Exchange.

##### 452A01.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 Three-Month Eurodollar futures contract (Chapter 452).

##### 452A01.C. Minimum Fluctuations

The price of an option shall be quoted in IMM Index points corresponding to such option’s underlying futures contract (Rule 452A01.D.). Pursuant to Rules 45202.C., each 0.01 IMM Index point signifies one (1) basis point per annum of interest rate exposure in such underlying futures contract’s Trading Unit (Rule 45202.B.), and is equal to \$25 per option contract. For example, an option contract price of 0.35 IMM Index points represents \$875 (equal to 35 basis points x \$25 per basis point per option contract).

Minimum price fluctuations shall be as follows –

##### 1. Quarterly Standard Options (Rule 452A01.D.1.) Expiring in the Nearest March Quarterly Month

Where such options are for the next nearest monthly option expiration date, the minimum price fluctuation shall be 0.0025 IMM Index points (equal to \$6.25 per option contract).

Where such options are not for the next nearest monthly option expiration date, then:

Where any such option trades outright at a premium not greater than 0.05 IMM Index points, the minimum price fluctuation shall be 0.0025 IMM Index points (equal to \$6.25 per option contract).

Where any such option trades outright at a premium greater than 0.05 IMM Index points, the minimum price fluctuation shall be 0.005 IMM Index points (equal to \$12.50 per option contract).

##### 2. Quarterly Standard Options (Rule 452A01.D.1.) Expiring in the Second-Nearest March Quarterly Month, Serial Options (Rule 452A01.D.2.), and Three-Month Mid-Curve Options (Rule 452A01.D.8.)

Where any such option trades outright at a premium not greater than 0.05 IMM Index points, the minimum price fluctuation shall be 0.0025 IMM Index points (equal to \$6.25 per option contract).

Where any such option trades outright at a premium greater than 0.05 IMM Index points, the minimum price fluctuation shall be 0.005 IMM Index points (equal to \$12.50 per option contract).

##### 3. All Other Quarterly Standard Options (Rule 452A01.D.1.) and All Other Mid-Curve Options (Rules 452A01.D.3. through 452A01.D.7., 452A01.D.9., and 452A01.D.10.)

For all Quarterly Standard options other than those that expire in the nearest March Quarterly month or the second-nearest March Quarterly month, and for all Mid-Curve options other than Three-Month Mid-Curve options, the minimum price fluctuation shall be 0.005 IMM Index points (equal to \$12.50 per option contract), provided that trade may occur at a price level of 0.0025 IMM Index point (equal to \$6.25 per option contract), whether or not such trade results in liquidation of positions for both parties to such trade.

##### 4. Option Spreads and Combinations

All option spreads and combinations shall trade in minimum price increments of 0.005 IMM Index points, subject to the following exceptions:

- (a) An option spread or combination may trade in minimum price increments of 0.0025 IMM Index points if (i) such option spread or combination comprises only Quarterly Standard Options Expiring in the Nearest March Quarterly Month (Rule 452A01.C.1.), and (ii) all such options are for the nearest monthly option expiration date.
- (b) An option spread or combination may trade in minimum price increments of 0.0025 IMM Index points if such option spread or combination (i) trades at a net premium not greater than 0.05 IMM Index points and not less than -0.05 IMM Index points and (ii) comprises only such options as are specified in Rule 452A01.C.1. and/or 452A01.C.2.

For the avoidance of doubt, any option spread or combination that comprises one or more options specified in Rule 452A01.C.3. shall trade in minimum price increments of 0.005 IMM Index points.

For the purpose of Rule 813 for Settlement Prices, the minimum price fluctuation for all options shall be 0.0025 IMM Index point (equal to \$6.25 per option contract).

Where the price of an option is quoted in volatility terms, the minimum fluctuation shall be 0.05 percent.

#### **452A01.D. Underlying Futures Contracts**

##### **1. Options in the March Quarterly Cycle (“Quarterly Standard Options”)**

For options that expire in any month in the March quarterly cycle (i.e., March, June, September, and December), except for those Mid-Curve options specified in Paragraphs 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10 of this Rule, the underlying futures contract is for the month in which such options expire. For example, for a given year, the underlying futures contract for an option that expires in March is the March futures contract.

