



Special Executive Report

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SUBJECT: Amendments to the Zinc Futures Contract to Include Duty Unpaid Zinc Eligible for Delivery

Effective Sunday, April 23, 2017 for trade date Monday, April 24, 2017, and pending all relevant CFTC regulatory review periods, Commodity Exchange, Inc. ("COMEX" or "Exchange") will amend Rule 186101. ("Contract Specifications") of the Zinc Futures contract (Commodity Code: ZNC; Rulebook Chapter: 186) (the "Contract"). Currently, only duty paid zinc is eligible for delivery. The amendments shall provide that duty unpaid zinc, which satisfies the specifications of the Contract, shall also be eligible for delivery against the Contract. Amendments to Rule 186101., provided below in blackline format, will be effective commencing with the May 2017 contract month and beyond.

COMEX Rulebook

(Additions are underscored.)

Chapter 186 Zinc Futures

186101. CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

The contract for delivery on futures contract shall be twenty five metric tons (25 MT) of zinc with a weight tolerance of 2% either higher or lower and must be an approved brand. Zinc meeting all of the following specifications shall be deliverable in satisfaction of futures contract delivery obligations under this rule:

Eligible zinc must consist of special high grade zinc of 99.995% purity and meeting the chemical composition of either ASTM B6-12 (Standard Specification for Zinc), BS EN 1179:2003 (Zinc and Zinc Alloys), ISO 752:2004 (Zinc ingots), or GB/T 470-2008 (Zinc ingots). Zinc being placed on warrant must be accompanied by a Certificate of Analysis. The Certificate of Analysis shall indicate the brand and the chemical composition of the zinc. If the aforementioned standards adopt a change in the standard specifications for the special high grade zinc and such change is adopted and confirmed by the Exchange, zinc conforming to the change so adopted, as well as zinc conforming to the previous specifications shall have been placed in a Warehouse prior to the date of the adoption and confirmation by the Exchange of the new specifications.

Eligible zinc shall be either duty paid or duty unpaid.

Each warrant shall consist of zinc from one producer and of one brand and shall consist of ingots of one shape and size unless different shapes and sizes are needed for bundle stability. Each bundle shall not exceed 1.5 metric tons. The brand and grade reference must be marked on each ingot or each bundle must have a durable label indicating the brand and grade reference. The cast number must be marked on the bundle label, the top surface of the bundle or each ingot within the bundle.

