



## Special Executive Report

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### **Amendments to CME/CBOT/NYMEX/COMEX Rule 589 (“Special Price Fluctuation Limits”)**

Pending all relevant regulatory review periods, effective Monday, August 10, 2015, CME, CBOT, NYMEX and COMEX (collectively, the “Exchanges”) will adopt amendments to Rule 589 (“Special Price Fluctuation Limits”). The amendments provide additional detail concerning the manner in which special price fluctuation limits are applied to those products subject to such limits.

The amendments include the following:

- Clarification that there are no special price fluctuation limits in any contract months of CME Foreign Exchange, CBOT Interest Rate, NYMEX and COMEX Metals or NYMEX Energy products (primary and associated contracts) for the five minutes preceding:
  - The end of the primary futures contract’s settlement price determination period, and;
  - The close of trading on each trading day;
- Clarification that there are no special price fluctuation limits applicable to the expiring contract month of the primary futures contract in CBOT Interest Rate or NYMEX and COMEX Metals products from the expiring contract month’s first position day through the last delivery day;
- Clarification that there are no special price fluctuation limits applicable to the expiring contract month of the primary futures contract in CME Foreign Exchange or NYMEX Energy products on the primary futures contract’s expiration day;
- Clarification of the special provisions applicable to CME Foreign Exchange, CBOT Interest Rate, NYMEX and COMEX Metals and NYMEX Energy products; and
- Elimination of capitalization for terms that are not defined in the Definitions Section of the pertinent Exchange’s Rulebook.

The amendments to each Exchange’s Rule 589 are attached to this Special Executive Report, with additions underscored and deletions overstruck.

Also effective on Monday, August 10, 2015, the Exchanges are self-certifying amendments to the Special Price Fluctuation Limits Table (“Table”) located in Chapter 5 which appears in backline format and may be viewed on the CFTC Rule Filings page via the following link: <http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/files/cftc-rule-filings-2015.pdf>.

A summary of the amendments to the Table are as follows:

- Addition of three (3) CME equity contracts that were inadvertently omitted;
- Amendments to the U.S. Dollar/Chilean Peso (USD/CLP) Futures circuit breaker levels to reflect the recent change to the contract's CME Globex non-reviewable range;
- Corrections of the Regular Trading Hours parameters for the U.S. Treasury Futures contracts; and
- Correction of the Rulebook Chapter number for the E-mini S&P 400 Options contract.

Questions concerning the amendments may be direct to the CME Group Global Command Center at 312.456.2391.

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## CME

### **589. SPECIAL PRICE FLUCTUATION LIMITS**

The special price fluctuation limits applicable to those contracts with special price fluctuation limits are set forth in the Special Price Fluctuation Limits Table ("Table") in the Interpretations Section at the end of Chapter 5.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this rule, the GCC may, in its absolute and sole discretion, take any action it determines necessary to protect market integrity. For avoidance of doubt, this authority includes, but is not limited to, modifying or eliminating price fluctuation limits at any time and/or determining whether to halt or not to halt trading. The GCC will promptly issue an alert with respect to actions taken pursuant to this provision.

#### **589.A. Initial Price Fluctuation Limits for All Contract Months**

At the commencement of each trading day, there shall be initial price fluctuation limits in effect for each futures contract month of the primary futures contract (as identified in the Table) above or below the previous day's settlement price for such contract month set at the first special price fluctuation limit level as provided in the Table.

#### **589.B. Triggering Events and Temporary Trading Halts**

##### **1. First Triggering Event and Temporary Trading Halt**

If the lead contract month (as identified by the Exchange) of the primary futures contract is bid or offered via Globex at the upper or lower price fluctuation limit at the first special price fluctuation limit level, as applicable, it will be considered a triggering event that will begin a two (2) minute monitoring period in the lead contract month. If, at the end of the two (2) minute monitoring period, the lead contract month of the primary futures contract is not bid or offered at the applicable special price fluctuation limit, the special price fluctuation limits shall be expanded an additional increment above and below the previous day's settlement price for all contract months of the primary futures contract and all contract months of associated products of the primary futures contract as provided in the Table. If, however, at the end of the two (2) minute monitoring period, the lead contract month of the primary futures contract is bid or offered at the applicable special price fluctuation limit, a two (2) minute temporary trading halt will commence in all contract months of the primary futures contract and in all contract months of associated products of the primary futures contract as provided in the Table. In addition, trading in any associated product that is an option related to the primary futures contract or in an option contract related to any other associated product of the primary futures contract that may be available for trading on Globex or on the trading floor shall be subject to a coordinated temporary trading halt.

