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TO: Clearing Member Firms
Chief Financial Officers
Back Office Managers
Margin Managers

FROM: CME Clearing

SUBJECT: Performance Bond Requirements:

DATE: Friday, April 23, 2010

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As per the normal review of market volatility to ensure adequate collateral coverage, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc., Clearing House Risk Management staff approved the performance bond requirements for the following products listed below.

The rates will be effective after the close of business on **Saturday, April 24, 2010.**

Current rates as of:

Friday, April 23, 2010.

In this current advisory there are changes to the Short Option Minimum and/or the Volatility Scan Range. Below are descriptions of what each change affects:

The Short Option Minimum (SOM) is a charge that is applied only to portfolios concentrated in short options that do not generate a minimum margin requirement level when margins are calculated using the normal 16 SPAN scenarios. The SOM charge per short calls or short puts is a percentage of the outright margin on one underlying futures contract.

The volatility scan range is the change in implied volatility that is used in each of SPAN's 16 scenarios.

SPAN MINIMUM PERFORMANCE BOND REQUIREMENTS

CC	Rate Type	Description	Change	ISO	Current Initial	Current Maintenance	New Initial	New Maintenance
Outright Rates								

CBOT AGRICULTURAL FUTURES - Outright Rates

DISTILLERS DRIED GRAIN FUTURES (DDG)

CC	Rate Type	Description	Change	ISO	Current Initial	Current Maintenance	New Initial	New Maintenance
DDG	Spec		New	USD			1,100	1,000
DDG	Hedge/Membe		New	USD			1,000	1,000
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DDG	Hedge/Membe		New	USD			1,000	1,000

SPAN MINIMUM PERFORMANCE BOND REQUIREMENTS

CC	Rate Type	Description	Change	ISO	Current Initial	Current Maintenance	New Initial	New Maintenance
Intra Spreads								
CBOT AGRICULTURAL FUTURES - Intra Spreads								
DRY DISTILLER GRAINS - Tier 1 vs Tier 2 (DISTILLERS DRIED GRAIN FUTURES)								
DDG	Spec		New	USD			220	200
DDG	Hedge/Membe		New	USD			200	200
DRY DISTILLER GRAINS - Tier 2 vs Tier 2 (DISTILLERS DRIED GRAIN FUTURES)								
DDG	Spec		New	USD			220	200
DDG	Hedge/Membe		New	USD			200	200

SPAN MINIMUM PERFORMANCE BOND REQUIREMENTS

Rate Type	Change	Current Initial	Current Maintenance	New Initial	New Maintenance
Short Option Minimum (SOM) Rate					
CBOT AGRICULTURAL FUTURES - Short Option Minimum (SOM) Rate					
DRY DISTILLER GRAINS (DDG) - SOM					
Clearing Member Rate	New			1.00%	1.00%

SPAN MINIMUM PERFORMANCE BOND REQUIREMENTS

Rate Type	Change	Current Initial	Current Maintenance	New Initial	New Maintenance
Volatility Scan (volScan) Rate					
CBOT AGRICULTURAL FUTURES - Volatility Scan (volScan) Rate					
DRY DISTILLER GRAINS (DDG) - volScan					
Clearing Member Rate	New				0.07
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