



Special Executive Report

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

This revised Special Executive Report is being issued based on a revision to the first bullet in the list below.

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 temporary trading halts or expansion of 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.

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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 pPrimary fFutures cContract (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.(i) First Triggering Event and Temporary Trading Halt.~~

~~If the lead contract month (as identified by the Exchange) of the pPrimary fFutures cContract 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 tTriggering eEvent 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 pPrimary fFutures cContract 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 pPrimary fFutures cContract 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 pPrimary fFutures cContract is bid or offered at the applicable special price fluctuation limit, a two (2) minute tTemporary tTrading hHalt will commence in all contract months of the pPrimary fFutures cContract andas well as in all contract months of aAssociated pProducts of the pPrimary fFutures cContract as provided in the Table. In addition, trading in any aAssociated pProduct that is an option related to the pPrimary fFutures cContract or in an option contract related to any other aAssociated pProduct of the pPrimary fFutures cContract of this rule that may be available for trading on Globex or on the trading floor shall be subject to a coordinated tTemporary tTrading hHalt.~~

~~2.(ii) Expansion of Limits Following Temporary Trading Halt.~~

~~Following the end of a tTemporary tTrading hHalt, the affected markets shall re-open simultaneously in all contract months of the pPrimary fFutures cContract andas well as in all contract months of aAssociated pProducts of the pPrimary fFutures cContract of this rule. When trading resumes, the special price fluctuation limits of the Primary Futures Contract shall be expanded an additional increment above and below the previous day's settlement price for all contract months of the pPrimary fFutures cContract and all contract months of associated products of the primary futures contract as provided in the Table.~~

~~(iii) In eEach instance in which a tTriggering eEvent occurs, a two (2) minute monitoring period will commence as provided in Section 589-B.1(i) of this Rule. In each instance, the special price fluctuation limits for each contract month of the Primary Futures Contract shall be expanded by an additional increment as provided in the Table 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~~ such contract month. Following the fourth triggering event on a trading day, there ~~shall~~ be no further special price fluctuation limits.

3.(iv)- Foreign Exchange Contracts

~~An expiring contract month will not serve as a Primary Futures Contract shall not be the lead contract month for purposes of this Rule. Primary Futures Contract Additionally, on the contract's last trading day. T~~ there shall be no special price fluctuation limits on the expiration day of an expiring last trading day of an expiring Foreign Exchange primary futures contract month that serves as a primary futures contract for the purposes of Rule 589.

~~Additionally, there shall be no temporary trading halts or expansion of special price fluctuation limits during the last five (5) minutes of trading on the last trading day of an expiring Foreign Exchange futures contract that serves as a Primary Futures Contract for the purposes of Rule 589.~~

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)

~~(i)-~~ The special price fluctuation limits cited in Section 589.A. of this Rrule shall be applicable to all products in the Table that are traded via open outcry on the trading floor. ~~All markets on the trading floor shall be limited to trading at these special fluctuation price levels (locked limit); however, Trades occurring via open outcry on the trading floor such trading~~ shall not constitute a Ttriggering Eevent for purposes of a TTemporary TTrading HHalt.

~~(ii)-~~ In all instances in which when a TTemporary TTrading HHalt in the lead contract month of the pPrimary fFutures cContract occurs on Globex, floor trading in all contract months in any option related to the pPrimary fFutures cContract or in an option contract related to any aAssociated pProduct of the pPrimary fFutures cContract ~~of this rule~~ shall be subject to a coordinated TTemporary TTrading HHalt.

~~(iii)-~~ Whenever Globex markets are re-opened with expanded price limits pursuant to the provisions of Section 589.B. of this Rrule, the affected markets on the trading floor shall simultaneously re-open with ~~the~~ expanded price limits ~~in place~~.

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 pPrimary fFutures cContract (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. (i)- First Triggering Event and Temporary Trading Halt.