##### **2. Expansion of Limits Following Temporary Trading Halt**

Following the end of a temporary trading halt, the affected markets shall re-open simultaneously in all contract months of the primary futures contract and in all contract months of associated products of the primary futures contract. When trading resumes, the special price fluctuation limits shall be expanded an additional increment above and below the previous day's settlement price for all contract months of the primary futures contract and all contract months of associated products of the primary futures contract as provided in the Table.

In each instance in which a triggering event occurs, a two (2) minute monitoring period will commence as provided in Section B.1. of this Rule. In each instance, the special price fluctuation limits shall be expanded by an additional increment above and below the previous day's settlement price for all contract months of the primary futures contract and all contract months of associated products of the primary futures contract as provided in the Table. Following the fourth triggering event on a trading day, there shall be no further special price fluctuation limits.

##### **3. Foreign Exchange Contracts**

An expiring contract month will not serve as the lead contract month for purposes of this Rule. Additionally, there shall be no special price fluctuation limits on the expiration day of an expiring primary futures contract month.

On each trading day, there shall be no temporary trading halts or expansion of special price fluctuation limits in the primary futures contract or in any associated products of the primary futures contract during the five (5) minutes preceding the end of the primary futures contract's settlement price determination period. If a triggering event occurs during this five (5) minute period, trading will continue with the current price limit in effect until the conclusion of the five (5) minute period, at which time a monitoring period, temporary trading halt or special price fluctuation limit expansion, as applicable, will occur.

On each trading day, there shall be no temporary trading halts or expansion of special price fluctuation limits in the primary futures contract or in any associated products of the primary futures contract during the five (5) minute period preceding the close of trading. If a triggering event occurs during this five (5) minute period, trading will continue with the current price limit in effect until the close of trading.

**589.C. Price Fluctuation Limits on Trading Floor (Floor Trading)**

The special price fluctuation limits cited in Section A. of this Rule shall be applicable to all products in the Table that are traded via open outcry on the trading floor. Trades occurring via open outcry on the trading floor shall not constitute a triggering event for purposes of a temporary trading halt.

In all instances in which a temporary trading halt in the lead contract month of the primary futures contract occurs on Globex, floor trading in all contract months in any option related to the primary futures contract or in an option contract related to any associated product of the primary futures contract shall be subject to a coordinated temporary trading halt.

Whenever Globex markets are re-opened with expanded price limits pursuant to the provisions of Section B. of this Rule, the affected markets on the trading floor shall simultaneously re-open with expanded price limits.

**CBOT**

**589. SPECIAL PRICE FLUCTUATION LIMITS**

The special price fluctuation limits applicable to those contracts with special price fluctuation limits are set forth in the Special Price Fluctuation Limits Table ("Table") in the Interpretations Section at the end of Chapter 5.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this rule, the GCC may, in its absolute and sole discretion, take any action it determines necessary to protect market integrity. For avoidance of doubt, this authority includes, but is not limited to, modifying or eliminating price fluctuation limits at any time and/or determining whether to halt or not to halt trading. The GCC will promptly issue an alert with respect to actions taken pursuant to this provision.

**589.A. Initial Price Fluctuation Limits for All Contract Months**

At the commencement of each trading day, there shall be initial price fluctuation limits in effect for each futures contract month of the primary futures contract (as identified in the Table) above or below the previous day's settlement price for such contract month set at the first special price fluctuation limit level as provided in the Table.

**589.B. Triggering Events and Temporary Trading Halts**

**1. First Triggering Event and Temporary Trading Halt**

If the lead contract month (as identified by the Exchange) of the primary futures contract is bid or offered via Globex at the upper or lower price fluctuation limit at the first special price fluctuation limit level, as applicable, it will be considered a triggering event that will begin a two (2) minute monitoring period in the lead contract month. If, at the end of the two (2) minute monitoring period, the lead contract month of the primary futures contract is not bid or offered at the applicable special price fluctuation limit, the special price fluctuation limits shall be expanded an additional increment above and below the previous day's settlement price for all contract months of the primary futures contract and all contract months of associated products of the primary futures contract as provided in the Table. If, however, at the end of the two (2) minute monitoring period, the lead contract month of the primary futures contract is bid or offered at the applicable special price fluctuation limit, a two (2) minute temporary trading halt will commence in all contract months of the primary futures contract and in all contract months of associated products of the primary futures contract as provided in the Table. In addition, trading in any associated product that is an option related to the primary futures contract or in an option contract related to any other associated product of the primary futures contract that may be available for trading on Globex or on the trading floor shall be subject to a coordinated temporary trading halt.

