



TO: Clearing Member Firms
Chief Financial Officers
Back Office Managers

FROM: CME Clearing

ADVISORY #: 24-163

SUBJECT: Modification to Stress Shortfall Margin Add-on Program Parameters

DATE: June 11, 2024

Effective at the end of day cycle on Monday, July 1st, 2024 CME Clearing will implement parameter changes to the Stress Shortfall Margin Add-on Program (“Add-on Program”) such that the threshold will be raised to \$1.6 billion and the percentage parameter determining the size of the Add-on charge will be increased to 70% of the shortfall amount over the threshold.

BACKGROUND

On June 29, 2018, CME Clearing issued Clearing House Advisory Notice #18-264 detailing the implementation of the Add-on Program. At its outset, the Add-on Program was designed so that stress shortfalls in excess of \$1 billion would trigger a 30% margin add-on charge on that excess. The Add-on Program became fully automated effective March 7, 2019, and since that time, CME Clearing has made parameter changes to the Add-on Program on several occasions, the last of which was detailed in Clearing House Advisory Notice #23-235 noting the threshold was raised to \$1.5 billion and the percentage parameter determining the size of the Add-on charge was increased to 60%, effective August 11, 2023.

All clearing member firms, whether or not they are impacted by the Add-on Program, will have access to report CPB992, titled “Stress Shortfall Margin Add-on Report,” which will show the parameters that govern the program and calculated stress loss amounts by asset class for each relevant portfolio.

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