



Clearing Advisory Notice

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TO: Clearing Member Firms

FROM: CME Clearing

ADVISORY #: 20-384

SUBJECT: **Change in Eurodollar and SOFR strike formats
tentatively rescheduled to Monday, November 23, 2020**

At the request of several clearing firms, in order to provide more time for their testing, the listing of options on Eurodollars and 3-month SOFR futures with strike prices at increments of 0.0625 index points, and the concomitant change to strike price formats in the positional-format SPAN and settlement price files, has been postponed.

The change, which had been planned for this coming Monday October 12, will **not** occur on this coming Monday. We now expect the new date to be **Monday, November 23, 2020**. We are still awaiting confirmation from one of the major software providers that that is a feasible date, but expect to receive this confirmation shortly and confirm that the November 23 date is definite within several days. Note also that, if confirmed, November 23 will also be the date on which firms should begin submitting Large Trader position files to CME and CFTC with strikes in the new format.

The best way to think of this change: the strike price format in these two files for options on 3-month and 1-month Eurodollars, and 3-month SOFR, are being changed to match the strike price format for Fed Funds and 1-month SOFR, namely, with four implied decimal places and without any need for assumed trailing digits. Eliminating assumed trailing digits is long overdue and should simplify clearing firm processing of these files.

For full details on the change, please see Clearing Advisory 20-371, published on September 23, at:

<https://www.cmegroup.com/content/dam/cmegroup/notices/clearing/2020/09/Chadv20-371.pdf>

As described therein, we are now publishing, each evening, positional-format SPAN ("PA2") and CME settlement price files, containing production data, in every respect identical to the actual production files, except that strike prices for the affected products are formatted as they will be on November 23. We will continue to do this up through November 23. The files are located at: <ftp://ftp.cmegroup.com/pub/span/data/cme/test>

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