

Chapter 376

USD Denominated TOPIX Index Futures

37600. SCOPE OF CHAPTER

This chapter is limited in application to USD Denominated TOPIX Index Futures. In addition to this chapter, futures shall be subject to the general rules and regulations of the Exchange as applicable. Unless otherwise specified, times referenced herein shall refer to and indicate Chicago time.

37601. CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

Each futures contract shall be valued at USD 50 times the TOPIX Index ("Index").

37602. TRADING SPECIFICATIONS

37602.A. Trading Schedule

Futures contracts shall be scheduled for trading during such hours and for delivery in such months as may be determined by the Exchange.

37602.B. Trading Unit

The unit of trading shall be \$50 times the Index.

37602.C. Price Increments

Bids and offers shall be quoted in Index points. Subject to Rule 37606.C., the minimum price increment shall be 0.50 Index points, equal to \$25 per contract.

37602.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.

37602.E. [Reserved]

37602.F. [Reserved]

37602.G. Termination of Trading

Trading in expiring futures shall terminate at the close of trading on the Business Day immediately preceding the Business Day scheduled for determination of the Final Settlement Price of such futures (Rule 37603.A.).

37602.H. [Reserved]

37602.I. Price Limits and Trading Halts

The primary futures contract month, as referenced in this rule, shall be determined by the Exchange. The Exchange shall also determine when the primary futures contract month is limit bid or limit offered. There shall be no Daily Price Limits in a contract on its last day of trading.

Reference Prices for Price Limits and Exchange Trading Halts

Daily price limits in futures will be established relative to the contract rounded Reference Price ("P") which shall be determined by the Exchange as follows:

- Tier 1 Such Reference Price shall be based on the volume-weighted average price of transactions in TOPIX futures for the same delivery month, executed on the Osaka Exchange, Inc ("OSE") either during the interval between 3:29:30 to 3:30:00 p.m. Tokyo time or, in the event of an early close of the OSE, during the last thirty (30) seconds of the OSE trading day ("Reference Interval").
- Tier 2 If no such transaction occurs during the Reference Interval, then such Reference Price shall be the average of midpoints of bid/ask spreads in TOPIX futures for the same delivery month, as quoted on the OSE during the Reference Interval, provided that the Reference Price calculation shall exclude the midpoint value for any such bid/ask spread that is wider than 1.5 Index points (equal to 3 minimum price increments).

Tier 3 If such Reference Price cannot be determined pursuant to Tiers 1 and 2 above, then the Exchange, in its sole discretion, shall set such Reference Price by alternative means which may include, but are not limited to, derivation by reference to the basis relationship between such futures contract's price and the Index, or application of Tier 1 and Tier 2 calculations to successive time intervals of increasing length, in integer multiples of thirty (30) seconds, until suitable price data are obtained.

The resultant Reference Price value shall be rounded down to the nearest integer multiple of 0.5 Index points. Such Reference Price, so rounded, shall be used for determination of the corresponding Price Limits.

If, on any CME Business Day, the OSE TOPIX futures market is closed for trading, then the Reference Price used for the calculation of daily Price Limits shall be the most recently calculated Reference Price.

For newly listed futures for a given delivery month, the Exchange shall set, in its sole discretion, a Reference Price value for the purpose of determining Price Limits for the first day of trading in such futures.

Exchange Price Limit Levels: Price Limits shall be calculated daily based upon the rounded Reference Price, P, and Offset levels.

There will be three (3) Offset levels used to determine the three daily upward and the three daily downward Price Limits.

The three Offset levels will be:

$$8\% \text{ Offset} = (8\% \times P)$$

$$12\% \text{ Offset} = (12\% \times P)$$

$$16\% \text{ Offset} = (16\% \times P)$$

Each resultant Offset value shall be rounded down to the nearest integer multiple of 0.5 Index points. Each such Offset, so rounded, shall be used in determination of the corresponding Price Limits, in accord with Rule 37602.I.1.

The Daily Price Limits for TOPIX futures shall be calculated as follows:

1st Price Limits equals Rounded Reference Price (P) \pm 8% Offset level

2nd Price Limits equals Rounded Reference Price (P) \pm 12% Offset level

3rd Price Limits equals Rounded Reference Price (P) \pm 16% Offset level

If, on any CME Business Day, the OSE TOPIX futures market is closed for trading, then the Reference Price used for the calculation of daily Price Limits shall be the most recently calculated Reference Price.

