

Advisory Notice

Clearing House

TO: Clearing Member Firm Personnel
FROM: Clearing House Department
DATE: October 15, 2004
ADVISORY #: 04-186
SUBJECT: **Settlement of the October 2004 GSCI Contract**

Please be advised that due to the October Lean Hogs contract limit moves today, **the final settlement of the October 2004 Goldman Sachs Commodity Index (GSCI) will not occur today.** Under the terms of the GSCI contract, the Research Department will not calculate a final settlement if a component contract month's settlement price on the day of regular calculation of the final settlement price is unavailable because of an unanticipated and/or unannounced closure of component contract market, then the price of such component contract to be used in calculating the final settlement price shall be next available official settlement Price. In the interim, clearing members are advised not to delete October GSCI futures and options positions from their bookkeeping systems, as they are still active contracts in the clearing system.

Please note that although the contract does not as yet have a final settlement price, the October GSCI is no longer eligible for trading. The holders of long options positions may exercise these positions however; these options will not be marked to a final futures settlement price until it is derived.

For the purposes of tonight's settlement processing the Clearing House Department will mark all October GSCI futures positions to an indicative market price of **357.95**. If the Lean Hogs contract does not settlement limit Monday, the Exchange will calculate the final settlement for the October GSCI. Otherwise, the Clearing House Department will invoke the same set of procedures Monday night as described above for tonight's settlement processing.

Again, clearing members must maintain October GSCI futures and options on their books until the official final settlement is calculated. For more information, please contact the Clearing House Risk Unit, at (312) 648-3888, or the Deliveries Unit, at (312) 930-3172.