



## Special Executive Report

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**DATE:** November 13, 2017

**SER#:** 8016R

**SUBJECT:** Amendments to the Singapore Gasoil 10 ppm (Platts) vs. Singapore Gasoil (Platts) Futures Contract and the Initial Listing of Eight (8) Singapore Gasoil (Platts) Futures Contracts

(This SER supersedes SER 8016 dated November 7, 2017 and is being issued to correct the Contract Size and Value per Tick sessions of contract specifications for the eight (8) new Singapore Gasoil (Platts) futures contracts. No other changes have been made to the original SER.)

### **Amendment to Singapore Gasoil 10 ppm (Platts) vs. Singapore Gasoil (Platts) Futures**

Effective Sunday, December 3, 2017, for trade date Monday, December 4, 2017, and pending all relevant CFTC regulatory review periods, New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX" or "Exchange") will amend the Singapore 10 ppm Gasoil (Platts) vs. Singapore Gasoil (Platts) Futures contract (the "Contract") as noted in the table below.

<b>Current Contract Title</b>	<b>Amended Contract Title (effective trade date December 4, 2017)</b>	<b>NYMEX Rulebook Chapter</b>	<b>Commodity Code</b>	<b>Current Listing Schedule (CME Globex and CME ClearPort)</b>	<b>Amended Listing Schedule (CME Globex and CME ClearPort) (effective trade date December 4, 2017)</b>
Singapore Gasoil 10 ppm (Platts) vs. Singapore Gasoil (Platts) Futures	Singapore Gasoil (Platts) vs. Singapore Gasoil 500 ppm (Platts) Futures	862	STZ	Monthly contracts listed up to and including December 2017	Monthly contracts listed for the current year plus next two calendar years

Specifically, the Exchange will amend the contract title, listing schedule and floating price rule of the Contract.

By way of background, in December 2016, S&P Global Platts ("Platts") announced a methodology amendment for assessing its Singapore gasoil benchmark. Specifically, Platts will decrease the Sulphur specification of its flagship Singapore gasoil assessments to 10 ppm from the current 500 ppm commencing on January 2, 2018.

In response to the Platts methodology change, CME had previously announced delisting certain previously-listed contract months of the Contract (see [SER-7848 dated February 27, 2017](#)).

Since that time, a significant amount of market participants have advised the Exchange of continued interest in the ability to continue to trade gasoil sulphur content differentials. As a result, the Exchange will amend the contract title, listing schedule, and floating price rule (see Appendix A below) for the Contract.

### **Initial Listing of Eight (8) Singapore Gasoil (Platts) Futures Contracts**

As a consequence of the amendment in the Platts methodology, six (6) Singapore Gasoil (Platts) contracts currently listed on the Exchange will also reference the 10 ppm benchmark from January 2, 2018 onwards. Due to market interest to continue trading the 500 ppm benchmark, the Exchange will list six (6) new futures contracts which reference the 500 ppm benchmark. In addition, the Exchange will list two (2) new Singapore Gasoil (Platts) versus Dubai (Platts) Crack Spread contracts.

Effective Sunday, December 3, 2017, for trade date Monday, December 4, 2017, and pending all relevant CFTC regulatory review periods, New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX" or "Exchange") will list eight (8) new contracts as noted in the table below. The contract specifications are in the Appendix B below.

<b>Contract Title</b>	<b>Commodity Code</b>
Singapore Gasoil 500 ppm (Platts) Futures	GHS
Singapore Gasoil 500 ppm (Platts) BALMO Futures	GHB
Mini Singapore Gasoil 500 ppm (Platts) Futures	MGO
Singapore Gasoil 500 ppm (Platts) vs. Low Sulphur Gasoil Futures	SGG
Singapore Jet Kerosene (Platts) vs. Gasoil 500 ppm (Platts) Futures	RHS
Singapore Jet Kerosene (Platts) vs. Gasoil 500 ppm (Platts) BALMO Futures	RHB
Singapore Gasoil 500 ppm (Platts) Dubai (Platts) Crack Spread Futures	GDH
Singapore Gasoil (Platts) Dubai (Platts) Crack Spread Futures	GDL

### **Trading and Clearing Hours**

CME Globex and CME ClearPort: Sunday – Friday 6:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (5:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Central Time/CT) with an hour break each day beginning at 5:00 p.m. (4:00 p.m. CT).

