

Chapter 253

3.5 % Fuel Oil Barges FOB Rdam (Platts) Crack Spread (1000mt) Futures-Style Margined Average Price Option

253100. SCOPE OF CHAPTER

This chapter is limited in application to put and call average price options on the 3.5 % Fuel Oil Barges FOB Rdam (Platts) Crack Spread (1000mt) Futures contract. In addition to the rules of this chapter, transactions in options on the 3.5 % Fuel Oil Barges FOB Rdam (Platts) Crack Spread (1000mt) Futures shall be subject to the general rules of the Exchange insofar as applicable.

253101. OPTION CHARACTERISTICS

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

253101.A. Trading Schedule

The hours of trading for this contract shall be determined by the Exchange.

253101.B. Trading Unit

A 3.5 % Fuel Oil Barges FOB Rdam (Platts) Crack Spread (1000mt) Average Price Call Option traded on the Exchange represents the differential between the final settlement price of the Floating Price and the strike price, multiplied by 6,350 barrels, or zero, whichever is greater. A 3.5 % Fuel Oil Barges FOB Rdam (Platts) Crack Spread (1000mt) Average Price Put Option traded on the Exchange represents the differential between the strike price and the Floating Price, multiplied by 6,350 barrels, or zero, whichever is greater.

The Floating Price is equal to the arithmetic average of the mid-point of the high and low quotations from the Platts European Marketscan for 3.5% Fuel Oil under the heading "Barges FOB Rotterdam" minus the ICE Brent Crude Oil Futures first nearby contract settlement price for each business day during the contract month (using Non-common pricing).

The settlement price of the first nearby Brent Crude Oil Futures contract month will be used except on the last day of trading for the expiring Brent Crude Oil Futures contract when the settlement price of the second nearby contract month will be used.

For purposes of determining the Floating Price, the Platts Fuel Oil assessment price will be converted each day to U.S. dollars and cents per barrel, rounded to the nearest cent. The conversion factor will be 6.35 barrels per metric ton.

The Floating Price is calculated using the non-common pricing convention. In calculating the spread differential, the monthly average for each component leg of the spread shall be calculated by using all trading days in the month for each component leg of the spread, followed by the calculation of the spread differential between the two averages

253101.C. Price Increments

Prices shall be quoted in U.S. dollars and cents per barrel. The minimum price fluctuation shall be \$0.001 per barrel.

253101.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.

253101.E. Termination of Trading

Trading terminates on the last business day of the contract month.

253101.F. Type of Option

The option is a European-style option cash settled on expiration day. The option cannot be exercised prior to expiration.

253101.G. Settlement Variation and Option Value

This contract is a futures-style margin option. Settlement variation rules for futures-style margin options conform to those set forth for non-options stipulated in NYMEX Rule 814. As such, when a clearing member or its customers is long or short any amount of any commodity for a settlement cycle, as indicated by Clearing House records, settlement for any outstanding exposure shall be made with the Clearing House based on the settlement price for that settlement cycle. For futures-style margin options, each clearing member and its customers shall pay to, or collect from, the Clearing House any loss or profit, as the case may be, represented by the difference between (x) the settlement price of the futures-style margin option for such settlement cycle and (y) the settlement price of the futures-style margin option for the prior settlement cycle (or, for the first settlement cycle after the purchase/sale of such option, the price at which the option was purchased or sold).

253102.**EXERCISE PRICES**

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

253103.**DISCLAIMER**

See [NYMEX/COMEX Chapter iv. \("DISCLAIMERS"\)](#) incorporated herein by reference.