

Chapter 1163

UK NBP Natural Gas Calendar Month Option

1163100. SCOPE OF CHAPTER

This chapter is limited in application to put and call UK NBP Natural Gas Calendar Month Options on the UK NBP Natural Gas Calendar Month Futures (UKG) contract. In addition to the rules of this chapter, transactions in UK NBP Natural Gas Calendar Month Options shall be subject to the general rules of the Exchange.

1163101. OPTION CHARACTERISTICS

The number of months open for trading at a given time shall be determined by the Exchange.

1163101.A. Trading Schedule

The hours of trading shall be determined by the Exchange.

1163101.B. Trading Unit

The UK NBP Natural Gas Calendar Month Option is an option on the UK NBP Natural Gas Calendar Month Futures contract. On exercise of a call option, the long position will be assigned a long position in the UK NBP Natural Gas Calendar Month Futures contract with the same contract month at the strike price. On exercise of a put option, the long position will be assigned a short position in the UK NBP Natural Gas Calendar Month Futures with the same contract month contract at the strike price.

1163101.C. Price Increments

Prices shall be quoted in British pence (GBp) per therm. The minimum price fluctuation shall be GBp 0.005 per therm.

1163101.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.

1163101.E. Termination of Trading

Trading terminates on the fifth calendar day immediately preceding the first calendar day of the Contract Month, unless such day is not both a NYMEX business day and a London business day, in which case trading terminates on the first preceding NYMEX business day that is a London business day. However, if that day is also the last trading day of the underlying Futures contract, trading shall terminate on the first preceding NYMEX business day that is a London business day.

On the last trading day, trading terminates at 13:00 hours London prevailing time.

The option shall be available for automatic exercise. The in-the-money value of the option shall be based on a methodology to be published by the Exchange that reflects markets prices at the termination of trading of a contract. Notice of exercise must be delivered by a Clearing Member to the Clearing House not later than 14:00 London prevailing time on that day.

Notwithstanding the above, the Exchange may determine an alternative termination of trading time on the last trading day for specific expiries on NYMEX Business Days immediately prior to or concurrent with local or U.S. holidays.

1163101.F. Type of Option

The option is a European-style option which can only be exercised into the underlying futures on Expiration Day.

1163102. EXERCISE PRICES

Transactions shall be conducted for option contracts as set forth in Rule 300.20.