

## Chapter 461

### Mars (Argus) vs. WTI Trade Month BALMO Futures

**461100. 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.

**461101. CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS**

The Floating Price for each contract period is equal to the balance-of-month arithmetic average of the Mars (Month 1) Diff weighted average price from Argus Media for each day it is determined from the selected start date through the end of the Trade month period, inclusive. The Trade month period ends on the last Business Day that falls on or before the first 25th calendar day following the selected start date.

**461102. TRADING SPECIFICATIONS**

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

**461102.A. Trading Schedule**

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

**461102.B. Trading Units**

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.

**461102.C. Price Increments**

Prices shall be quoted in U.S. dollars and cents per barrel. The minimum price fluctuation shall be \$0.005 per barrel for transactions submitted for clearing via CME ClearPort. The minimum price fluctuation shall be \$0.01 per barrel for trades executed on CME Globex electronic trading platform.

**461102.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.

**461102.E. Termination of Trading**

Trading shall cease at the close of trading on the 25th calendar day of the month. If the 25th calendar day is not a Business Day, trading terminates on the Business Day prior to the 25th calendar day.

**461103. 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 period.

**461104. DISCLAIMER**

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