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December 19, 2012

IMPORTANT MEMORANDUM

TO: Clearing Member Firms
Chief Financial Officers
Back Office Managers

FROM: CME Clearing

SUBJECT: HOLIDAY SCHEDULE-CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY-TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2012

***Schedules subject to change. Please refer to the links below for updated trading schedule information.**

CME Group Trading Floor: <http://www.cmegroup.com/tools-information/holiday-calendar/files/2012floorholidaycard.pdf>

CME Globex: <http://www.cmegroup.com/tools-information/holiday-calendar/files/2012-christmas.pdf>

NYMEX Trading Floor: http://www.cmegroup.com/tools-information/holiday-calendar/files/New_York_Floor_Holiday_Calendar_2012.pdf

NYMEX ClearPort: http://www.cmegroup.com/tools-information/holiday-calendar/files/CME_Clearport_2012_Holiday_Calendar.pdf

KCBT: <http://www.cmegroup.com/tools-information/holiday-calendar/files/kcbt-christmas-new-years-2012-2013.pdf>

Tuesday, December 25, 2012 is the Christmas holiday which is a US banking holiday. As a result, CME Clearing will adhere to a typical processing schedule for most US banking holidays:

An 'Exchange holiday':

- The Chicago and New York trading floors are closed.
- CME Globex will have shortened hours on Monday, December 24th and will not reopen until Tuesday, December 25th at 5:00 pm CST for NYMEX, COMEX and DME only. All other products listed on CME Globex will open at 5:00 am CST on Wednesday, December 26th. Please refer to the CME Globex Christmas Holiday Schedule for specific times. Trades executed on CME Globex from Tuesday will clear as of business day **Wednesday, December 26, 2012.**
- CME ClearPort will not be open at 5:00 pm CST on Monday, December 24th. CME ClearPort will reopen on Tuesday, December 25th at its normal time of 5:00 pm CST and trades executed will clear as of business day Wednesday, December 26th.

- **Erosion Holiday Processing**

NERC has defined Tuesday, December 25th as an Off-Peak day. CME Clearing will not process erosion for Tuesday, December 25th. On Wednesday, December 26th, CME Clearing will process final erosion for Monday, December 24th and pending erosion for Wednesday, December 26th.

CME will not generate a NYMEX Erosion file on Tuesday, December 25th.

OTC CDS/IRS Holiday Processing:

<http://www.cmegroup.com/tools-information/lookups/advisories/clearing/files/Chadv12-548.pdf>

Clearing processing for OTC FX Products: Trades may be cleared in any CME OTC FX product on Tuesday, December 25th.

Clearing, SPAN and Settlement Processing:

- There will be no intraday settlement cycle on Tuesday, December 25th.
- Settlement price files and SPAN files **will** be published at end-of-day on Tuesday but settlement prices for all products except OTC FX will be identical to their values on Monday.
- There **will** be an end-of-day settlement cycle on Tuesday.
- Since there will be no new trades and no new prices for normal Exchange products on Wednesday, there will be no settlement variation or option premium requirements for these products generated on Tuesday. Performance bond requirements for normal Exchange products on Tuesday may be slightly different from Monday's values due to the passage of time.

Inter-Exchange Processing with the Singapore Exchange (SGX):

Inter-exchange processing pursuant to the Mutual Offset Agreement with the Singapore Exchange (SGX) will adhere to a regular schedule on **Tuesday, December 25th**. There will be an "A.M." inter-exchange processing cycle on its normal schedule. The CME side of inter-exchange transfers cleared on the Tuesday, however, will be brought into **Wednesday's** clearing cycle.

The deadline to submit trades to the A.M. inter-exchange processing cycle on Tuesday will be its normal time of 7:00 a.m. Chicago time.

Deliveries

Please be advised due to the Christmas Day holiday, the following delivery timeline will be in effect.

<u>Intent Day</u>	<u>Notice/Invoice Day</u>	<u>Delivery Day</u>
12/21/2012	12/24/2012	12/26/2012
12/24/2012	12/26/2012	12/27/2012

Banking and Performance Bond Collateral Processing

Processing of Performance Bond Collateral

The U.S. bank holiday will prohibit the posting of collateral transactions on Tuesday, December 25th, 2012. Consequently, clearing firms will be unable to deposit or withdraw collateral on Tuesday, December 25th. Clearing 21 will not be available for Asset Management Banking transactions on Tuesday, December 25th, 2012.

The "Interest-Earning Facility" (IEF) will be closed for all transactions on **Tuesday, December 25th**. No purchases or redemptions will be allowed for the IEF-2, IEF-3, IEF-4 or IEF-5 programs on Tuesday, December 25th. **Please refer to IEF2 processing deadline schedules for December 24th on the last page of this advisory.**

A.M. SETTLEMENT CONFIRMATIONS

Settlement variation and performance bond cash call/release amounts resulting from Monday, December 24th, RTH and Tuesday, December 25th, RTH settlement cycles will be confirmed by the settlement banks by 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 26th. Settlement banks will process cash flows resulting from Monday and Tuesday's RTH settlement cycle on Wednesday, December 26th.

