

Advisory Notice

Clearing House

TO: Clearing Member Firms
Back Office Managers

FROM: Clearing House Department

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ADVISORY #: 05-68

SUBJECT: **Upcoming System Enhancements**

As part of the upcoming implementation of the replacement Average Price System (APS) several enhancements will come as part of the new system:

- 8-byte TON number for electronic trades will no longer be truncated down to 4 on any message coming from the Clearing System. If less than 8 digits are received only that number of digits will be returned. CME will not truncate or pad the order number data. Firms should ensure that this does not pose a problem for their bookkeeping systems.
- For all products the true average on APS will be displayed in decimalized format carried out to 10 decimal places.
- The "*Maintain Allocation*" screens used by Give-ups and Averaging has been reformatted. Fields that were not used have been removed and other fields have been moved to more user friendly positions. In addition, the sort order of the "*Maintain Allocation*" screen will be in the order of entry of the allocation. The System considers a firm number change a new add. The record will be placed at the bottom of the "*Current Allocations*" section of the screen.
- The Electronic Trading Operator ID will become a give-up grouping criteria and will be on the APS and Give-up System user interfaces. This field will only be included in the new FIXML message format.
- Averaging of cabinet and variable cabinet trades will now be allowed with the new system. Additionally, the allocation API messages, both FIXML and TREX, will contain cabinet prices with the correct indicator. A "V" will be present in the case of a variable cabinet price or a "C" for a fixed cabinet price. The APS and Give-up user interfaces will display a variable cabinet with a trailing "V" on the price. In addition, any CBOT trade keyed as a fixed cabinet in TES will be transformed into a variable cabinet price of 1.00V when it gets to FEC.
- Firms will be able to remove the Averaging and Give-up allocation indicators from PIT and Electronic trades. For Averaging trades this is accomplished using the new "Unmark" command on the User Interface. For Give-Ups the give-up group would be deleted which will cause the trades to become unmarked. The allocation indicator on the in TES will be removed as well. Firms can then either remark the trade to Give-Ups or Averaging or simply leave them alone.

If you have any questions please contact the CME Clearing House, 312-207-2525.