



TO: Clearing Member Firms; Back Office Managers
 FROM: CME Clearing
 SUBJECT: **OTC Holiday Advisory – Christmas and New Year’s Day**

CME Clearing will be open for clearing of all cleared OTC financial products on Monday, December 25 (Christmas Day) and Monday, January 1 (New Year’s Day).

Please note that for all currencies, except Japanese Yen, CME Clearing will follow normal holiday processing procedures. This means that trades will still clear real time, but will clear for the next clearing business day. For trades denominated in Japanese Yen, since it is a normal yen business day CME Clearing will report and clear all Yen denominated trades as per normal procedure.

On Monday, January 1, since all currencies are on holiday, CME Clearing will not produce any of the normal end of day reporting.

For specific information on how this will impact CME Clearing’s processing and trade submission timelines, please refer to the information below.

Trade Submission, Variation Margin Settlement, and Price Alignment Interest:

| Christmas Holiday | | | | | | |
|-------------------|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|------|
| Currencies | | Bank Holiday | For trades submitted on Bank Holiday | | PAI | |
| | | | Clear Date | Upfront Fee Settlement Date | Close Of Business Date | Days |
| T+1 Currencies | CAD, GBP, EUR | Monday, 12/25 & Tuesday, 12/26 | Wednesday, 12/27 | Thursday, 12/28 | Friday, 12/22 | 5 |
| | BRL, MXN, USD | Monday, 12/26 | Tuesday, 12/27 | Wednesday, 12/30 | Friday, 12/22 | 4 |
| T+2 Currencies | AUD, NZD, CZK, DKK, HUF, NOK, SEK, CHF, HKD, PLN, ZAR | Monday, 12/25 & Tuesday, 12/26 | Wednesday, 12/27 | Friday, 12/29 | Friday, 12/22 | 5 |
| | SGD | Monday, 12/25 | Tuesday, 12/26 | Thursday, 12/28 | Friday, 12/22 | 4 |

| New Year's Holiday | | | | | | |
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| Currencies | | Bank Holiday | For trades submitted on Bank Holiday | | PAI | |
| | | | Clear Date | Upfront Fee Settlement Date | Close Of Business Date | Days |
| T+1 Currencies | BRL, CAD, EUR, GBP, MXN, USD | Monday, 1/1 | Tuesday 1/2 | Wednesday, 1/3 | Friday, 12/30 | 4 |
| T+2 Currencies | AUD, HKD, HUF, NOK, SGD, ZAR, CZK | Monday, 1/1 | Tuesday 1/2 | Thursday, 1/4 | Friday, 12/30 | 4 |
| | NZD, CHF | Monday, 1/1 Tuesday 1/2 | Wednesday, 1/3 | Friday, 1/5 | Friday, 12/30 | 5 |
| | JPY | Monday, 1/1 Tuesday, 1/2 Wednesday, 1/3 Monday, 1/8 | Thursday, 1/4 | Tuesday, 1/9 | Friday, 12/30 | 3 |

For example, for CAD and GBP swaps submitted for clearing on Monday, December 25, 2017, will clear on December 25, 2017 but the cleared date will be Tuesday, December 26, 2017. This means that the variation margin and upfront fees for these trades will settle on Wednesday, December 27, 2017.

Swaps submitted for clearing on Monday, January 1, 2018 will clear on January 2, 2018, but the cleared date will be the next valid business day in that currency.

OTC FX holiday information will be sourced from COPP CLARK.

****Special Case for JPY settlement on Tuesday, December 26****

As the settlement banks are closed on the Christmas day, the value date for all JPY-denominated variation amounts in the end-of-day clearing cycle on Friday, December 22, will be Wednesday, December 27 (to allow banks in the US and Europe to confirm settlements on Tuesday, December 26). This means that any cash flow, including upfront fees scheduled to settle on Tuesday, December 26 will instead settle on Wednesday, December 27th.

| Payment Calculation Date | Currency | Adjusted Settlement Date |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|
| Friday, December 22 rd | JPY | Wednesday, December 27 th |

Initial Margin Calculations:

| Close of Business Date | Product | Currencies | Will CME generate new IM requirements |
|---------------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Monday, December 25, 2017 | IRS | All Currency Pairs | Yes |
| | CDS | USD-CDX EUR-iTraxx | No No |
| | OTC FX | All Currency Pairs | No |

| Close of Business Date | Product | Currencies | Will CME generate new IM requirements |
|-------------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Monday, January 1, 2018 | IRS | All Currency Pairs | No |
| | CDS | USD-CDX EUR-iTraxx | No No |
| | OTC FX | All Currency Pairs | No |

EOD Reporting:

| Date | Asset Class | Environment | EOD Reports Produced |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Monday, December 25, 2017 | CDS | Production | Yes |
| | CDS | New Release | Yes |
| | IRS | Production | Yes |
| | IRS | New Release | Yes |
| | OTC FX | Production | Yes |
| | OTC FX | New Release | Yes |
| Monday, January 1, 2018 | CDS | Production | No |
| | CDS | New Release | No |
| | IRS | Production | No |
| | IRS | New Release | No |
| | OTC FX | Production | No |
| | OTC FX | New Release | No |

CDS Price Submission:

| CDS Price Submission Schedule | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Date | | Early Close | Price Submission required |
| Friday, December 22, 2017 | USD-CDX | Yes | Yes |
| | EUR-iTraxx | No | Yes |
| Monday, December 25, 2017 | USD-CDX | No | No |
| | EUR-iTraxx | No | No |
| Tuesday, December 26, 2017 | USD-CDX | No | Yes |
| | EUR-iTraxx | No | No |
| Friday, December 29, 2017 | USD-CDX | Yes | Yes |
| | EUR-iTraxx | No | Yes |
| Monday, January 1, 2018 | USD-CDX | No | No |
| | EUR-iTraxx | No | No |

On Friday, December 22 and Friday, December 29 CME Clearing will be following the schedule outlined below –

- **Publication of early CDS settlement price file:** 12:30 p.m. ET (11:30 a.m. CT)
- **Publication of Preliminary Dealer Feedback Files:** 2:05pm ET (1:05pm CT)
- **Dealer Price Submission Deadline:** 2:35 p.m. ET (1:35 p.m. CT)
- **Publication of Final PQA Dealer Feedback Files:** 2:45 p.m. ET (1:45 p.m. CT)

If you have questions, please contact the CME Client Services Team at onboarding_clearing@cmegroup.com.