##### **2. Options Not in the March Quarterly Cycle (“Serial Options”)**

For options that expire in any month other than those in the March quarterly cycle, (i.e., January, February, April, May, July, August, October, and November), except for those Mid-Curve options specified in Paragraphs 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10 of this Rule, the underlying futures contract is for the next month in the March quarterly cycle that is nearest the expiration of such options. For example, for a given year, the underlying futures contract for such options that expire in January or February is the March futures contract.

##### **3. One-Year Mid-Curve Options**

###### One-Year Mid-Curve Options in the March Quarterly Cycle (“Quarterly One-Year Mid-Curve Options”)

For One-Year Mid-Curve options that expire in any month in the March quarterly cycle, the underlying futures contract is the futures contract that expires 12 calendar months after the month in which such options expire.

###### One-Year Mid-Curve Options Not in the March Quarterly Cycle (“Serial One-Year Mid-Curve Options”)

For Serial One-Year Mid-Curve Options that expire in any month other than those in the March quarterly cycle, the underlying futures contract is the futures contract that expires 12 calendar months from the next March quarterly month that is nearest to the expiration of such options. For example, the underlying futures contract for the Serial One-Year Mid-Curve options that expire in January or February of a given year is the March futures contract that expires one year hence.

###### Weekly One-Year Mid-Curve Options

For Weekly One-Year Mid-Curve Options, the underlying futures contract is the futures contract that expires 12 calendar months from the next March quarterly month that is nearest to the expiration of such options.

##### **4. Two-Year Mid-Curve Options**

###### Two-Year Mid-Curve Options in the March Quarterly Cycle (“Quarterly Two-Year Mid-Curve Options”)

For Two-Year Mid-Curve options that expire in any month in the March quarterly cycle, the underlying futures contract is the futures contract that expires 24 calendar months after the month in which such options expire.

###### Two-Year Mid-Curve Options Not in the March Quarterly Cycle (“Serial Two-Year Mid-Curve Options”)

For Serial Two-Year Mid-Curve Options that expire in any month other than those in the March quarterly cycle, the underlying futures contract is the futures contract that expires 24 calendar months from the next March quarterly month that is nearest to the expiration of such options. For example, the underlying futures contract for the Serial Two-Year Mid-Curve options that expire in January or February of a given year is the March futures contract that expires two years hence.

#### Weekly Two-Year Mid-Curve Options

For Weekly Two-Year Mid-Curve Options, the underlying futures contract is the futures contract that expires 24 calendar months from the next March quarterly month that is nearest to the expiration of such options.

### **5. Three-Year Mid-Curve Options**

#### Three-Year Mid-Curve Options in the March Quarterly Cycle (“Quarterly Three-Year Mid-Curve Options”)

For Three-Year Mid-Curve options that expire in any month in the March quarterly cycle, the underlying futures contract is the futures contract that expires 36 calendar months after the month in which such options expire.

#### Three-Year Mid-Curve Options Not in the March Quarterly Cycle (“Serial Three-Year Mid-Curve Options”)

For Serial Three-Year Mid-Curve Options that expire in any month other than those in the March quarterly cycle, the underlying futures contract is the futures contract that expires 36 calendar months from the next March quarterly month that is nearest to the expiration of such options. For example, the underlying futures contract for the Serial Three-Year Mid-Curve options that expire in January or February of a given year is the March futures contract that expires three years hence.

#### Weekly Three-Year Mid-Curve Options

For Weekly Three-Year Mid-Curve Options, the underlying futures contract is the futures contract that expires 36 calendar months from the next March quarterly month that is nearest to the expiration of such options.

### **6. Four-Year Mid-Curve Options**

#### Four-Year Mid-Curve Options in the March Quarterly Cycle (“Quarterly Four-Year Mid-Curve Options”)

For Four-Year Mid-Curve options that expire in any month in the March quarterly cycle, the underlying futures contract is the futures contract that expires 48 calendar months after the month in which such options expire.

#### Four-Year Mid-Curve Options Not in the March Quarterly Cycle (“Serial Four-Year Mid-Curve Options”)

For Serial Four-Year Mid-Curve Options that expire in any month other than those in the March quarterly cycle, the underlying futures contract is the futures contract that expires 48 calendar months from the next March quarterly month that is nearest to the expiration of such options. For example, the underlying futures contract for the Serial Four-Year Mid-Curve options that expire in January or February of a given year is the March futures contract that expires four years hence.

#### Weekly Four-Year Mid-Curve Options

For Weekly Four-Year Mid-Curve Options, the underlying futures contract is the futures contract that expires 48 calendar months from the next March quarterly month that is nearest to the expiration of such options.

