

Chapter 949

Freight Route Middle East to China (TD3C) (Baltic) Average Price Option

949100. SCOPE OF CHAPTER

This chapter is limited in application to put and call options on the Freight Route TD3C (Baltic) Futures contract. In addition to the rules of this chapter, transactions in options on Freight Route TD3C (Baltic) Futures contract shall be subject to the general rules of the Exchange insofar as applicable.

949101. CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

The Freight Route TD3C (Baltic) Average Price Option is an option on the rates for the TD3C freight route published by The Baltic Exchange. The contract size is 1,000 metric tons.

The underlying reference price for each contract month is equal to the arithmetic average of the USD per metric ton rate for the TD3C freight route (Middle East Gulf to China for cargoes of 270,000 metric tons or as subsequently amended) provided by The Baltic Exchange for each day that it is provided during the Settlement Period.

The USD per metric ton rate is calculated by The Baltic Exchange from the published value in Worldscale points multiplied by the applicable Worldscale flat rate for the specified route.

949102. OPTION CHARACTERISTICS

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

949102.A. Trading Schedule

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

949102.B. Trading Unit

On expiry or exercise, the Freight Route Middle East to China (TD3C) (Baltic) Average Price Put option shall be cash settled to the greater value of zero and the strike price minus the underlying reference price, multiplied by 1,000. On expiry or exercise, the Freight Route Middle East to China (TD3C) (Baltic) Average Price Call option shall be cash settled to the greater value of zero and the underlying reference price minus the strike price, multiplied by 1,000.

949102.C. Price Increments

Prices, strike prices and the underlying reference price shall be quoted in U.S. dollars and cents per metric ton. The minimum price fluctuation shall be \$0.0001 per metric ton (\$0.10 per contract). The minimum fluctuation for the underlying reference price shall be \$0.0001 per metric ton (\$0.10 per contract).

949102.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.

949102.E. Settlement Period

For contract months referenced to a calendar month January to November inclusive, the Settlement Period shall be the full calendar month. For contract months referenced to the December calendar month, the Settlement Period shall be the period from and including the 1st calendar day of the month through to and including the 24th calendar day of the month.

949102.F. Termination of Trading

For each contract month, trading terminates on the last day of the Settlement Period on which the Index is published by the Baltic Exchange (usually a Tuesday or a Friday). If this is not a Business Day, then trading shall terminate on the preceding Business Day.

949102.G. Type of Option

The option is cash settled European-style, which is exercised at expiration only. At expiry, automatic exercise occurs for those options that are one or more ticks in the money. Options that are at the money at expiration lapse.

949103. EXERCISE PRICES

Transactions shall be conducted for option contracts as set forth in Rule 300.20.

949104. DISCLAIMER

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