

# Special Executive Report

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**DATE:** December 12, 2018  
**SER#:** 8298  
**SUBJECT:** 2018 Year-End Arrangements for Commodity Products Referencing Price Reporting Agency Data and Related Suspension of Trading of Certain Balance of Month and Daily Contracts

Price Reporting Agencies which publish price assessments used by CBOT, NYMEX and COMEX (the "Exchanges") as underlying reference prices for commodity products have provided details of their publication schedules for the upcoming holiday period, as summarized in the table below.

Price Reporting Agency	Publication Schedule
Argus Media	No crude oil, refined oil, biofuel or LPG price assessments to be published on Monday 24 December, Tuesday 25 December, Monday 31 December or Tuesday 1 January. In addition, European price assessments will not be published on Wednesday 26 December.
Argus/McCloskey	No coal price assessments to be published on Tuesday 25 December Wednesday 26 December or Tuesday 1 January, but weekly prices will be published as normal on Friday 28 December.
Baltic Exchange	No price assessments to be published between Tuesday 25 December and Tuesday 1 January inclusive.
CRU	Hot rolled coil steel price assessment to be published Wednesday 26 December as normal.
ICIS	The final methanol price assessment for the year will be published Friday 21 December. The final fertilizer price assessment for the year will be published Thursday 20 December. No European natural gas price assessments will be published on Tuesday 25 December, Wednesday 26 December or Tuesday 1 January.
Metal Bulletin	No coal price assessments to be published on Tuesday 25 December Wednesday 26 December or Tuesday 1 January.
Net Energy	No price assessments to be published on Tuesday 25 December, Wednesday 26 December or Tuesday 1 January.
OPIS	No price assessments to be published on Monday 24 December, Tuesday 25 December or Tuesday 1 January.

PCW	No price assessments to be published on Monday 24 December, Tuesday 25 December or Tuesday 1 January.
Platts (including TSI)	No price assessments to be published on Monday 24 December, Tuesday 25 December, Monday 31 December or Tuesday 1 January, with the exception of the US Aluminum Midwest Transaction Premium which will be published on Monday 24 December and Monday 31 December. In addition, European crude oil, European refined oil and aluminum premium price assessments will not be published on Wednesday 26 December.
PRIMA Markets	No price assessments to be published on Tuesday 25 December or Tuesday 1 January.
Profercy / Profercy Phosphates	Final price assessment for the year will be published Thursday 20 December.
UxC	Uranium price assessment to be published on Monday 24 December and Monday 31 December as normal.

The above information reflects the current understanding of the Exchanges, and may be subject to revision and clarification by the individual companies. In addition, during the holiday period on days where price assessments are being published, the timing of such publication may be amended. **Market participants should consider the implication of these publication schedules on final settlement prices for expiring and spot month contracts.**

As a consequence of the above information, the Exchanges will suspend trading and clearing of a number of balance of month and daily contracts from trading on CME Globex and from submission to clearing via CME ClearPort, as detailed [HERE](#).

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