**2. Expansion of Limits Following Temporary Trading Halt**

Following the end of a temporary trading halt, the affected markets shall re-open simultaneously in all contract months of the primary futures contract and in all contract months of associated products of the primary futures contract. When trading resumes, the special price fluctuation limits shall be expanded an additional increment above and below the previous day's settlement price for all contract months of the primary futures contract and all contract months of associated products of the primary futures contract as provided in the Table.

In each instance in which a triggering event occurs, a two (2) minute monitoring period will commence as provided in Section B.1. of this Rule. In each instance, the special price fluctuation limits shall be expanded by an additional increment above and below the previous day's settlement price for all contract months of the primary futures contract and all contract months of associated products of the primary futures contract as provided in the Table. Following the fourth triggering event on a trading day, there shall be no further special price fluctuation limits.

**3. Interest Rate Contracts**

An expiring contract month will not serve as the lead contract month for purposes of this Rule. Additionally, an expiring contract month of a primary futures contract shall have no special price fluctuation limits from the contract's first position day through its last delivery day.

On each trading day, there shall be no temporary trading halts or expansion of special price fluctuation limits in the primary futures contract or in any associated products of the primary futures contract during the five (5) minutes preceding the end of the primary futures contract's settlement price determination period. If a triggering event occurs during this five (5) minute period, trading will continue with the current price limit in effect until the conclusion of the five (5) minute period, at which time a monitoring period, temporary trading halt or special price fluctuation limit expansion, as applicable, will occur.

On each trading day, there shall be no temporary trading halts or expansion of special price fluctuation limits in the primary futures contract or in any associated products of the primary futures contract during the five (5) minute period preceding the close of trading. If a triggering event occurs during this five (5) minute period, trading will continue with the current price limit in effect until the close of trading.

**589.C. Price Fluctuation Limits on Trading Floor (Floor Trading)**

The special price fluctuation limits cited in Section A. of this Rule shall be applicable to all products in the Table that are traded via open outcry on the trading floor. Trades occurring via open outcry on the trading floor shall not constitute a triggering event for purposes of a temporary trading halt.

In all instances in which a temporary trading halt in the lead contract month of the primary futures contract occurs on Globex, floor trading in all contract months in any option related to the primary futures contract or in an option contract related to any associated product of the primary futures contract shall be subject to a coordinated temporary trading halt.

Whenever Globex markets are re-opened with expanded price limits pursuant to the provisions of Section B. of this Rule, the affected markets on the trading floor shall simultaneously re-open with expanded price limits.

**NYMEX/COMEX**

**589. SPECIAL PRICE FLUCTUATION LIMITS**

The special price fluctuation limits applicable to those contracts with special price fluctuation limits are set forth in the Special Price Fluctuation Limits Table ("Table") in the Interpretations Section at the end of Chapter 5.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this rule, the GCC may, in its absolute and sole discretion, take any action it determines necessary to protect market integrity. For avoidance of doubt, this authority includes, but is not limited to, modifying or eliminating price fluctuation limits at any time and/or determining whether to halt or not to halt trading. The GCC will promptly issue an alert with respect to actions taken pursuant to this provision.

**589.A. Initial Price Fluctuation Limits for All Contract Months**

At the commencement of each trading day, there shall be initial price fluctuation limits in effect for each futures contract month of the primary futures contract (as identified in the Table) above or below the previous day's settlement price for such contract month set at the first special price fluctuation limit level as provided in the Table.

