

**Amendments to CME/CBOT/NYMEX/COMEX Rule 579. (Global Command Center) and Rule 589 (Special Price Fluctuations Limits)**

Effective Tuesday, April 26, 2016, and pending all relevant CFTC regulatory review periods, Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME"), The Board of Trade of the City of Chicago, Inc. ("CBOT"), New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX") and Commodity Exchange, Inc. ("COMEX") (collectively, the "Exchanges") will adopt amendments to CME/CBOT/NYMEX/COMEX Rule 579. ("Global Command Center") and Rule 589. ("Special Price Fluctuation Limits") to clarify the authority of, and services provided by, the Global Command Center ("GCC").

The amendments to Rule 579.:

- create subsection 579.A. "GCC Authority." This section codifies that the GCC has the authority to take any action deemed appropriate to preserve market integrity in CME Group markets.
- delete redundant language that is codified in Rule 578. ("Limitation of Liability, No Warranties").
- accurately reflect the services provided by the GCC and to whom these services are provided.
- delete 579.D. which describes the GCC cancellation of orders outside the Globex price limits which is no longer applicable.

The amendments to Rule 589.:

- delete language that will be covered in Rule 579. as a result of the amendments to that Rule.
- add Short Term Interest Rate special price fluctuation limits specifications to CME and CBOT Rule 589.
- clarify that the GCC designates the lead primary month for purposes of Rule 589.

The amendments to each Exchange's Rule 579. and Rule 589. appear in below, with additions underscored and deletions overstruck.

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(Additions are underscored; deletions are ~~overstruck~~.)

**Chapter 5**

**Trading Qualifications and Practices**

**579. GLOBAL COMMAND CENTER ("GCC")**

579.A. ~~GCC Authority~~~~Customer Support~~

~~The GCC Global Command Center ("GCC") has the authority to take any action deemed appropriate to preserve market integrity in CME Group markets. Such actions include, but are not limited to, the halting of trading, modifying risk-mitigating parameters including such as price banding, velocity logic and special price fluctuation limits as described in Rule 589, restricting customer access to Globex or any other actions deemed to be in the best interest of the Exchange. In the event any action taken pursuant to this Rule is in response to an emergency as defined in CFTC Regulation 40.1(h), the CFTC shall be notified of the emergency action in accordance with CFTC Regulations. provides Globex customer support and problem management only to members, clearing members and customers designated by clearing members. In addition, designated MGEX members and clearing members may also receive customer support and problem management from GCC with respect to contracts traded on Globex. In order to be eligible for GCC support, such persons must register with the GCC ("Registered Contacts"). The GCC provides customer support via a specified telephone number and during specified hours. GCC employees may not~~

~~always be available to assist Registered Contacts. Persons other than Registered Contacts, including non-members with Globex access pursuant to Rule 574, must contact their clearing members to make support requests.~~

#### ~~579.B GCC ServicesGCC Communications~~

~~The GCC provides production support and problem management to all market participants. In addition to this support, the GCC also provides critical assistance to registered contacts (SmartClick ID). Critical assistance includes, but is not limited to, inquiries and/or actions involving order status and order cancellations. Exchange liability for GCC services is subject to the limitations and conditions of Rule 578. As provided in Rule 578, the Exchange shall not be liable for any loss resulting from any inability to communicate with the GCC. The liability of the Exchange for the negligent acts of GCC staff shall be subject to the limitations and conditions of Rule 578. In no event, however, shall the Exchange be liable for the negligence of the GCC if the person claiming to have suffered a loss could have secured the support it sought from GCC through its own administrative terminal, its clearing member's terminal or an Independent Software Vendor's ("ISV") terminal. For purposes of this rule, a person is deemed able to take action through its own administrative terminal, a clearing member's terminal or an ISV's terminal unless such terminal was inoperative or such terminal service was interrupted at the time the GCC took action.~~

#### 579.C Order Status

A person who believes he has received an incorrect order status or does not receive an appropriate status shall immediately notify the GCC. In the event that the GCC and an Exchange system, service or facility provide conflicting information relating to an order status, a person may only reasonably rely on the information received from the GCC. Additionally, such person shall take any necessary and appropriate market action to mitigate any potential losses arising from the incorrect order status or lack of appropriate order status immediately after the person knew or should have known that the order status information was incorrect or should have been received. ~~Any liability of the Exchange for incorrect order status shall be subject to the limitations and conditions of Rule 578.~~