If the lead contract month (as identified by the Exchange) of the pPrimary fFutures cContract 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 Ttriggering Eevent 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 pPrimary fFutures cContract 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 pPrimary fFutures cContract 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 pPrimary fFutures cContract is bid or offered at the applicable special price fluctuation limit, a two (2) minute Temporary TTrading HHalt will commence in all contract months of the pPrimary fFutures cContract and as well as in all contract months of Aassociated pProducts of the pPrimary fFutures cContract as provided in the Table. In addition, trading in any Aassociated pProduct that is an option related to the pPrimary fFutures cContract or in an option contract related to any other Aassociated pProduct of the pPrimary fFutures cContract ~~of this rule~~ that may be available for trading on Globex or on the trading floor shall be subject to a coordinated Temporary TTrading HHalt.

2. (ii)- Expansion of Limits Following Temporary Trading Halt.

Following the end of a ~~T~~temporary ~~T~~trading ~~H~~halt, the affected markets shall re-open simultaneously in all contract months of the ~~P~~primary ~~F~~futures ~~C~~contract ~~and as well as~~ in all contract months of ~~A~~associated ~~P~~products of the ~~P~~primary ~~F~~futures ~~C~~contract ~~of this rule~~. When trading resumes, the ~~special~~ price fluctuation limits ~~of the Primary Futures Contract~~ shall be expanded an additional increment above and below the previous day's settlement price for all contract months of the ~~P~~primary ~~F~~futures ~~C~~contract ~~and all contract months of associated products of the primary futures contract~~ as provided in the Table.

~~(iii) In~~ ~~Each~~ instance in which a ~~T~~triggering ~~E~~event occurs, a two (2) minute monitoring period will commence as provided in Section ~~589.B.1(i), of this Rule~~. In each instance, the ~~special~~ price fluctuation limits ~~for each contract month of the Primary Futures Contract~~ shall be expanded by an additional increment ~~as provided in the Table~~ 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~~ such ~~contract month~~. Following the fourth triggering event ~~on a trading day~~, there ~~shall~~ ~~will~~ be no further ~~special price fluctuation~~ limits.

~~(iv) 3. Interest Rate Contracts~~

~~An expiring contract month will not serve as Primary Futures Contract shall not be~~ the lead ~~contract month for purposes of this Rule~~. ~~Additionally, an expiring contract month of a primary futures contract shall have Primary Futures Contract on the contract's last trading day. There shall be~~ no special price fluctuation limits ~~from the contract's~~ during the period between the first position day ~~through its~~ and the last delivery day ~~of an expiring Treasury futures contract that serves as a primary futures contract for the purposes of Rule 589~~. Additionally, there shall be no temporary trading halts or expansion of special price fluctuation limits during the last five (5) minutes of trading during the period between the first position day and the last delivery day of an expiring Treasury futures contract that serves as a primary futures contract for the purposes of Rule 589.

~~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)~~

~~(i) The special price fluctuation limits cited in Section 589.A. of this R~~ule shall be applicable ~~to all products in the Table that are traded via open outcry~~ on the trading floor. All markets on the trading floor shall be limited to trading at these special fluctuation price levels (locked limit); ~~however, Trades occurring via open outcry on the trading floor such trading~~ shall not constitute a ~~T~~triggering ~~E~~event for purposes of a ~~T~~temporary ~~T~~trading ~~H~~halt.

~~(ii) In all instances in which when a T~~temporary ~~T~~trading ~~H~~halt in the lead contract month of the ~~P~~primary ~~F~~futures ~~C~~contract occurs on Globex, floor trading in all contract months in any option related to the ~~P~~primary ~~F~~futures ~~C~~contract or in an option contract related to any ~~A~~associated ~~P~~product of the ~~P~~primary ~~F~~futures ~~C~~contract ~~of this rule~~ shall be subject to a coordinated ~~T~~emporary ~~T~~trading ~~H~~halt.

~~(iii) Whenever Globex markets are re-opened with expanded price limits pursuant to the provisions of Section 589.B. of this R~~ule, the affected markets on the trading floor shall simultaneously re-open with ~~the~~ expanded ~~price~~ limits ~~in place~~.

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.

