

Advisory Notice

Clearing House

TO: Clearing Member Firms, etc
FROM: Clearing House Department
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SUBJECT: **Two New Product Master Fields In SPAN® File**

Effective **Friday, July 21, 2006**, two new fields will be added at the end of the type "P" (Product Master) record in the expanded-format SPAN® file. They are being added for information only in response to customer requests, and firm implementations of SPAN may ignore them.

The first field is the **Valuation Method**, in the five bytes beginning in position 117. This field identifies how the cash associated with trade prices, and price moves, is handled. Allowable values are:

FUT	Futures-style -- used for futures -- mark-to-market amounts ("settlement variation") are banked daily.
FUTDA	Futures-style with a daily cash adjustment -- for example, TRAKRS® futures, where in addition to normal settlement variation there is a cash flow associated with rolling a position from one day to the next.
FWD	Forwards-style -- used for FX and other forwards -- mark-to-market amounts are calculated daily but are collateralized rather than banked.
EQTY	Equity (premium) style -- used for normal premium-style options -- there is no daily mark-to-market, but the full monetary value associated with trades is banked immediately.

The second field is the **Settlement Method**, in the five bytes beginning in position 122. This field can be used to distinguish cash-settled from physically-delivered products. Allowable values are **CASH** and **DELIV**. Note that all options on futures products will be provided as physically-deliverable, since physical settlement of such an option means to transform it into a position in the underlying future.

The updated layout for the type "P" record is at <http://www.cme-ch.com/span/spanl30p.htm>. You will notice additional fields described at the end of the record in anticipation of the upcoming launch of FX MarketSpace.

Beginning Friday, July 21st, the two new fields will be present at the end of the type "P" records in the CBOT-CME SPAN file, available on the Internet at <ftp.cme.com/pub/span/data/ccl>.

Effective immediately, the two new fields are available every day in a "test" version of the CBOT-CME SPAN file, available at <ftp.cme.com/pub/span/data/ccl/test>. This is the production file except that (a) it has these two new fields and (b) the weighted price risk for Eurodollars and Fed Funds is provided on the type "S" record as method "2" instead of method "3".

For further information please contact the Clearing House Risk Department at 312-648-3888.