## Exchange Fees

Exchange Fees	Member (Full/Mini)	Non-Member (Full/Mini)	International Incentive Programs (IIP/IVIP) (Full/Mini)	
CME Globex	\$0.85/\$0.09	\$1.25/\$0.13	\$1.05/\$0.11	
EFP	\$0.85/\$0.09	\$1.25/\$0.13		
Block	\$0.85/\$0.09	\$1.25/\$0.13		
EFR/EOO	\$0.85/\$0.09	\$1.25/\$0.13		
Agency Cross	\$0.85/\$0.09	\$1.25/\$0.13		

Processing Fees	Member (Full/Mini)	Non-Member (Full/Mini)
Cash Settlement	\$0.10/\$0.01	\$0.10/\$0.01

Other Processing Fees	Fee
Facilitation Fee	\$0.60
Give-Up Surcharge	\$0.05
Position Adjustments/Position Transfers	\$0.10

## Delisting of Two (2) Singapore Gasoil (Platts) Futures Contracts

It should be noted that pursuant to SER 7848 dated February 27, 2017, NYMEX delisted previously-listed contract months of the Singapore Gasoil 10 ppm (Platts) BALMO Futures and Singapore Gasoil 10 ppm (Platts) Futures contracts. Effective January 2, 2018, the contracts will be permanently delisted when the last contract month, December 2017, expires. The CFTC will be notified of the permanent delisting of these contracts via Weekly Notification during the week of January 8, 2018.

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## **APPENDIX A**

### **NYMEX Rulebook**

(additions underscored, deletions ~~struck through~~)

#### **Chapter 862**

(For Contract Months up to and Including December 2017)

#### **Singapore Gasoil 10 ppm (Platts) vs. Singapore Gasoil (Platts) Futures**

(For Contract Months Commencing with the January 2018 Contract Month and Beyond)

#### **Singapore Gasoil (Platts) vs. Singapore Gasoil 500 ppm (Platts) Futures**

##### **862.02.      FLOATING PRICE**

(For Contract Months up to and Including December 2017)

The Floating Price for each contract month is equal to the arithmetic average of the mid-point of the high and low quotations from the Platts Asia-Pacific Marketscan for Singapore Physical Cargoes of Gasoil 10 ppm ~~Sulfur~~ Sulphur minus the arithmetic average of the mid-point of the high and low quotations from the Platts Asia-Pacific Marketscan for Singapore Physical Cargoes of Gasoil for each publication day during the contract month (using common pricing).

(For Contract Months Commencing from January 2018 and Beyond)

The Floating Price for each contract month is equal to the arithmetic average of the mid-point of the high and low quotations from the Platts Asia-Pacific Marketscan for Singapore Physical Cargoes of Gasoil minus the arithmetic average of the mid-point of the high and low quotations from the Platts Asia-Pacific Marketscan for Singapore Physical Cargoes of Gasoil 0.05% (500 ppm) Sulphur for each publication day during the contract month (using common pricing).

## **APPENDIX B**

### **Contract Specifications**

Contract Title	Singapore Gasoil 500 ppm (Platts) Futures
Commodity Code	GHS
Rulebook Chapter	1301
Contract Size	1,000 barrels
Price Quotation	U.S. dollars and cents per barrel
Minimum Price Fluctuation	\$0.001 per barrel
Value per Tick	\$1.00
Trading and Clearing Venues	CME Globex and CME ClearPort
Settlement Method	Financial
Listed Contracts	Monthly contracts listed for the current year and the next two years. Monthly contracts for a new calendar year will be added following termination of trading in the December contract of the current year.
Floating Price	The Floating Price for each contract month is equal to the arithmetic average of the mid-point of the high and low quotations of "Gasoil .05% S (500ppm) FOB Spore Cargo" by Platts for each business day during the contract month.
First Listed Month	January 2018
Termination of Trading	Trading shall cease on the last business day of the contract month
Block Trade Minimum Threshold	10 contracts
CME Globex Matching Algorithm	FIFO

Contract Title	Singapore Gasoil 500 ppm (Platts) BALMO Futures
Commodity Code	GHB
Rulebook Chapter	1302
Contract Size	1,000 barrels
Price Quotation	U.S. dollars and cents per barrel
Minimum Price Fluctuation	\$0.001 per barrel
Value per Tick	\$1.00
Trading and Clearing Venues	CME Globex and CME ClearPort
Settlement Method	Financial
Listed Contracts	Monthly contracts listed for the current year and the next two years. Monthly contracts for a new calendar year will be added following termination of trading in the December contract of the current year.

