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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, July 13, 2012

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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

Friday, July 13, 2012.

Current rates as of:

Friday, July 13, 2012.

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
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Outright Rates

AGRICULTURE - Outright Rates

UREA (GRANULAR) FOB EGYPT SWAP (UFG)

UFG	Spec		New	USD			7,150	6,500
UFG	Hedge/Member		New	USD			6,500	6,500

UREA (PRILLED BULK) FOB YUZHNY SWAP (UFZ)

UFZ	Spec		New	USD			7,150	6,500
UFZ	Hedge/Member		New	USD			6,500	6,500

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Intra Spreads

AGRICULTURE - Intra Spreads

(UREA (GRANULAR) FOB EGYPT SWAP)

UFG	Spec		New	USD			2,200	2,000
UFG	Hedge/Member		New	USD			2,000	2,000

(UREA (PRILLED BULK) FOB YUZHNY SWAP)

UFZ	Spec		New	USD			2,200	2,000
UFZ	Hedge/Member		New	USD			2,000	2,000

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Rate Type	<u>Tier Description</u>	Change	Current Initial	Current Maintenance	New Initial	New Maintenance
Short Option Minimum (SOM) Rate						
AGRICULTURE - Short Option Minimum (SOM) Rate						
UREA (GRANULAR) FOB EGYPT SWAP (UFG) - SOM						
Clearing Member Rate		New			55.00	50.00
UREA (PRILLED BULK) FOB YUZHNY SWAP (UFZ) - SOM						
Clearing Member Rate		New			55.00	50.00

SPAN MINIMUM PERFORMANCE BOND REQUIREMENTS

Rate Type	<u>Tier Description</u>	Change	Current Initial	Current Maintenance	New Initial	New Maintenance
Volatility Scan (volScan) Rate						

AGRICULTURE - Volatility Scan (volScan) Rate

UREA (GRANULAR) FOB EGYPT SWAP (UFG) - volScan

Clearing Member Rate	New	0.08
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UREA (PRILLED BULK) FOB YUZHNY SWAP (UFZ) - volScan

Clearing Member Rate	New	0.08
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