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~~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 ~~p~~Primary ~~f~~Futures ~~c~~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.(i) First Triggering Event and Temporary Trading Halt~~

If the lead contract month (as identified by the Exchange) of the ~~p~~Primary ~~f~~Futures ~~c~~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 ~~t~~triggering ~~e~~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 ~~p~~Primary ~~f~~Futures ~~c~~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 ~~p~~Primary ~~f~~Futures ~~c~~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 ~~pPrimary fFutures cContract~~ is bid or offered at the applicable special price fluctuation limit, a two (2) minute ~~tTemporary tTrading hHalt~~ will commence in all contract months of the ~~pPrimary fFutures cContract~~ ~~and-as-well-as~~ in all contract months of ~~aAssociated pProducts~~ of the ~~pPrimary fFutures cContract~~ as provided in the Table. In addition, trading in any ~~aAssociated pProduct~~ that is an option related to the ~~pPrimary fFutures cContract~~ or in an option contract related to any other ~~aAssociated pProduct~~ of the ~~pPrimary fFutures cContract~~ ~~of this rule~~ that may be available for trading on Globex or on the trading floor shall be subject to a coordinated ~~tTemporary tTrading hHalt~~.

~~(ii)2. Expansion of Limits Following Temporary Trading Halt-~~

Following the end of a ~~tTemporary tTrading hHalt~~, the affected markets shall re-open simultaneously in all contract months of the ~~pPrimary fFutures cContract~~ ~~and-as-well-as~~ in all contract months of ~~aAssociated pProducts~~ of the ~~pPrimary fFutures cContract~~ ~~of this rule~~. When trading resumes, the ~~special~~ price fluctuation limits ~~of the Primary Futures Contract~~ shall be expanded an additional increment above and below the previous day's settlement price for all contract months of the ~~pPrimary fFutures cContract~~ ~~and all contract months of associated products of the primary futures contract~~ as provided in the Table.

~~(iii)-In eEach instance in which a tTriggering eEvent occurs, a two (2) minute monitoring period will commence as provided in Section 589-B.1(i), of this Rule. In each instance, the special price fluctuation limits for each contract month of the Primary Futures Contract shall be expanded by an additional increment as provided in the Table 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 such contract month. Following the fourth triggering event on a trading day, there shall will be no further special price fluctuation limits.~~

~~(iv)3. For-Metals Contracts:~~

~~An expiring contract month will not serve as Primary Futures Contract shall not be~~ 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.~~

~~Primary Futures Contract on the contract's last trading day. There shall be no special price fluctuation limits during the period between the first intent day and the last delivery day of an expiring Metals futures contract that serves as a primary futures contract for the purposes of Rule 589. Additionally, there shall be no temporary trading halts or expansion of special price fluctuation limits during the last five (5) minutes of trading during the period between the first intent day and the last delivery day of an expiring Metals futures contract that serves as a primary futures contract for the purposes of Rule 589.~~

~~(v)4. For-Energy Contracts:~~

~~An expiring contract month will not serve as the lead contract month for purposes of this Rule. Additionally, tThere shall be no special price fluctuation limits on the expiration day offer an expiring Energy pPrimary fFutures 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)

~~(i)-The special price fluctuation limits cited in Section 589-A. of this Rrule shall be applicable to all products in the Table that are traded via open outcry on the trading floor. All markets on the trading floor shall be limited to trading at these special fluctuation price levels (locked limit); however, Trades occurring via open outcry on the trading floor such trading shall not constitute a TTriggering eEvent for purposes of a tTemporary tTrading hHalt.~~

~~(ii)-In all instances in whichwhen a tTemporary tTrading hHalt in the lead contract month of the pPrimary fFutures cContract occurs on Globex, floor trading in all contract months in any option related to the pPrimary fFutures cContract or in an option contract related to any aAssociated pProduct of the pPrimary fFutures cContract of this rule shall be subject to a coordinated tTemporary tTrading hHalt.~~

~~(iii)-Whenever Globex markets are re-opened with expanded price limits pursuant to the provisions of Section 589-B. of this Rrule, the affected markets on the trading floor shall simultaneously re-open with the expanded price limits in place.~~