Chapter 1173

Mini Middle East HSFO 180 cst FOB Arab Gulf (Platts) BALMO Futures

1173100. SCOPE OF CHAPTER
The provisions of these rules shall apply to all contracts bought or sold on the Exchange for cash settlement based on the Floating Price. The procedures for trading, clearing and cash settlement of this contract, and any other matters not specifically covered herein shall be governed by the general rules of the Exchange.

1173101. CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS
The Floating Price for each contract month is equal to the balance-of-month arithmetic average of the mid-point of high and low quotations from the Platts Asia-Pacific/Arab Gulf Marketscan for Middle East physical oil assessments under the heading “HSFO 180 CST FOB Arab Gulf” price for each business day that it is determined during the contract month, starting from the selected start date through the end of the contract month, inclusive.

1173102. TRADING SPECIFICATIONS
The number of months open for trading at a given time shall be determined by the Exchange.

1173102.A. Trading Schedule
The hours of trading for this contract shall be determined by the Exchange.

1173102.B. Trading Unit
The contract quantity shall be one hundred (100) metric tons. Each contract shall be valued as the contract quantity multiplied by the settlement price.

1173102.C. Price Increments
Prices shall be quoted in U.S. Dollars and Cents per metric ton. The minimum price fluctuation shall be $0.001 per metric ton.

1173102.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.

1173102.E. Termination of Trading
Trading shall cease on the last business day of the contract month.

1173103. FINAL SETTLEMENT
Final settlement under the contract shall be by cash settlement. Final settlement, following termination of trading for a contract month, will be based on the Floating Price. The final settlement price will be the Floating Price calculated for each contract month.

1173104. DISCLAIMER
See NYMEX/COMEX Chapter iv. (“DISCLAIMERS”) incorporated herein by reference.