Downward Price Limits

At such time as the Primary Futures Contract becomes limit offered at the downward 8% Price Limit, the Exchange shall initiate a 2-minute observation interval. At the conclusion of such observation interval:

If the Primary Futures Contract is not limit offered at its downward 8% Price Limit, futures trading shall continue subject to the corresponding downward 12% Price Limit.

If the Primary Futures Contract remains limit offered at its downward 8% Price Limit, futures trading shall halt for two (2) minutes, and shall then resume subject to the corresponding downward 12% Price Limit.

At such time as the Primary Futures Contract becomes limit offered at its downward 12% Price Limit, the Exchange shall initiate a 2-minute observation interval. At the conclusion of such observation interval:

If the Primary Futures Contract is not limit offered at its downward 12% Price Limit, futures trading shall continue subject to the corresponding 16% Price Limit.

If the Primary Futures Contract remains limit offered at its downward 12% Price Limit, futures trading shall halt for two (2) minutes, and shall then resume subject to the corresponding downward 16% Price Limit.

There shall be no futures trading at any price strictly lower than the corresponding downward 16% Price Limit.

Upward Price Limits

At such time as the Primary Futures Contract becomes limit bid at the upward 8% Price Limit, the Exchange shall initiate a 2-minute observation interval. At the conclusion of such observation interval:

If the Primary Futures Contract is not limit bid at its upward 8% Price Limit, futures trading shall resume subject to the corresponding upward 12% Price Limit.

If the Primary Futures Contract remains limit bid at its upward 8% Price Limit, futures trading shall halt for two (2) minutes, and shall then resume subject to the corresponding upward 12% Price Limit.

At such time as the Primary Futures Contract becomes limit bid at its upward 12% Price Limit, the Exchange shall initiate a 2-minute observation interval. At the conclusion of such observation interval:

If the Primary Futures Contract is not limit bid at its upward 12% Price Limit, futures trading shall resume subject to the corresponding upward 16% Price Limit.

If the Primary Futures Contract remains limit bid at its upward 12% Price Limit, futures trading shall halt for two (2) minutes, and shall then resume subject to the corresponding upward 16% Price Limit.

There shall be no futures trading at any price strictly higher than the corresponding upward 16% Price Limit.

37603. SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES

Delivery shall be by cash settlement.

37603.A. Final Settlement Price

For a futures contract for a given delivery month, the Final Settlement Price shall be based on the special quotation of the Index, determined by the JPX Market Innovation & Research, Inc. (JPXI) on the basis of opening prices on the Tokyo Stock Exchange (TSE) of each Index component stock. The Final Settlement Price shall be such special quotation of the Index rounded to the nearest 0.01 Index points.

Such special quotation of the Index and the corresponding Final Settlement Price typically shall be determined on the second Friday of such delivery month. When the second Friday of such delivery month is not a JPXI business day, such special quotation of the Index and the corresponding Final Settlement Price shall be determined on the JPXI business day immediately preceding the second Friday of such delivery month.

37603.B. Final Settlement

Clearing members holding open positions in an expiring futures contract at its termination of trading (Rule 37602.G.) shall make payment to or receive payment from the Clearing House in accordance with normal variation margin procedures based on such expiring contract's Final Settlement Price (Rule 37603.A.).

37604. [RESERVED]**37605. [RESERVED]****37606. BASIS TRADE AT INDEX CLOSE ("BTIC") TRANSACTIONS**

All BTIC transactions must be executed in accordance with the requirements of Rule 524.B.

Notwithstanding the provisions in Rule 524.B.2., BTIC transactions are permitted on the last day of trading for the contract.

For the purposes of Rule 37606. The Primary Listing Exchange shall be defined as Tokyo Stock Exchange (TSE).

37606.A. Reserved**37606.B. BTIC Price Assignment Procedures**

The price assignment procedures for BTIC transactions shall follow Rule 524.B.3.

37606.C. BTIC Minimum Price Increments

The minimum price increment shall be 0.025 Index points, equal to \$1.25 per contract, for any basis adjustment that is applied to the Index closing level to establish the futures price of a BTIC transaction.

37606.D. Market Disruption Events

In the event of a market disruption in the Primary Listing Exchange, that precludes a valid closing index value for the underlying index, all pending and executed BTIC transactions in the corresponding futures contract shall be cancelled by the Exchange. Such disruption shall be declared by the Exchange in its sole discretion, and may include, without limitation, an unscheduled early close of the Primary Listing Exchange or a regulatory trading halt necessitating an early closure of the Primary Listing Exchange.

37606.E. [Reserved]

(End Chapter 376)