



## Special Executive Report

**DATE:** February 11, 2016  
**SER#:** 7579  
**SUBJECT:** Amendments to the East-West Gasoline Spread (Platts-Argus) Futures Contract

New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. (“NYMEX” or “Exchange”) will amend the East-West Gasoline Spread (Platts-Argus) Futures contract (the “Contract”) (commodity code EWG; rulebook chapter 1235) effective on Sunday, February 28, 2016 for trade date Monday, February 29, 2016 as noted in the table below. The Contract is listing for trading on CME Globex and for submission for clearing via CME ClearPort. There is no open interest in this contract.

Contract Title	CPC/Globex	Current Contract Size/ Minimum Price Fluctuation	Amended Contract Size/ Minimum Price Fluctuation	Current Block Trade Minimum Threshold	Amended Block Trade Minimum Threshold
East-West Gasoline Spread (Platts-Argus) Futures	EWG	1,000 metric tons/\$0.001 per metric ton	1,000 barrels/\$0.001 per barrel	5 contracts	10 contracts

The Exchange will also amend the minimum block threshold from 5 lots to 10 lots (as shown in the aforementioned table) which is in line other contracts of an identical trade size that are listed on NYMEX.

At the same time, the Exchange will implement a small number of minor administrative changes which are considered non-material to the rulebook chapter. All of the changes to the rulebook chapter are provided in Appendix A in blackline format.

The amended fee table is shown below.

Exchange Fees				
-	Member	Cross Division	Non-Member	IIP
<b>Globex</b>	<del>\$7.00</del> <b>\$0.85</b>	<del>\$8.00</del> <b>\$1.05</b>	<del>\$9.00</del> <b>\$1.25</b>	<del>\$8.00</del> <b>\$1.05</b>
<b>ClearPort</b>	<del>\$7.00</del> <b>\$0.85</b>		<del>\$9.00</del> <b>\$1.25</b>	
<b>Agency Cross</b>	<del>\$7.00</del> <b>\$0.85</b>		<del>\$9.00</del> <b>\$1.25</b>	
Processing Fees				
-	Member	Non-Member		
<b>Cash Settlement</b>	<del>\$7.00</del> <b>\$0.10</b>	<del>\$9.00</del> <b>\$0.10</b>		
Additional Fees and Surcharges				
<b>Facilitation Desk Fee</b>	\$0.40			

## Appendix A

(**bold/underline** indicates addition; ~~strikethrough~~ indicates deletion)

### Chapter 1235 East-West Gasoline Spread (Platts-Argus) Futures

#### 1235100. SCOPE OF CHAPTER

The provisions of these rules shall apply to all futures contracts bought or sold on the Exchange for cash settlement based on the Floating Price. The procedures for trading, clearing and cash settlement of this contract, and any other matters not specifically covered herein shall be governed by the general rules of the Exchange.

#### 1235101. CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

~~The Floating Price for each contract month is equal to the arithmetic average of the mid-point of the high and low quotations from Platts Oilgram Price Report for Singapore Mogas 92 Unleaded Gasoline minus the arithmetic average of the mid-point of the high and low quotations from Argus Media for Gasoline Euro-bob Oxy NWE Barges for each business day that each assessment is determined during the contract month. For purposes of determining the Floating Price, the Platts Oilgram Price Report for Singapore Mogas 92 Unleaded Gasoline assessment price will be converted each day to U.S. dollars and cents per metric ton, rounded to the nearest cent. The conversion factor will be 8.33 barrels per metric ton. The Floating Price is calculated using the non-common pricing convention. In calculating the spread differential, the monthly average for each component leg of the spread shall be calculated by using all trading days in the month for each component leg of the spread, followed by the calculation of the spread differential between the two averages.~~

**The Floating Price for each contract month is equal to the arithmetic average of the mid-point of the high and low quotations from the Platts Asia-Pacific/Arab Gulf Marketscan for Gasoline 92 unleaded under the heading Singapore minus the arithmetic average of the mid-point of the high and low quotations for Argus Media for Gasoline Euro-bob Oxy NWE Barges for each business day that each assessment is determined during the contract month (using non-common pricing).**

**For the purpose of determining the Floating Price, the Argus Gasoline Euro-bob will be converted each day to U.S dollars and cents per barrel, rounded to the nearest cent using a conversion factor of 8.33 barrels per metric ton.**

**The Floating Price is calculated using the non-common pricing convention. In calculating the spread differential, the monthly average for each component leg of the spread shall be calculated by using all trading days in the month for each component leg of the spread, followed by the calculation of the spread differential between the two averages.**

#### 1235102. TRADING SPECIFICATIONS

##### 1235102.B. Trading Unit

The contract quantity shall be one thousand (1,000) ~~metric tons~~ **barrels**. Each contract shall be valued as the contract quantity (1,000) multiplied by the settlement price.

##### 1235102.C. Price Increments

Prices shall be quoted in U.S. dollars and cents per ~~metric ton~~ **barrel**. The minimum price fluctuation shall be \$0.001 (0.1¢) per ~~metric ton~~ **barrel**.

##### 1235102.D. ~~Position Limits and Position Accountability~~ Position Limits, Exemptions, Position Accountability and Reportable Levels

**The applicable position limits and/or accountability levels, in addition to the reportable levels, are set forth in the Position Limit, Position Accountability and Reportable Level Table in the Interpretations & Special Notices Section of Chapter 5.**

**A Person seeking an exemption from position limits for bona fide commercial purposes shall apply to the Market Regulation Department on forms provided by the Exchange, and the Market Regulation Department may grant qualified exemptions in its sole discretion.**

**Refer to Rule 559 for requirements concerning the aggregation of positions and allowable exemptions from the specified position limits.**

~~For purposes of calculating compliance with position limits, each contract will be aggregated with positions held in Singapore Mogas 92 Unleaded (Platts) Swap futures and Gasoline Euro-bob Oxy (Argus) NWE Barges Swap futures. Each position in the contract will be equivalent to 8.33 of a Singapore Mogas 92 Unleaded (Platts) Swap futures contract and a single position in the Gasoline Euro-bob Oxy (Argus) NWE Barges Swap futures contract.~~

~~For purposes of position limits and position accountability levels, contracts shall diminish ratably as the contract month progresses toward month end.~~

~~In accordance with Rule 559, no person shall own or control positions in excess of 1,000 (Singapore Mogas 92 Unloaded (Platts) Swap futures)/500 (Gasoline Euro bob Oxy (Argus) NWE Barges Swap futures) contracts net long or net short in the spot month.~~

~~In accordance with Rule 560:~~

~~1. the all months accountability level shall be 7,000 (Singapore Mogas 92 Unloaded (Platts) Swap futures)/3,500 (Gasoline Euro bob Oxy (Argus) NWE Barges Swap futures) contracts net long or net short in all months combined;~~

~~2. the any one month accountability level shall be 5,000 (Singapore Mogas 92 Unloaded (Platts) Swap futures)/2,500 (Gasoline Euro bob Oxy (Argus) NWE Barges Swap futures) contracts net long or net short in any single contract month excluding the spot month.~~

~~Refer to Rule 559 for requirements concerning the aggregation of positions and allowable exemptions from the specified position limits.~~

**1235102.E. Termination of Trading**

Trading shall cease on the last business day of the contract month.

**1235103. FINAL SETTLEMENT**

Final settlement under the contract shall be by cash settlement. Final settlement, following termination of trading for a contract month, will be based on the Floating Price. The final settlement price will be the Floating Price calculated for each contract month.

**1235104. DISCLAIMER**

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