As securities near their maturity date the values of these assets change which results in a change to their Performance Bond values at CME. As a result, you may see a change in the asset values on deposit with CME on Wednesday morning. An increase or decrease in the values of these collateral assets from Monday to Tuesday may result in a PB call or release which would be banked on Wednesday morning. These PB calls and releases would be banked in addition to the regular RTH settlements.

SVIEF for December 24th RTH settlements will be for valid date December 26, 2012.

A. DEPOSITS OF PERFORMANCE BOND COLLATERAL

The U.S. bank holiday will prohibit the posting of transactions dated Tuesday, December 25th. Consequently, clearing firms will be unable to deposit or withdraw collateral on Tuesday, December 25th, 2012.

B. FOREIGN CURRENCY PERFORMANCE BOND CASH WITHDRAWALS

Due to the holiday's effects on transaction processing, please note the following value dates on foreign currency performance bond cash withdrawals:

Swiss franc, Australian dollar, New Zealand dollar, Swedish krona, Norwegian krone

****All currencies above have a holiday on Tuesday, December 25th and Wednesday, December 26th. ****

Trade Date
Thursday, December 20, 2012
Friday, December 21, 2012
Monday, December 24, 2012

Value Date
Friday, December 21, 2012
Monday, December 24, 2012
Thursday, December 27, 2012

Japanese Yen, Turkish lira

****Turkish lira and Japanese yen have a holiday on Tuesday, December 25th****

<u>Trade Date</u>	<u>Value Date</u>
Monday, December 24, 2012	Wednesday, December 26, 2012

Canadian dollar, Euro, Mexican peso, British pound

<u>Trade Date</u>	<u>Value Date</u>
Thursday, December 20, 2012	Thursday, December 20, 2012
Friday, December 21, 2012	Friday, December 21, 2012
Monday, December 24, 2012	Monday, December 24, 2012

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FOREIGN CURRENCY SETTLEMENT VARIATION

Please note the following value dates for foreign currency settlement variation.

Swiss franc, Australian dollar, New Zealand dollar, Swedish krona, Norwegian krone

****All currencies above have a holiday on Tuesday, December 25th and Wednesday, December 26th. ****

<u>Trade Date</u>	<u>Value Date</u>
Thursday, December 20, 2012	Monday, December 24, 2012
Friday, December 21, 2012	Thursday, December 27, 2012
Monday, December 24	Friday, December 28, 2012

Japanese Yen, Turkish lira

****Turkish lira and Japanese yen have a holiday on Tuesday, December 25th****

<u>Trade Date</u>	<u>Value Date</u>
Friday, December 21, 2012	Wednesday, December 26, 2012

Canadian dollar, Euro, British pound

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Thursday, December 20, 2012	Friday, December 21, 2012
Friday, December 21, 2012	Monday, December 24, 2012
Monday, December 24, 2012	Thursday, December 27, 2012

Mexican peso

****Mexican peso has a holiday on Tuesday, December 25, 2012****

Trade Date
 Monday, December 24, 2012

Value Date
 Wednesday, December 26, 2012

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INTEREST EARNING FACILITY (IEF2)

Please note the following adjustments to IEF2 processing:

<u>Deadlines for Funds</u>	<u>12/24/12</u>	<u>12/25/12</u>
*BlackRock Cash Funds: Prime FedFund TempFund	2:30 p.m.	Closed
*Dreyfus Institutional Cash Advantage Treasury & Agency Cash Mgmt	2:30 p.m.	Closed
*DWS Gov Cash Money Market Series	11:30 a.m.	Closed
Federated Prime Obligations Fund	1:30 p.m.	Closed
FFI Select Institutional Fund	2:30 p.m.	Closed
*Goldman Sachs Fin Square Money Market Fund Financial Square Prime Obligations Fund	11:30 a.m.	Closed
*HSBC Government Investor Money Market	1:30 p.m. 2:30 p.m.	Closed Closed
*JPMorgan Prime Money Market	2:30 p.m.	Closed
*Morgan Stanley Institutional Liquidity Gov Portfolio Institutional Liquidity Prime Portfolio	2:30 p.m.	Closed
RBC Prime Money Market	1:30 p.m.	Closed
SSgA Prime Money Market Portfolio	11:30 a.m.	Closed
State Street Institutional Liquid Reserves	11:30 a.m.	Closed
UBS Select Prime Select Treasury	2:30 p.m.	Closed
Wells Fargo Advantage Heritage Money Market Fund	TBD	Closed

***Same closing time for all funds unless otherwise noted.**

****Fund closing times are subject to change.**

No IEF2 purchases / redemptions will be allowed on Tuesday, December 25, 2012.

If you have questions on financial operational deadlines, please call the Financial Unit at (312) 207-2594.