



Clearing Advisory Notice

TO: Clearing Member Firms

FROM: CME Clearing

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ADVISORY #: 20-256

SUBJECT: **Exercise & Assignment and Clearing Transformation Trade Types**

Please be advised that CME Clearing is planning to add two new Trade Types: Exercise & Assignment (E/A), and Clearing Transformation. These Trade Types will be similar to a Transfer, as they are Ex-Pit trades, which are not included in Exchange Volume totals, but E/A Trades and Clearing Transformation Trades will be eligible for Post-Trade Processing (Give-Up, and Average Pricing).

The E/A Trade Type will be used to post the results of Exercise & Assignment as trades into FECPlus in real-time. The Clearing Transformation Trade Type will be used instead of Transfers for current Transformation Processes, including BTIC+ and TACO+ expirations, and the Electricity (Power) Monthly-to-Daily Conversion Process. The Clearing Transformation Trade Type will also be used for the LIBOR to SOFR Conversion, when that time comes. For all of these scenarios, real-time FIXML messages will be sent to Clearing Firms, and the trades will be represented on the Print Trade Register and FIXML Trade Register.

The technical specification for the real-time FIXML messages can be viewed here:

<https://www.cmegroup.com/clearing/files/clearing-transformation-trade-type-fixml-specs.pdf>

The updated specification for the FIXML Trade Register can be reached here:

<https://www.cmegroup.com/clearing/files/fixml-trade-register-overview.pdf>

The project to introduce the Clearing Transformation Trade Types will be split into three phases.

Phase 1 – New Release: Late October – Production: Early December

- Exercise & Assignment results will post to FECPlus as Trades
- FIXML messages will be sent to Clearing Firms
- Account, CTI, and Origin updates will be allowed
- The trades will NOT be eligible for Post-Trade Processing in Phase 1
- The trades will appear on the Print and FIXML Trade Registers

Phase 2 – Q1 2020

- Exercise & Assignment Trades will be eligible for Post-Trade Processing.
- Firms will need to use FECPlus to submit Exercise & Assignment Allocations, rather than the Exchange Fees System

Phase 3 – TBD

- BTIC+, TACO+, and Electricity (Power) Monthly-to-Daily Conversion Process will be updated to post the results using the Clearing Transformation Trade Type instead of Transfers.
- Those trade will be eligible for Post-Trade Processing.

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