Floating Price	The Floating Price for each contract month is equal to the balance-of-month arithmetic average of the mid-point of the high and low quotations of "Gasoil .05% S (500ppm) FOB Spore Cargo" by Platts for each business day during the contract month starting from the selected start date through the end of the month.
First Listed Month	January 2018
Termination of Trading	Trading shall cease on the last business day of the contact month
Block Trade Minimum Threshold	10 contracts
CME Globex Matching Algorithm	FIFO

Contract Title	Mini Singapore Gasoil 500 ppm (Platts) Futures
Commodity Code	MGO
Rulebook Chapter	1324
Contract Size	100 barrels
Price Quotation	U.S. dollars and cents per barrel
Minimum Price Fluctuation	\$0.001 per barrel
Value per Tick	\$0.10
Trading and Clearing Venues	CME Globex and CME ClearPort
Settlement Method	Financial
Listed Contracts	Monthly contracts listed for the current year and the next two years. Monthly contracts for a new calendar year will be added following termination of trading in the December contract of the current year.
Floating Price	The Floating Price for each contract month is equal to the arithmetic average of the mid-point of the high and low quotations of "Gasoil .05% S (500ppm) FOB Spore Cargo" by Platts for each business day during the contract month.
First Listed Month	January 2018
Termination of Trading	Trading shall cease on the last business day of the contact month
Block Trade Minimum Threshold	10 contracts
CME Globex Matching Algorithm	FIFO

Contract Title	Singapore Gasoil 500 ppm (Platts) vs. Low Sulphur Gasoil Futures
Commodity Code	SGG
Rulebook Chapter	1325
Contract Size	1,000 metric barrels
Price Quotation	U.S. dollars and cents per barrel

Minimum Price Fluctuation	\$0.001 per barrel
Value per Tick	\$1.00
Trading and Clearing Venues	CME Globex and CME ClearPort
Settlement Method	Financial
Listed Contracts	Monthly contracts listed for the current year and the next two years. Monthly contracts for a new calendar year will be added following termination of trading in the December contract of the current year.
Floating Price	<p>The Floating Price for each contract month is equal to the arithmetic average of the mid-point between the high and low quotations of "Gasoil .05% S (500ppm) FOB Spore Cargo" by Platts for each business day that it is determined, minus the arithmetic average for first line ICE Low Sulphur Gasoil Futures settlement price for each business day that it is determined during the contract month (using Non-common pricing).</p> <p>For purposes of determining the Floating Price, the ICE Low Sulphur Gasoil Futures first nearby contract month settlement price will be converted each day to U.S. dollars and cents per barrel, rounded to the nearest cent. The conversion factor will be 7.45 barrels per metric ton.</p> <p>The settlement prices for the first nearby contract month will be used except on the last day of trading for the expiring ICE Low Sulphur Gasoil Futures contract when the settlement prices of the second nearby ICE Low Sulphur Gasoil contract will be used.</p>
First Listed Month	January 2018
Termination of Trading	Trading shall cease on the last business day of the contact month
Block Trade Minimum Threshold	10 contracts
CME Matching Algorithm	FIFO

Contract Title	Singapore Jet Kerosene (Platts) vs. Gasoil 500 ppm (Platts) Futures
Commodity Code	RHS
Rulebook Chapter	1326
Contract Size	1,000 barrels
Price Quotation	U.S. dollars and cents per barrel
Minimum Price Fluctuation	\$0.001 per barrel
Value per Tick	\$1.00
Trading and Clearing Venues	CME Globex and CME ClearPort
Settlement Method	Financial

