

Chapter 1082

East-West Fuel Oil Spread (Platts) BALMO Futures

1082100.**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.

1082101.**CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS**

The Floating Price for each contract month is the balance-of-month arithmetic average of the mid-point between the high and low quotations from Platts Asia-Pacific Marketscan for Singapore 180cst Residual (Waterborne Cargo) price minus the arithmetic average of the high and low quotations from the Platts European Marketscan for 3.5% Fuel Oil under the heading "Barges FOB Rotterdam" price starting from the selected start date through the end of the contract month, inclusive, except as set forth below.

The Floating Price is calculated using the non-common pricing convention. In calculating the spread differential, the monthly average for each component leg of the spread shall be calculated by using all trading days in the month for each component leg of the spread, followed by the calculation of the spread differential between the two averages.

1082102.**TRADING SPECIFICATIONS**

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

1082102.A. Trading Schedule

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

1082102.B. Trading Unit

The contract quantity shall be 1,000 metric tons. Each contract shall be valued as the contract quantity (1,000) multiplied by the settlement price.

1082102.C. Price Increments

Prices shall be quoted in U.S. dollars and cents per metric ton. The minimum price fluctuation shall be \$0.001 per metric ton.

1082102.D. Position Limits and Position Accountability

For purposes of calculating compliance with position limits, each contract will be aggregated with positions held in Singapore Fuel Oil 180 cst (Platts) Calendar Swap futures and European 3.5% Fuel Oil (Platts) Barges FOB Rdam Calendar Swap futures. Each position in the contract will be deemed equivalent to a single position in the Singapore Fuel Oil 180 cst (Platts) Calendar Swap futures contract and equivalent to a single position in the European 3.5% Fuel Oil (Platts) Barges FOB Rdam Calendar Swap futures contract.

For purposes of position limits and position accountability levels, contracts shall diminish ratably as the contract month progresses toward month end.

In accordance with Rule 559, no person shall own or control positions in excess of 500 (Singapore Fuel Oil 180 cst (Platts) Calendar Swap futures)/150 (European 3.5% Fuel Oil (Platts) Barges FOB Rdam Calendar Swap futures) contracts net long or net short in the spot month.

In accordance with Rule 560:

1. the all-months accountability level shall be 5,000 (Singapore Fuel Oil 180 cst (Platts) Calendar Swap futures)/1,500(European 3.5% Fuel Oil (Platts) Barges FOB Rdam Calendar Swap futures) futures-equivalent contracts net long or net short in all months combined;
2. the any-one month accountability level shall be 5,000 (Singapore Fuel Oil 180 cst (Platts) Calendar Swap futures)/1,500 (European 3.5% Fuel Oil (Platts) Barges FOB Rdam Calendar Swap futures) futures-equivalent contracts net long or net short in any single contract month excluding the spot month.

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

1082102.E. Termination of Trading

Trading shall cease on the last business day of the contract month.

1082103. 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.

1082104. DISCLAIMER

See [NYMEX/COMEX Chapter iv. \("DISCLAIMERS"\)](#) incorporated herein by reference.