

Advisory Notice

Clearing House

TO: Clearing Member Firms
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SUBJECT: Sample FXMarketSpace SPAN and Price Files Now Available

Sample SPAN® risk parameter files and Settlement Price Files for FXMarketSpace™ are now available every day, in the early evening of the business day just concluded. The location is ftp.cme.com/pub/span/data/cme/test/fxm.

Sample settlement price files are available in both positional (flat) and FIXML format. Sample files contain data for only FXMarketSpace products, since settlement price files are produced for each exchange processed by CME Clearing -- CBOT, CME and soon FXMarketSpace.

Sample SPAN files are available in the expanded format, as they are today, and contain data for CBOT products, CME products, and FXMarketSpace products.

In the SPAN file, note that the product type for the FXMarketSpace products is **FWD**, for forwards: these products are forwards rather than futures, since they deliver at original trade price and mark-to-market amounts are collateralized rather than banked. The period code for each contract indicates the value date.

On the type "P" (product definition) records for the FXMarketSpace products, note the new fields at the end of the record which drive the collateralization credit adjustment calculation. For the "P" record layout, please see www.cme-ch.com/span/spanl30p.htm.

The SPAN file contains intercommodity spread (type "6") records which illustrate spreads between FXMarketSpace products, and between FXMarketSpace products and CME currency futures. These records contain a new value at the end of the record, the Regulatory Status Eligibility Code for spreads involving FXMarketSpace products. The new value indicates that although spreads can be formed between CME products and FXMarketSpace products, if the positions in the CME products are subject to customer segregation requirements, the credits can be provided only on the FXMarketSpace side. For the type "6" record layout, please see www.cme-ch.com/span/spanl316.htm.

Note that the contract value factor for the FXMarketSpace products is provided as a value similar or identical to that of the corresponding CME currency future. Since the FXMarketSpace products will be margined in SPAN on an equivalent basis, this convention allows the intercommodity spreads between the FXM and CME products to be defined as one to one spreads.

PC-SPAN® users who wish to work with these SPAN files should download the latest version from www.cme-ch.com/pc-span. This version has FXM defined as an exchange under CME Clearing, and it will load the FXM forwards as if they were futures. With this version FXM positions should be entered as their equivalent quantities. A new version of PC-SPAN will be available soon which supports definition of FXM positions in their true notional amount and displays forwards as such.

For more information please see CME Clearing's special resource page for FXMarketSpace at www.cme-ch.com/fxm, or contact us at 312-207-2525. FXMarketSpace is at www.fxmarketspace.com.