Listed Contracts	Monthly contracts listed for the current year and the next two years. Monthly contracts for a new calendar year will be added following termination of trading in the December contract of the current year.
Floating Price	The Floating Price for each contract month is equal to the arithmetic average of the mid-point of the high and low quotations of "Jet Kero FOB Spore Cargo" by Platts minus the arithmetic average of the mid-point of the high and low quotations of "Gasoil .05% S (500ppm) FOB Spore Cargo" by Platts for each business day during the contract month. (using Non-common pricing).
First Listed Month	January 2018
Termination of Trading	Trading shall cease on the last business day of the contact month
Block Trade Minimum Threshold	10 contracts
CME Globex Matching Algorithm	FIFO

Contract Title	Singapore Jet Kerosene (Platts) vs. Gasoil 500 ppm (Platts) BALMO Futures
Commodity Code	RHB
Rulebook Chapter	1327
Contract Size	1,000 barrels
Price Quotation	U.S. dollars and cents per barrel
Minimum Price Fluctuation	\$0.001 per barrel
Value per Tick	\$1.00
Trading and Clearing Venues	CME Globex and CME ClearPort
Settlement Method	Financial
Listed Contracts	Monthly contracts listed for the current year and the next two years. Monthly contracts for a new calendar year will be added following termination of trading in the December contract of the current year.
Floating Price	The Floating Price for each contract month is equal to the balance-of-month arithmetic average of the mid-point of the high and low quotations of "Jet Kero FOB Spore Cargo" by Platts minus the arithmetic average of the mid-point of the high and low quotations of "Gasoil .05% S (500ppm) FOB Spore Cargo" by Platts for each business day that both are determined during the contract month starting from the selected start date through the end of the month. (using Non-common pricing).
First Listed Month	January 2018
Termination of Trading	Trading shall cease on the last business day of the contact month
Block Trade Minimum Threshold	10 contracts
CME Globex Matching Algorithm	FIFO



Contract Title	Singapore Gasoil 500 ppm (Platts) Dubai (Platts) Crack Spread Futures
Commodity Code	GDH
Rulebook Chapter	1328
Contract Size	1,000 barrels
Price Quotation	U.S. dollars and cents per barrel
Minimum Price Fluctuation	\$0.001 per barrel
Value per Tick	\$1.00
Trading and Clearing Venues	CME Globex and CME ClearPort
Settlement Method	Financial
Listed Contracts	Monthly contracts listed for the current year and the next two years. Monthly contracts for a new calendar year will be added following termination of trading in the December contract of the current year.
Floating Price	The Floating Price for each contract month is equal to the arithmetic average of the mid-point of the high and low quotations of "Gasoil .05% S (500ppm) FOB Spore Cargo" by Platts minus the arithmetic average of the mid-point of the high and low quotations of Platts Crude Oil Marketwire for the Dubai front month price, for each business day during the contract month (using Non-common pricing).
First Listed Month	January 2018
Termination of Trading	Trading shall cease on the last business day of the contact month
Block Trade Minimum Threshold	10 contracts
CME Globex Matching Algorithm	FIFO

Contract Title	Singapore Gasoil (Platts) Dubai (Platts) Crack Spread Futures
Commodity Code	GDL
Rulebook Chapter	1329
Contract Size	1,000 barrels
Price Quotation	U.S. dollars and cents per barrel
Minimum Price Fluctuation	\$0.001 per barrel
Value per Tick	\$1.00
Trading and Clearing Venues	CME Globex and CME ClearPort
Settlement Method	Financial

Listed Contracts	Monthly contracts listed for the current year and the next two years. Monthly contracts for a new calendar year will be added following termination of trading in the December contract of the current year.
Floating Price	The Floating Price for each contract month is equal to the arithmetic average of the mid-point of the high and low quotations of "Gasoil FOB Spore Cargo" by Platts minus the arithmetic average of the mid-point of the high and low quotations of Platts Crude Oil Marketwire for the Dubai front month price, for each business day during the contract month (using Non-common pricing).
First Listed Month	January 2018
Termination of Trading	Trading shall cease on the last business day of the contact month
Block Trade Minimum Threshold	10 contracts
CME Globex Matching Algorithm	FIFO