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**SUBJECT: Amendments to Correct the Termination of Trading Rule in the WTI-Brent Bullet Futures Contract**

Effective Sunday, September 8, 2019, for trade date Monday, September 9, 2019, and pending all relevant CFTC regulatory review periods, New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX" or "Exchange") will amend the WTI-Brent Bullet futures contract (Rulebook Chapter 693; Commodity Code: BY) (the "Contract").

Specifically, the Exchange will amend the language in Chapter 693 in connection with the termination of trading to correctly reflect that trading shall end one business day prior to the termination of the Brent Crude Oil Last Day Financial Futures, rather than the incorrect reference to the Brent Crude Oil Penultimate Financial Futures. This correction is administrative in nature, and will not alter the Exchange's existing termination of trading practice of the Contract.

Also, the Exchange is implementing administrative amendments to harmonize the Contract rulebook chapter to conform with the NYMEX Rulebook.

The Rule Amendments are provided below with additions underscored and deletions struck through.

**NYMEX Rulebook**  
**Current Chapter 693**  
(deletions struck through)

**WTI-Brent Bullet Futures**

**693.01 SCOPE**

~~The provisions of these rules shall apply to all contracts bought or sold on the Exchange for cash settlement based on the Floating Price.~~

**693.02 FLOATING PRICE**

~~The Floating Price for each contract month is the Light Sweet Crude Oil Futures first nearby contract settlement price minus the Brent Crude Oil (ICE) Futures first nearby contract settlement price on the last trading day of the contract month.~~

**693.03 CONTRACT QUANTITY AND VALUE**

~~The contract quantity shall be 1,000 U.S. barrels. Each contract shall be valued as the contract quantity (1000) multiplied by the settlement price.~~

**693.04 CONTRACT MONTHS**

~~Trading shall be conducted in contracts in such months as shall be determined by the Board of Directors.~~

**693.05 PRICES AND FLUCTUATIONS**

~~Prices shall be quoted in U.S. dollars and cents per barrel. The minimum price fluctuation shall be \$0.01 per barrel. There shall be no maximum price fluctuation.~~

**693.06** — **TERMINATION OF TRADING**

Trading shall end one business day prior to the termination of the Brent Crude Oil Penultimate Financial Futures contract.

Therefore, for contract months up to and including February 2016, trading shall cease two business days before the fifteenth calendar day prior to the first day of the delivery month, if the fifteenth calendar day is not a holiday or weekend in London. If the fifteenth calendar day is a holiday or weekend in London, trading shall end three business days prior to the last business day preceding the fifteenth calendar day. For contract months March 2016 and onwards, trading shall cease on the UK business day preceding the last UK business day of the second month preceding the contract month, except for the UK business day preceding New Year's Day, where trading shall cease on the third UK business day preceding New Year's Day.

**693.07** — **FINAL SETTLEMENT**

Delivery under the contract shall be by cash settlement. Final settlement, following termination of trading for a contract month, will be based on the Floating Price. The final settlement price will be the Floating Price calculated for each contract month.

**693.08** — **RESERVED**

**693.09** — **DISCLAIMER**

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**AMENDED NYMEX RULEBOOK  
(additions underscored)**

**Chapter 693  
WTI-Brent Bullet Futures**

**693100.** **SCOPE OF CHAPTER**

The provisions of these rules shall apply to all futures contracts bought or sold on the Exchange for cash settlement based on the Floating Price. The procedures for trading, clearing and cash settlement of this contract, and any other matters not specifically covered herein shall be governed by the general rules of the Exchange.

**693101.** **CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS**

The Floating Price for each contract month is the Light Sweet Crude Oil Futures first nearby contract settlement price minus the Brent Crude Oil (ICE) Futures first nearby contract settlement price on the last trading day of the contract month.

**693102.** **TRADING SPECIFICATIONS**

The number of months open for trading at a given time shall be determined by the Exchange.

**693102.A. Trading Schedule**

The hours of trading for this contract shall be determined by the Exchange.

**693102.B. Trading Unit**

The contract quantity shall be 1,000 U.S. barrels. Each contract shall be valued as the contract quantity (1,000) multiplied by the settlement price.

**693102.C. Price Increments**

Prices shall be quoted in U.S. dollars and cents per barrel. The minimum price fluctuation shall be \$0.01 per barrel.

**693102.D. Position Limits, Exemptions, Position Accountability and Reportable Levels**

The applicable position limits and/or accountability levels, in addition to the reportable levels, are set forth in the Position Limit, Position Accountability and Reportable Level Table in the Interpretations & Special Notices Section of Chapter 5.

A Person seeking an exemption from position limits for bona fide commercial purposes shall apply to the Market Regulation Department on forms provided by the Exchange, and the Market Regulation Department may grant qualified exemptions in its sole discretion.

Refer to Rule 559 for requirements concerning the aggregation of positions and allowable exemptions from the specified position limits.

**693102.E. Termination of Trading**

Trading shall end one business day prior to the termination of the Brent Crude Oil Last Day Financial Futures contract. Therefore, trading shall cease on the UK business day preceding the last UK business day of the second month preceding the contract month, except for the UK business day preceding New Year's Day, where trading shall cease on the third UK business day preceding New Year's Day.

**693103.**

**FINAL SETTLEMENT**

Final settlement under the contract shall be by cash settlement. Final settlement, following termination of trading for a contract month, will be based on the Floating Price. The final settlement price will be the Floating Price calculated for each contract month.

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