#### ~~579.D. Cancellation of Orders at Prices Outside of the Applicable Globex Price Limits~~

~~In certain circumstances, the price limits applicable to contracts traded on Globex may vary depending on the time of day. In this situation, it is possible for an order to be entered into the Globex system during one time period at a price that is outside of the price limit that applies during a subsequent time period. If this order remains in the system at the beginning of the subsequent time period, the system will freeze in the event a market order on the opposite side of the market is entered and there are no other resting orders against which it can be matched rather than allow the match to occur at a price outside of the applicable price limit. Accordingly, whenever the GCC becomes aware of a bid or offer in the Globex system for any contract that is outside of the applicable price limit, the GCC will cause such bid or offer to be cancelled and will promptly notify the affected Globex user of such cancellation.~~

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#### 589. SPECIAL PRICE FLUCTUATION LIMITS

The special price fluctuation limits applicable to those contracts with special price fluctuation limits are set forth in the Special Price Fluctuation Limits Table ("Table") in the Interpretations Section at the end of Chapter 5.

~~Notwithstanding any other provisions of this rule, the GCC may, in its absolute and sole discretion, take any action it determines necessary to protect market integrity. For avoidance of doubt, this authority includes, but is not limited to, modifying or eliminating price fluctuation limits at any time and/or determining whether to halt or not to halt trading. The GCC will promptly issue an alert with respect to actions taken pursuant to this provision.~~

#### 589.A. Initial Price Fluctuation Limits for All Contract Months

At the commencement of each trading day, there shall be initial price fluctuation limits in effect for each futures contract month of the primary futures contract (as identified in the Table) above or below the previous day's settlement price for such contract month set at the first special price fluctuation limit level as provided in the Table.

#### 589.B. Triggering Events and Temporary Trading Halts

##### 1. First Triggering Event and Temporary Trading Halt

If the lead contract month (as identified by the Exchange) of the primary futures contract is bid or offered via Globex at the upper or lower price fluctuation limit at the first special price fluctuation limit level, as applicable, it will be considered a triggering event that will begin a two (2) minute monitoring period in the lead contract month.

If, at the end of the two (2) minute monitoring period, the lead contract month of the primary futures contract is not bid or offered at the applicable special price fluctuation limit, the special price fluctuation limits shall be expanded an additional increment above and below the previous day's settlement price for all contract months of the primary futures contract and all contract months of associated products of the primary futures contract as provided in the Table. If, however, at the end of the two (2) minute monitoring period, the lead contract month of the primary futures contract is bid or offered at the applicable special price fluctuation limit, a two (2) minute temporary trading halt will commence in all contract months of the primary futures contract and in all contract months of associated products of the primary futures contract as provided in the Table. In addition, trading in any associated product that is an option related to the primary futures contract or in an option contract related to any other associated product of the primary futures contract that may be available for trading on Globex or on the trading floor shall be subject to a coordinated temporary trading halt.

## 2. Expansion of Limits Following Temporary Trading Halt

Following the end of a temporary trading halt, the affected markets shall re-open simultaneously in all contract months of the primary futures contract and in all contract months of associated products of the primary futures contract. When trading resumes, the special price fluctuation limits shall be expanded an additional increment above and below the previous day's settlement price for all contract months of the primary futures contract and all contract months of associated products of the primary futures contract as provided in the Table.

In each instance in which a triggering event occurs, a two (2) minute monitoring period will commence as provided in Section B.1. of this Rule. In each instance, the special price fluctuation limits shall be expanded by an additional increment above and below the previous day's settlement price for all contract months of the primary futures contract and all contract months of associated products of the primary futures contract as provided in the Table.

Following the fourth triggering event on a trading day, there shall be no further special price fluctuation limits.

## 3. Foreign Exchange Contracts

~~An expiring contract month will not serve as the~~ The GCC shall designate a lead primary contract month for purposes of this Rule. Additionally, on the expiration day of an expiring primary futures contract month, there shall be no special price fluctuation limits on ~~any contract months of the expiration day of an expiring~~ the primary futures contract ~~month or on any contract months of any associated products of the primary futures contract~~.