### **7. Five-Year Mid-Curve Options**

#### Five-Year Mid-Curve Options in the March Quarterly Cycle (“Quarterly Five-Year Mid-Curve Options”)

For Five-Year Mid-Curve options that expire in any month in the March quarterly cycle, the underlying futures contract is the futures contract that expires 60 calendar months after the month in which such options expire.

#### Five-Year Mid-Curve Options Not in the March Quarterly Cycle (“Serial Five-Year Mid-Curve Options”)

For Serial Five-Year Mid-Curve Options that expire in any month other than those in the March quarterly cycle, the underlying futures contract is the futures contract that expires 60 calendar

months from the next March quarterly month that is nearest to the expiration of such options. For example, the underlying futures contract for the Serial Five-Year Mid-Curve options that expire in January or February of a given year is the March futures contract that expires five years hence.

#### Weekly Five-Year Mid-Curve Options

For Weekly Five-Year Mid-Curve Options, the underlying futures contract is the futures contract that expires 60 calendar months from the next March quarterly month that is nearest to the expiration of such options.

### **8. Three-Month Mid-Curve Options**

#### Three-Month Mid-Curve Options in the March Quarterly Cycle (“Quarterly Three-Month Mid-Curve Options”)

For Three-Month Mid-Curve options that expire in any month in the March quarterly cycle, the underlying futures contract is the futures contract that expires 3 calendar months after the month in which such options expire.

#### Three-Month Mid-Curve Options Not in the March Quarterly Cycle (“Serial Three-Month Mid-Curve Options”)

For Serial Three-Month Mid-Curve Options that expire in any month other than those in the March quarterly cycle, the underlying futures contract is the futures contract that expires 3 calendar months from the next March quarterly month that is nearest to the expiration of such options. For example, for a given year, the underlying futures contract for the Serial Three-Month Mid-Curve options that expire in January or February is the June futures contract.

### **9. Six-Month Mid-Curve Options**

#### Six-Month Mid-Curve Options in the March Quarterly Cycle (“Quarterly Six-Month Mid-Curve Options”)

For Six-Month Mid-Curve options that expire in any month in the March quarterly cycle, the underlying futures contract is the futures contract that expires 6 calendar months after the month in which such options expire.

#### Six-Month Mid-Curve Options Not in the March Quarterly Cycle (“Serial Six-Month Mid-Curve Options”)

For Serial Six-Month Mid-Curve Options that expire in any month other than those in the March quarterly cycle, the underlying futures contract is the futures contract that expires 6 calendar months from the next March quarterly month that is nearest to the expiration of such options. For example, for a given year, the underlying futures contract for the Serial Six-Month Mid-Curve options that expire in January or February is the September futures contract.

### **10. Nine-Month Mid-Curve Options**

#### Nine-Month Mid-Curve Options in the March Quarterly Cycle (“Quarterly Nine-Month Mid-Curve Options”)

For Nine-Month Mid-Curve options that expire in any month in the March quarterly cycle, the underlying futures contract is the futures contract that expires 9 calendar months after the month in which such options expire.

#### Nine-Month Mid-Curve Options Not in the March Quarterly Cycle (“Serial Nine-Month Mid-Curve Options”)

For Serial Nine-Month Mid-Curve Options that expire in any month other than those in the March quarterly cycle, the underlying futures contract is the futures contract that expires 9 calendar months from the next March quarterly month that is nearest to the expiration of such options. For example, for a given year, the underlying futures contract for the Serial Nine-Month Mid-Curve options that expire in January or February is the December futures contract.

## **452A01.E. Exercise Prices**

### **1. Twenty-Five Point Exercise Prices**

For options for a given expiration date that are exercisable into a given underlying futures contract, exercise prices shall be stated in terms of the IMM Index for such underlying futures contract and shall be stated in intervals whose last two digits are 00, 25, 50, or 75 (“twenty-five point exercise prices”) for all IMM Index levels, e.g., 88.00, 88.25, 88.50, 88.75.

The Exchange shall list put and call options for trading at the exercise price that is nearest the previous day’s settlement price of such underlying futures contract (“at-the-money exercise

price”) and at all eligible exercise prices in a range from 5.50 IMM Index points above to 5.50 IMM Index points below such at-the-money exercise price. Thereafter until termination of trading in such options, the Exchange shall ensure that put and call options are listed for trading on each day at all eligible exercise prices in a range from 5.50 IMM Index points above to 5.50 IMM Index points below the at-the-money exercise price for such underlying futures contract. New options may be listed for trading up to and including the termination of trading.

