

Market Surveillance

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NOTICE #: MSN02-24-23

SUBJECT: Amendments to NYMEX/COMEX Rule 703.A (“Conditions for Approval”) of Chapter 7 (“Delivery Facilities and Procedures”) Regarding the Aluminum Futures Contract

Effective March 13, 2023, and pending all relevant CFTC regulatory review periods, New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. (“NYMEX”) and Commodity Exchange, Inc. (“COMEX”) (collectively, the “Exchanges”) will amend NYMEX/COMEX Rule 703.A. (“Conditions for Approval”) of Chapter 7 (“Delivery Facilities and Procedures”) to provide alternatives for approved warehouse space in connection with the COMEX Aluminum Futures contract (Rulebook Chapter [107](#); Commodity Code: ALI) (the “Contract”) (collectively, the “Rule Amendments”) (see NYMEX/COMEX Submission No. [23-118](#)).

Specifically, the Exchanges are amending NYMEX/COMEX Rule 703.A. to enable Exchange-approved warehouses to dedicate space in certain areas where both indoor and outdoor space is not available per the current requirements. The Rule Amendments are intended to give the warehouses additional options to become regular for aluminum storage for the Aluminum Futures contract and, thereby, give market participants more opportunities to deliver metal to COMEX.

Note, the Exchanges previously implemented amendments to globalize the Contract to allow for warehouses to be located in Europe and Asia in addition to the U.S. locations (see [MSN06-21-18](#) dated June 21, 2018).

The Rule Amendments are provided below in blackline format.

NYMEX/COMEX Rulebook
Chapter 7
(“Delivery Facilities and Procedures”)
(additions underscored; deletions ~~struck through~~)

703. DESIGNATION AND OBLIGATIONS OF METAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

703.A. Conditions for Approval

[703.A (1) – (11) unchanged.]

(12) The warehouse regular for delivery of copper, lead and zinc shall provide a fully secured indoor facility for the storage of copper, lead and zinc, as acceptable to the Exchange. The warehouse regular for delivery of copper must have direct unobstructed access to both a truck bay and rail. The warehouse regular for delivery of aluminum must consist of designated indoor ~~and~~, outdoor, or both indoor and outdoor fully secured storage facilities. The warehouse regular for delivery of aluminum, lead and zinc must have direct unobstructed access ~~to a truck bay and/or rail~~ for loading to truck and/or rail. The warehouse regular for delivery of aluminum, lead and zinc must also qualify and be designated a weighmaster.

[Remainder of Rule unchanged.]

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