On each trading day, there shall be no temporary trading halts or expansion of special price fluctuation limits in the primary futures contract or in any associated products of the primary futures contract during the five (5) minutes preceding the end of the primary futures contract's settlement price determination period. If a triggering event occurs during this five (5) minute period, trading will continue with the current price limit in effect until the conclusion of the five (5) minute period, at which time a monitoring period, temporary trading halt or special price fluctuation limit expansion, as applicable, will occur.

On each trading day, there shall be no temporary trading halts or expansion of special price fluctuation limits in the primary futures contract or in any associated products of the primary futures contract during the five (5) minute period preceding the close of trading. If a triggering event occurs during this five (5) minute period, trading will continue with the current price limit in effect until the close of trading.

## 4. Short Term Interest Rate Contracts

The GCC shall designate a lead primary contract month for purposes of this Rule. Additionally, there shall be no special price fluctuation limits two Business Days prior to the expiration of an expiring primary futures contract month.

On each trading day, there shall be no temporary trading halt or expansion of special price fluctuation limits in the primary futures contract or in any associated products of the primary futures contract during the five (5) minutes preceding the end of the primary futures contract's settlement price determination period. If a triggering event occurs during this five (5) minute period, trading will continue with the current price limit in effect until the conclusion of the five (5) minute period, at which time a monitoring period, temporary trading halt or special price fluctuation limit expansion, as applicable, will occur.

On each trading day, there shall be no temporary trading halts or expansion of special price fluctuation limits in the primary futures contract or in any associated products of the primary futures contract during the five (5) minute period preceding the close of trading. If a triggering event occurs during this five (5) minute period, trading will continue with the current price limit in effect until the close of trading.

## 589.C. Price Fluctuation Limits on Trading Floor (Floor Trading)

The special price fluctuation limits cited in Section A. of this Rule shall be applicable to all products in the Table that are traded via open outcry on the trading floor. Trades occurring via open outcry on the trading floor shall not constitute a triggering event for purposes of a temporary trading halt.

In all instances in which a temporary trading halt in the lead contract month of the primary futures contract occurs on Globex, floor trading in all contract months in any option related to the primary futures contract or in an option contract related to any associated product of the primary futures contract shall be subject to a coordinated temporary trading halt.

Whenever Globex markets are re-opened with expanded price limits pursuant to the provisions of Section B. of this Rule, the affected markets on the trading floor shall simultaneously re-open with expanded price limits

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#### 589. SPECIAL PRICE FLUCTUATION LIMITS

The special price fluctuation limits applicable to those contracts with special price fluctuation limits are set forth in the Special Price Fluctuation Limits Table ("Table") in the Interpretations Section at the end of Chapter 5.

~~Notwithstanding any other provisions of this rule, the GCC may, in its absolute and sole discretion, take any action it determines necessary to protect market integrity. For avoidance of doubt, this authority includes, but is not limited to, modifying or eliminating price fluctuation limits at any time and/or determining whether to halt or not to halt trading. The GCC will promptly issue an alert with respect to actions taken pursuant to this provision.~~

#### 589.A. Initial Price Fluctuation Limits for All Contract Months

At the commencement of each trading day, there shall be initial price fluctuation limits in effect for each futures contract month of the primary futures contract (as identified in the Table) above or below the previous day's settlement price for such contract month set at the first special price fluctuation limit level as provided in the Table.

#### **589.B. Triggering Events and Temporary Trading Halts**

##### **1. First Triggering Event and Temporary Trading Halt**

If the lead contract month (as identified by the Exchange) of the primary futures contract is bid or offered via Globex at the upper or lower price fluctuation limit at the first special price fluctuation limit level, as applicable, it will be considered a triggering event that will begin a two (2) minute monitoring period in the lead contract month. If, at the end of the two (2) minute monitoring period, the lead contract month of the primary futures contract is not bid or offered at the applicable special price fluctuation limit, the special price fluctuation limits shall be expanded an additional increment above and below the previous day's settlement price for all contract months of the primary futures contract and all contract months of associated products of the primary futures contract as provided in the Table. If, however, at the end of the two (2) minute monitoring period, the lead contract month of the primary futures contract is bid or offered at the applicable special price fluctuation limit, a two (2) minute temporary trading halt will commence in all contract months of the primary futures contract and in all contract months of associated products of the primary futures contract as provided in the Table. In addition, trading in any associated product that is an option related to the primary futures contract or in an option contract related to any other associated product of the primary futures contract that may be available for trading on Globex or on the trading floor shall be subject to a coordinated temporary trading halt.