## **2. Special Listings of 12.5 Point Exercise Prices**

For options for a given expiration date that are exercisable into a given underlying futures contract, additional exercise prices shall be stated in intervals whose last three digits are 12.5, 37.5, 62.5, or 87.5 (“12.5 point exercise prices”) for all IMM Index levels, e.g., 93.125, 93.375, 93.625, 93.875.

Until termination of trading in such options, the Exchange shall ensure that put and call options are listed for trading on each day at all such 12.5 point exercise prices in a range from 1.50 IMM Index points above to 1.50 IMM Index points below the at-the-money exercise price for such underlying futures contract.

## **3. Dynamically-Listed Exercise Prices**

Upon demand and at the discretion of the Exchange, a new option contract with an out-of-current-range exercise price may be added, on an as-soon-as-possible basis, *provided that* the last two digits of the exercise price of such newly added option contract must be 00, 25, 50, or 75 (e.g., 88.00, 88.25, 88.50, 88.75).

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

### **452A01.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.

### **452A01.G. Special Price Fluctuation Limits**

At the commencement of each trading day, the contract shall be subject to special price fluctuation limits as set forth in Rule 589 and in the Special Price Fluctuation Limits Table in the Interpretations & Special Notices Section of Chapter 5.

### **452A01.H.-I. [Reserved]**

### **452A01.J. Termination of Trading**

#### **1. Quarterly Standard Options**

Trading in any Quarterly Standard Option shall terminate at the same date and time as the underlying futures contract for such Quarterly Standard Option.

#### **2. Serial Options**

Trading in any Serial Option shall terminate at the close of trading on the Friday preceding the third

Wednesday of the month in which such option expires. If such Friday is a scheduled Exchange holiday, then trading shall terminate on the immediately preceding Business Day. In the event that the underlying futures market for such Serial Option does not open on the day scheduled for termination of trading in such option, then trading in such option shall be extended to the next day on which the underlying futures market is open for trading.

#### **3. Mid-Curve Options**

Trading in any Quarterly Mid-Curve Option or any Serial Mid-Curve option shall terminate at the close of trading on the Friday preceding the third Wednesday of the calendar month in which such option expires. If such Friday is a scheduled Exchange holiday, then trading shall terminate on the immediately preceding Business Day. In the event that the underlying futures market for such Mid-Curve option does not open on the day scheduled for termination of trading in such

option, then trading in such option shall be extended to the next day on which the underlying futures market is open for trading.

Trading in Weekly Mid-Curve options shall terminate at the close of trading on those Fridays that are not also scheduled for termination of trading in Quarterly Mid-Curve Options or Serial Mid-Curve Options. If such Friday is a scheduled Exchange holiday, then trading in Weekly Mid-Curve options shall terminate on the immediately preceding Business Day. In the event that the underlying futures market for any such Weekly Mid-Curve option does not open on the day scheduled for termination of trading in such option, then trading in such option shall be extended to the next day on which the underlying futures market is open for trading.

**452A01.K. [Reserved]**

**452A02. EXERCISE AND ASSIGNMENT**

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

**452A02.A. Exercise of Option by Buyer**

An option may be exercised by the buyer on any Business Day that the option is traded. To exercise an option, the clearing member representing the buyer shall present an exercise notice to the Clearing House by 7:00 p.m. on the day of exercise.

An option that is in the money and has not been liquidated or exercised prior to the termination of trading in such option shall be exercised automatically, in the absence of contrary instructions delivered to the Clearing House no later than 7:00 p.m. on the last day of trading by the clearing member representing the option buyer. An option is in the money if the settlement price of the underlying futures contract at the termination of trading lies above the exercise price in the case of a call, or lies below the exercise price in the case of a put.

Corrections to option exercises may be accepted by the Clearing House after the 7:00 p.m. deadline and up to the beginning of final option expiration processing, provided that such corrections are necessary due to: (1) a bona fide clerical error, (2) an unreconciled Exchange option transaction(s), or (3) an extraordinary circumstance where the clearing firm and customer are unable to communicate final option exercise instructions prior to the deadline. The decision whether a correction is acceptable will be made by the President of the Clearing House, or the President's designee, and such decision will be final.

**452A02.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.

**452A03. [RESERVED]**

(End Chapter 452A)