

**Declaration of Force Majeure at Corn and Soybean Shipping Stations
Due to Flooding on the Illinois River**

Effective immediately and until further notice, pursuant to CBOT Rule 701 (“Declaration of Force Majeure”), The Board of Trade of the City of Chicago, Inc. (“CBOT” or “Exchange”) is hereby declaring a condition of Force Majeure for Corn and Soybean shipping stations as a majority of the facilities on the Illinois River are unable to load due to high water levels and/or flooding. As a result, CBOT Rule 703.C.G(8) is in effect for ALL Corn and Soybean shipping stations.

The text of Rule 703.C.G(8) states the following:

The shipper shall load water conveyance at the shipping station designated in the shipping certificate. If it becomes impossible to load at the designated shipping station for three (3) consecutive business days as a result of Force Majeure, the shipper will arrange for water conveyance to be loaded at another regular shipping station in conformance with the shipping certificate and will compensate the owner for any transportation loss resulting from the change in the location of the shipping station. **If the aforementioned condition of impossibility prevails at a majority of regular shipping stations, then shipment may be delayed for the number of days that such impossibility prevails at a majority of regular shipping stations.** If conditions covered in this rule make it impossible to load at the designated shipping station, the shipper shall notify the Registrar’s Office in writing of such condition within 24 hours of when the condition of impossibility began.

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