##### **2. Expansion of Limits Following Temporary Trading Halt**

Following the end of a temporary trading halt, the affected markets shall re-open simultaneously in all contract months of the primary futures contract and in all contract months of associated products of the primary futures contract. When trading resumes, the special price fluctuation limits shall be expanded an additional increment above and below the previous day's settlement price for all contract months of the primary futures contract and all contract months of associated products of the primary futures contract as provided in the Table.

In each instance in which a triggering event occurs, a two (2) minute monitoring period will commence as provided in Section B.1. of this Rule. In each instance, the special price fluctuation limits shall be expanded by an additional increment above and below the previous day's settlement price for all contract months of the primary futures contract and all contract months of associated products of the primary futures contract as provided in the Table. Following the fourth triggering event on a trading day, there shall be no further special price fluctuation limits.

##### **3. Interest Rate Contracts**

~~An expiring contract month will not serve as the~~ The GCC shall designate a lead primary contract month for purposes of this Rule. Additionally, an expiring contract month of a primary futures contract shall have no special price fluctuation limits from the contract's first notice day through its last delivery day.

On each trading day, there shall be no temporary trading halts or expansion of special price fluctuation limits in the primary futures contract or in any associated products of the primary futures contract during the five (5) minutes preceding the end of the primary futures contract's settlement price determination period. If a triggering event occurs during this five (5) minute period, trading will continue with the current price limit in effect until the conclusion of the five (5) minute period, at which time a monitoring period, temporary trading halt or special price fluctuation limit expansion, as applicable, will occur.

On each trading day, there shall be no temporary trading halts or expansion of special price fluctuation limits in the primary futures contract or in any associated products of the primary futures contract during the five (5) minute period preceding the close of trading. If a triggering event occurs during this five (5) minute period, trading will continue with the current price limit in effect until the close of trading.

##### **4. Short Term Interest Rate Contracts**

~~The GCC shall designate a lead primary contract month for purposes of this Rule. Additionally, there shall be no special price fluctuation limits on the two Business Days prior to the expiration of an expiring primary futures contract month.~~

~~On each trading day, there shall be no temporary trading halts or expansion of special price fluctuation limits in the primary futures contract or in any associated products of the primary futures contract during the five (5) minutes preceding the end of the primary futures contract's settlement price determination period. If a triggering event occurs during this five (5) minute period, trading will continue with the current price limit in effect until the conclusion of the five (5) minute period, at which time a monitoring period, temporary trading halt or special price fluctuation limit expansion, as applicable, will occur.~~

~~On each trading day, there shall be no temporary trading halts or expansion of special price fluctuation limits in the primary futures contract or in any associated products of the primary futures contract during the five (5) minute period preceding the close of trading. If a triggering event occurs during this five (5) minute period, trading will continue with the current price limit in effect until the close of trading.~~

#### **589.C. Price Fluctuation Limits on Trading Floor (Floor Trading)**

The special price fluctuation limits cited in Section A. of this Rule shall be applicable to all products in the Table that are traded via open outcry on the trading floor. Trades occurring via open outcry on the trading floor shall not constitute a triggering event for purposes of a temporary trading halt.

In all instances in which a temporary trading halt in the lead contract month of the primary futures contract occurs on Globex, floor trading in all contract months in any option related to the primary futures contract or in an option contract related to any associated product of the primary futures contract shall be subject to a coordinated temporary trading halt.

Whenever Globex markets are re-opened with expanded price limits pursuant to the provisions of Section B. of this Rule, the affected markets on the trading floor shall simultaneously re-open with expanded price limits.

## NYMEX/COMEX RULEBOOK

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#### 589. SPECIAL PRICE FLUCTUATION LIMITS

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##### 589.A. Initial Price Fluctuation Limits for All Contract Months

At the commencement of each trading day, there shall be initial price fluctuation limits in effect for each futures contract month of the primary futures contract (as identified in the Table) above or below the previous day's settlement price for such contract month set at the first special price fluctuation limit level as provided in the Table.

