

TO: Clearing Firms; Back Office Managers; CME Optimizer Users; CME CORE Users
FROM: CME Clearing
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ADVISORY #: 21-081
SUBJECT: **CME Optimizer Software Version 16 Release, Mandatory Upgrade Required April 26, 2021**

In conjunction with CME expanding the Portfolio Margin program to include SOFR Futures, CME is releasing a new build of the Optimizer software, version 16. Optimizer users must upgrade to the newest build by the production deadline April 26, 2021. Firms who do not upgrade on the production deadline will experience subsequent Optimizer failures. Optimizer is now available and ready to install and test in the New Release environment as of **March 4, 2021**.

A full list of all changes related to this build and suggested test plans can be found in release notes [here](#). Please refer also to the Optimizer User Guide [here](#).

Adoption Timeline (all dates 2021):

- March 4: Optimizer software delivery – includes sample inputs
- March 31 (EOD): Updated Optimizer inputs in New Release environment available via secure FTP
- March 4 – April 23: Firm Testing
- April 26: Production Go-live

Please reach out to the CORE team at cme.core@cmegroup.com with questions about configuring or testing this build of Optimizer.

Accessing the latest version of CME Optimizer (Production version available March 4, 2021):

- 1) Create a CME login ID if necessary.
 - a. See steps below for creating a CME Login ID.
- 2) Email your CME Login ID to cme.core@cmegroup.com to be entitled to download Optimizer if you have not in the past.
- 3) Log into CME CORE here: <https://cmecore.cmegroup.com/>
- 4) Navigate to the Download Center → Software.
 - a. CME Optimizer is available under the “CME Optimizer” section.

Steps for creating a CME Login ID:

- 1) Go to the CME CORE login screen: <https://cmecore.cmegroup.com/>
- 2) Click on the "Need to Register" link and provide the required information.
- 3) Receive your CME Login ID. Please reach to EASE.AtYourService@cmegroup.com with any questions about creating a CME Login ID.

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