

## Advisory Notice

Clearing House

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TO: Clearing Member Firms  
Back Office Managers  
PTP Software Providers

FROM: CME Clearing

SUBJECT: **CME Globex 20-Byte Order ID's Coming February 1, 2009**

DATE: October 8, 2008

In order to facilitate faster, more efficient and accurate processing of order messages, CME Globex will be expanding Client Order ID's to 20 bytes in February 2009. In an effort to harmonize the field lengths between CME Globex and Clearing 21, CME Clearing is preparing to handle Client Order ID's ("Card/Order Number") up to 20 bytes in length as well.

This means that beginning February 1, 2009, FIXML trade messages sent by CME Clearing may contain order ID's (CIOrdID attribute in FIXML) of up to 20 bytes in length. The change is meant to improve efficiency of order handling in front-end systems, by allowing unique ID's (primarily numeric, and thus the large size), for each and every message passed to CME Globex.

Currently, eight bytes are available for the order ID, in both TREX and FIXML. Though eight bytes are available, many firms truncate the values down to four or five bytes in length. *This will remain an acceptable practice, even after the field has been expanded to a possible 20 bytes in FIXML.*

If your system does not accommodate 20 bytes for CIOrdID in incoming FIXML messages, please plan to schedule work to that end. Again, it is fine to truncate values in your database, and pass these values back to Clearing, given that that is the current practice; however, trade load and trade update programs may have to be adjusted to expand work-fields and retrieve the right-most significant characters of this variable-length alphanumeric attribute value.

For this expansion of the order ID, FEC screens will be enhanced to show the full possible 20 bytes. Current FIXML Trade Register files and all printed reports, however, will continue to carry a maximum of eight bytes in the order ID, and will continue to display whatever they carry today.

Please coordinate your front, middle, and back office systems to be sure that they will continue to function together smoothly. Recall that FEC will strip off extraneous spaces on the *rightmost* side of an alpha-numeric field, so the smallest possible value will be transmitted in the FIXML message.

Testing opportunities will be available in the Certification and New Release environments from November 2008 (exact dates to be determined). The expected to go-live in production is scheduled for February 1, 2009. You can easily test within your own system, without CME assistance, by simply expanding the values of CIOrdID to various lengths, and re-loading these existing electronic FIXML trade messages into your system(s). This change is for electronically executed trades, but trade load programs should be adjusted to handle all FIXML message types (TrdCaptRpt, TrdCaptRptAck, AllocRpt, etc.).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact CCS at [CCS@cmegroup.com](mailto:CCS@cmegroup.com), or call CCS at 312-207-2525.