##### 589.B. Triggering Events and Temporary Trading Halts

###### 1. First Triggering Event and Temporary Trading Halt

If the lead contract month (as identified by the Exchange) of the primary futures contract is bid or offered via Globex at the upper or lower price fluctuation limit at the first special price fluctuation limit level, as applicable, it will be considered a triggering event that will begin a two (2) minute monitoring period in the lead contract month. If, at the end of the two (2) minute monitoring period, the lead contract month of the primary futures contract is not bid or offered at the applicable special price fluctuation limit, the special price fluctuation limits shall be expanded an additional increment above and below the previous day's settlement price for all contract months of the primary futures contract and all contract months of associated products of the primary futures contract as provided in the Table. If, however, at the end of the two (2) minute monitoring period, the lead contract month of the primary futures contract is bid or offered at the applicable special price fluctuation limit, a two (2) minute temporary trading halt will commence in all contract months of the primary futures contract and in all contract months of associated products of the primary futures contract as provided in the Table. In addition, trading in any associated product that is an option related to the primary futures contract or in an option contract related to any other associated product of the primary futures contract that may be available for trading on Globex or on the trading floor shall be subject to a coordinated temporary trading halt.

###### 2. Expansion of Limits Following Temporary Trading Halt

Following the end of a temporary trading halt, the affected markets shall re-open simultaneously in all contract months of the primary futures contract and in all contract months of associated products of the primary futures contract. When trading resumes, the special price fluctuation limits shall be expanded an additional increment above and below the previous day's settlement price for all contract months of the primary futures contract and all contract months of associated products of the primary futures contract as provided in the Table.

In each instance in which a triggering event occurs, a two (2) minute monitoring period will commence as provided in Section B.1. of this Rule. In each instance, the special price fluctuation limits shall be expanded by an additional increment above and below the previous day's settlement price for all contract months of the primary futures contract and all contract months of associated products of the primary futures contract as provided in the Table. Following the fourth triggering event on a trading day, there shall be no further special price fluctuation limits.

###### 3. Metals Contracts

~~An expiring contract month will not serve as the~~ The GCC shall designate a ~~lead primary~~ contract month for purposes of this Rule. Additionally, an expiring contract month of a primary futures contract shall have no special price fluctuation limits from the contract's first position day through its last delivery day.

On each trading day, there shall be no temporary trading halts or expansion of special price fluctuation limits in the primary futures contract or in any associated products of the primary futures contract during the five (5) minutes preceding the end of the primary futures contract's settlement price determination period. If a triggering event occurs during this five (5) minute period, trading will continue with the current price limit in effect until the conclusion of the five (5) minute period, at which time a monitoring period, temporary trading halt or special price fluctuation limit expansion, as applicable, will occur.

On each trading day, there shall be no temporary trading halts or expansion of special price fluctuation limits in the primary futures contract or in any associated products of the primary futures contract during the five (5) minute period preceding the close of trading. If a triggering event occurs during this five (5) minute period, trading will continue with the current price limit in effect until the close of trading.

###### 4. Energy Contracts



~~An expiring contract month will not serve as the~~ The GCC shall designate a lead primary contract month for purposes of this Rule. Additionally, there shall be no special price fluctuation limits on the expiration day of an expiring primary futures contract month.

On each trading day, there shall be no temporary trading halts or expansion of special price fluctuation limits in the primary futures contract or in any associated products of the primary futures contract during the five (5) minutes preceding the end of the primary futures contract's settlement price determination period. If a triggering event occurs during this five (5) minute period, trading will continue with the current price limit in effect until the conclusion of the five (5) minute period, at which time a monitoring period, temporary trading halt or special price fluctuation limit expansion, as applicable, will occur.

On each trading day, there shall be no temporary trading halts or expansion of special price fluctuation limits in the primary futures contract or in any associated products of the primary futures contract during the five (5) minute period preceding the close of trading. If a triggering event occurs during this five (5) minute period, trading will continue with the current price limit in effect until the close of trading.

589.C. Price Fluctuation Limits on Trading Floor (Floor Trading)

The special price fluctuation limits cited in Section A. of this Rule shall be applicable to all products in the Table that are traded via open outcry on the trading floor. Trades occurring via open outcry on the trading floor shall not constitute a triggering event for purposes of a temporary trading halt.

In all instances in which a temporary trading halt in the lead contract month of the primary futures contract occurs on Globex, floor trading in all contract months in any option related to the primary futures contract or in an option contract related to any associated product of the primary futures contract shall be subject to a coordinated temporary trading halt.

Whenever Globex markets are re-opened with expanded price limits pursuant to the provisions of Section B. of this Rule, the affected markets on the trading floor shall simultaneously re-open with expanded price limits.