



## Special Executive Report

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**DATE:** November 20, 2020  
**SER#:** 8687  
**SUBJECT:** Amendments to the Termination of Trading Rule of Four (4) European Natural Gas Option Contracts

Effective Tuesday, December 8, 2020, for trade date Wednesday, December 9, 2020, and pending all relevant CFTC regulatory review periods, New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX" or "the Exchange") will amend the Termination of Trading rule of four (4) European natural gas option contracts (the "Contracts") in the table below to align the Contracts' last trade date ("LTD") with current over the counter market practices.

**Please be advised that on LTD Thursday, December 24, 2020, the Contracts will cease trading at 12:15 hours London prevailing time.**

Contract Title	CME Globex/ CME ClearPort Code	NYMEX Rulebook Chapter
Dutch TTF Natural Gas Calendar Month Option	TTO	1161
Dutch TTF Natural Gas Futures-Style Margined Calendar Month Option	TFO	1162
UK NBP Natural Gas Calendar Month Option	UKO	1163
UK NBP Natural Gas Futures-Style Margined Calendar Month Option	UFO	1164

Specifically, NYMEX will amend the Rule 116X101.E. ("Termination of Trading") of the Contracts to specify that the time of day of the Termination of Trading may be altered on the Contracts' LTD when the Contracts' LTD falls on NYMEX business days that are immediately prior to or concurrent with the holiday seasons (collectively, the "Rule Amendments").

For example, the January 2021 contract month of the Contracts will terminate trading on Thursday, December 24, 2020. Abbreviated trading will occur in the European natural gas markets on December 24, 2020 and the Contracts will cease trading at 12:15 hours London prevailing time instead of the customary 13:00 hours London prevailing time expiry. As previously noted, the Rule Amendments are designed to better align the Contracts' LTD time with existing practice in the OTC market and prevalent market conditions. Market participants, including open interest holders, are in favor of the Rule Amendments.

Market participants have been advised well in advance of the effective date that on LTD Thursday, December 24, 2020, the Contracts will cease trading at 12:15 hours London prevailing time.

The Rule Amendments are provided in Appendix A below in blackline format.

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**APPENDIX A**  
**NYMEX Rulebook**  
(additions underlined)

**Chapter 1161**

**Dutch TTF Natural Gas Calendar Month Option**

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**1161101.**

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**OPTION CHARACTERISTICS**

**1161101.E. Termination of Trading**

Trading terminates on the fifth calendar day immediately preceding the first calendar day of the Contract Month, unless such day is not both a NYMEX business day and a London business day, in which case trading terminates on the first preceding NYMEX business day that is a London business day. However, if that day is also the last trading day of the underlying Futures contract, trading shall terminate on the first preceding NYMEX business day that is a London business day.

On the last trading day, trading terminates at 13:00 hours London prevailing time.

The option shall be available for automatic exercise. The in-the-money value of the option shall be based on a methodology to be published by the Exchange that reflects markets prices at the termination of trading of a contract. Notice of exercise must be delivered by a Clearing Member to the Clearing House not later than 14:00 London prevailing time on that day.

Notwithstanding the above, the Exchange may determine an alternative termination of trading time on the last trading day for specific expiries on NYMEX Business Days immediately prior to or concurrent with local or U.S. holidays.

[The remainder of the Chapter is unchanged.]

**Chapter 1162**

**Dutch TTF Natural Gas Futures-Style Margined Calendar Month Option**

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**1162101.**

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**OPTION CHARACTERISTICS**

**1162101.E. Termination of Trading**

Trading terminates on the fifth calendar day immediately preceding the first calendar day of the Contract Month, unless such day is not both a NYMEX business day and a London business day, in which case trading terminates on the first preceding NYMEX business day that is a London business day. However, if that day is also the last trading day of the underlying Futures contract, trading shall terminate on the first preceding NYMEX business day that is a London business day.

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[The remainder of the Chapter is unchanged.]

## Chapter 1163

### UK NBP Natural Gas Calendar Month Option

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#### 1163101. OPTION CHARACTERISTICS

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##### 1163101.E. Termination of Trading

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[The remainder of the Chapter is unchanged.]

## Chapter 1164

### UK NBP Natural Gas Futures-Style Margined Calendar Month Option

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#### 1164101. OPTION CHARACTERISTICS

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##### 1164101.E. Termination of Trading

Trading terminates on the fifth calendar day immediately preceding the first calendar day of the Contract Month, unless such day is not both a NYMEX business day and a London business day, in which case trading terminates on the first preceding NYMEX business day that is a London business day. However, if that day is also the last trading day of the underlying Futures contract, trading shall terminate on the first preceding NYMEX business day that is a London business day.

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