

## **Chapter 112 Silver Futures**

### **112100. SCOPE OF CHAPTER**

This chapter is limited in application to Silver futures. The procedures for trading, clearing, delivery and settlement not specifically covered herein or in Chapter 7 shall be governed by the general rules of the Exchange.

The provisions of these rules shall apply to all silver bought or sold for future delivery on the Exchange.

The terms "seller" and "buyer" shall mean the seller of the physical product and the buyer of the physical product, respectively. Terms not specifically defined herein shall be defined in Chapter 7.

For purposes of these rules, unless otherwise specified, times referred to herein shall refer to and indicate New York time.

### **112101. CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS**

The contract for delivery on futures contracts shall be five thousand (5,000) troy ounces of silver with a weight tolerance of 10% either higher or lower. Silver delivered under this contract shall assay to a minimum of 999 fineness and must be a brand approved by the Exchange.

Silver meeting all of the following specifications shall be deliverable in satisfaction of futures contract delivery obligations (eligible silver) under this rule:

1. Five (5) bars of refined silver cast in bars of one thousand (1,000) troy ounces, with a weight tolerance of 10% either higher or lower.
2. Silver must consist of one or more of the Exchange's brand marks, as provided in Chapter 7, current at the date of delivery of the contract.
3. Each bar of eligible silver must have the weight, fineness, bar number, and Brand mark clearly incised on the bar. The weight may be in troy ounces or grams. If the weight is in grams, it must be converted to troy ounces for documentation purposes by dividing the weight in grams by 31.1035 and rounding to the nearest tenth of a troy ounce. All documentation must illustrate the weight in troy ounces.

Any bar of silver that does not have the bar weight stamped or incised on the bar by the refiner and not sourced from an LBMA approved weigher as detailed in 4. below, and which is identified by a refiner's bar list without indicating or specifying the bar weight, but which is otherwise qualified for delivery on Exchange contract, may be put in tenderable condition for such delivery by the following procedures:

- (a) The silver must be weighed by an Exchange approved weighmaster.
- (b) The weight of each bar and the identification stamp of the Weighmaster must be incised with an appropriate tool which will create a permanent record on each bar.
- (c) The weight so marked on each bar shall be to the nearest 1/10th of an ounce.
- (d) The Exchange approved weighmaster shall prepare a certificate stating the procedures which it has followed. Said weighmaster's certificate and bar list shall be maintained by the Exchange approved depository that prepared the certificate or arranged for the weighing to be conducted by an Exchange approved weighmaster that is not also an Exchange approved depository.
- (e) For all eligible silver placed in a Depository prior to December 1, 2003, a separate bar number incised with an appropriate tool will be acceptable in lieu of the identification stamp of the Weighmaster.

4. Silver bars sourced from an LBMA approved weigher for silver are not required to have the weight incised on the bar, but must be accompanied by a digital bar list in such form as may be prescribed by the Exchange detailing the bar weight and created by such weigher. Silver bars sourced from LBMA approved weighers and accompanied by a digital bar list, will be recognized as proof of weight and used to determine eligibility. The Exchange approved depository will not be required to reweigh the bars if they are sourced directly from an LBMA approved weigher or from an Exchange approved depository and accompanied by a digital bar list. Silver bars without weight stamps originally sourced from an LBMA approved weigher

must always be accompanied by the original digital bar list or a digital bar list created by the Exchange approved depository referencing the original digital list sourced from an LBMA approved weigher in a format acceptable to the Exchange in order to be deliverable in satisfaction of futures contract delivery obligations under this rule. If the eligible unstamped bars leave the Exchange approved depository network and are redelivered into an Exchange approved depository, the Exchange approved depository is required to weigh the bars to confirm the weight matches that on the accompanying digital list which would then prevail. If the bar weight does not match that on the accompanying digital list, the Exchange approved depository must weigh and stamp the bars in accordance with rules set forth in Chapter 112 – Silver Futures.

## **112102. TRADING SPECIFICATIONS**

Trading in Silver futures is regularly conducted in the following months: (1) the current calendar month; (2) the next two calendar months; (3) any January, March, May, and September falling within a 23-month period beginning with the current calendar month; and (4) any July and December falling within a 60-month period beginning with the current calendar month. The number of months open for trading at a given time shall be determined by the Exchange.

### **112102.A. Trading Schedule**

The hours for trading shall be determined by the Exchange.

### **112102.B. Trading Unit**

The contract unit shall be five thousand (5,000) troy ounces.

### **112102.C. Price Increments**

The minimum price fluctuation shall be \$0.005 per troy ounce for outright transactions and \$0.001 per troy ounce for spread or straddle transactions and settlement. Prices shall be quoted in dollars and cents per troy ounce.

### **112102.D. 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.

### **112102.E. Termination of Trading**

No trades in Silver futures deliverable in the current month shall be made after the third last business day of that month. Any contracts remaining open after the last trade date must be either:

- (A) Settled by delivery which shall take place on any business day beginning on the first business day of the delivery month or any subsequent business day of the delivery month, but no later than the last business day of the delivery month.
- (B) Liquidated by means of a bona fide Exchange for Related Position (“EFRP”) pursuant to Rule 538. An EFRP is permitted in an expired futures contract until 12:00 p.m. on the business day following termination of trading in the expired futures contract. An EFRP which establishes a futures position for either the buyer or the seller in an expired futures contract shall not be permitted following the termination of trading of an expired futures contract.

### **112102.F. Special Price Fluctuation Limits**

At the commencement of each trading day, the contract shall be subject to special 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.

## **112103.-107. [RESERVED]**

## **112108. VALIDITY OF DOCUMENTS**

The Exchange makes no representation respecting the authenticity, validity or accuracy of any document or instrument delivered pursuant to these rules.