**589.B. Triggering Events and Temporary Trading Halts**

**1. First Triggering Event and Temporary Trading Halt**

If the lead contract month (as identified by the Exchange) of the primary futures contract is bid or offered via Globex at the upper or lower price fluctuation limit at the first special price fluctuation limit level, as applicable, it will be considered a triggering event that will begin a two (2) minute monitoring period in the lead contract month. If, at the end of the two (2) minute monitoring period, the lead contract month of the primary futures contract is not bid or offered at the applicable special price fluctuation limit, the special price fluctuation limits shall be expanded an additional increment above and below the previous day's settlement price for all contract months of the primary futures contract and all contract months of associated products of the primary futures contract as provided in the Table. If, however, at the end of the two (2) minute monitoring period, the lead contract month of the primary futures contract is bid or offered at the applicable special price fluctuation limit, a two (2) minute temporary trading halt will commence in all contract months of the primary futures contract and in all contract months of associated products of the primary futures contract as provided in the Table. In addition, trading in any associated product that is an option related to the primary futures contract or in an option contract related to any other associated product of the primary futures contract that may be available for trading on Globex or on the trading floor shall be subject to a coordinated temporary trading halt.

**2. Expansion of Limits Following Temporary Trading Halt**

Following the end of a temporary trading halt, the affected markets shall re-open simultaneously in all contract months of the primary futures contract and in all contract months of associated products of the primary futures contract. When trading resumes, the special price fluctuation limits shall be expanded an additional increment above and below the previous day's settlement price for all contract months of the primary futures contract and all contract months of associated products of the primary futures contract as provided in the Table.

In each instance in which a triggering event occurs, a two (2) minute monitoring period will commence as provided in Section B.1. of this Rule. In each instance, the special price fluctuation limits shall be expanded by an additional increment above and below the previous day's settlement price for all contract months of the primary futures contract and all contract months of associated products of the primary futures contract as provided in the Table. Following the fourth triggering event on a trading day, there shall be no further special price fluctuation limits.

**3. Metals Contracts**

An expiring contract month will not serve as the lead contract month for purposes of this Rule. Additionally, an expiring contract month of a primary futures contract shall have no special price fluctuation limits from the contract's first position day through its last delivery day.

On each trading day, there shall be no temporary trading halts or expansion of special price fluctuation limits in the primary futures contract or in any associated products of the primary futures contract during the five (5) minutes preceding the end of the primary futures contract's settlement price determination period. If a triggering event occurs during this five (5) minute period, trading will continue with the current price limit in effect until the conclusion of the five (5) minute period, at which time a monitoring period, temporary trading halt or special price fluctuation limit expansion, as applicable, will occur.

On each trading day, there shall be no temporary trading halts or expansion of special price fluctuation limits in the primary futures contract or in any associated products of the primary futures contract during the five (5) minute period preceding the close of trading. If a triggering event occurs during this five (5) minute period, trading will continue with the current price limit in effect until the close of trading.

#### 4. Energy Contracts

An expiring contract month will not serve as the lead contract month for purposes of this Rule. Additionally, there shall be no special price fluctuation limits on the expiration day of an expiring primary futures contract month. On each trading day, there shall be no temporary trading halts or expansion of special price fluctuation limits in the primary futures contract or in any associated products of the primary futures contract during the five (5) minutes preceding the end of the primary futures contract's settlement price determination period. If a triggering event occurs during this five (5) minute period, trading will continue with the current price limit in effect until the conclusion of the five (5) minute period, at which time the applicable monitoring period, temporary trading halt or special price fluctuation limit expansion will occur.

On each trading day, there shall be no temporary trading halts or expansion of special price fluctuation limits in the primary futures contract or in any associated products of the primary futures contract during the five (5) minute period preceding the close of trading. If a triggering event occurs during this five (5) minute period, trading will continue with the current price limit in effect until the close of trading.

#### **589.C. Price Fluctuation Limits on Trading Floor (Floor Trading)**

The special price fluctuation limits cited in Section A. of this Rule shall be applicable to all products in the Table that are traded via open outcry on the trading floor. Trades occurring via open outcry on the trading floor shall not constitute a triggering event for purposes of a temporary trading halt.

In all instances in which a temporary trading halt in the lead contract month of the primary futures contract occurs on Globex, floor trading in all contract months in any option related to the primary futures contract or in an option contract related to any associated product of the primary futures contract shall be subject to a coordinated temporary trading halt.

Whenever Globex markets are re-opened with expanded price limits pursuant to the provisions of Section B. of this Rule, the affected markets on the trading floor shall simultaneously re-open with expanded price limits.