



Special Executive Report

DATE: January 23, 2024

SER#: 9299

SUBJECT: Amendments to Rule 15108. ("Premium Charges") to Increase the Maximum Premium Charges of the Oat Futures Contract Commencing with the Conclusion of the July 2024 Delivery Period and Beyond

Effective February 6, 2024, and pending all CFTC relevant regulatory review periods, The Board of Trade of the City of Chicago, Inc. ("CBOT" or the "Exchange") will implement amendments to Rule 15108. ("Premium Charges") to increase the maximum premium charges of the Oat Futures contract (CME Globex Code: ZO; [Rulebook Chapter: 15](#)) (the "Contract") commencing with the conclusion of the July 2024 delivery period (July 19, 2024) and beyond (collectively, the "Rule Amendments").

Specifically, the maximum premium charges for the Contract will increase from 20.5/100s of one cent per bushel per day to 26.5/100s of one cent per bushel per day. This is a change from approximately 6 cents per bushel per month to approximately 8 cents per bushel per month. This maximum premium charge increase will take effect following expiration of the July 2024 contract month.

Oats:	Present – July 18, 2024	Commencing July 19, 2024
	20.5/100 of one cent per bushel per day	26.5/100 of one cent per bushel per day

The Exchange considered both spreads relative to full carry and levels of open interest when determining an implementation date for the change to the maximum premium charges. The Exchange determined that the spread market of the Contract commencing in July 2024 is well within full carry. In addition, the Exchange notes that currently there is minimal open interest in the portion of the curve beyond the July 2024 contract month.

The Rule Amendments seek to further align the Contract with the related cash market. The storage economics of CBOT's Corn and Soybean Futures contracts are similar to that of Oat Futures. The Rule Amendments shall align the maximum premium charges across these similar and related contracts. The Exchange has conducted comprehensive market participant outreach. Market participants are in favor of the Rule Amendments.

Exhibit A and Exhibit B provide amendments to CBOT Rule 15108. Effective February 6, 2024 and July 19, 2024, respectively, in blackline format.

Additional information regarding the Rule Amendments may be viewed [HERE](#).

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Exhibit A

CBOT Rulebook

Chapter 15

Oat Futures

(additions **underscoring**)

[Effective February 6, 2024]

15108. PREMIUM CHARGES

(FOR ALL CONTRACT MONTHS UP TO AND THROUGH THE CONCLUSION OF THE JULY 2024 DELIVERY PERIOD (JULY 18, 2024))

To be valid for delivery on futures contracts, all shipping certificates covering oats under obligation for shipment must indicate the applicable premium charge. No shipping certificate shall be valid for delivery on futures contracts unless the premium charges on such oats shall have been paid up to and including the 18th calendar day of the preceding month, and such payment is endorsed on the shipping certificate. Unpaid accumulated premium charges at the posted rate applicable to the facility shall be allowed and credited to the buyer by the seller up to and including the date of delivery.

The premium charges on Oats shall not exceed 20.5/100 of one cent per bushel per day.

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The premium charges on Oats shall not exceed **26.5/100** of one cent per bushel per day.

[End of Rule.]

Exhibit B

CBOT Rulebook

Chapter 15 Oat Futures

(deletions struck through)

[Effective on July 19, 2024]

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[End of Rule.]