

CME Group Aluminum Auction

About the auction

The Aluminum Auction from COMEX supports established aluminum premium markets by allowing participants to anonymously transact physical material in the non-futures spot market via their clearing member.

THE ALUMINUM AUCTION'S FEATURES:

- Minimize counterparty due diligence
- Disclose attributes and location of aluminum prior to the auction
- Engage in a competitive, anonymous, and efficient tender process with a larger universe of potential counterparties
- Leverage unregulated spot aluminum transactions instead of futures

How it works

- The inventory designated for the auction must be eligible aluminum stored in a COMEX warehouse.
- Upon instruction from the owner, the warehouse creates an Inventory ID, which earmarks the aluminum for auction and is held in the name of the owner's clearing member
- The owner schedules an auction using CME Group's auction platform.
- The winning bid is confirmed by the Exchange, and invoices are distributed accordingly for a physical settled spot trade.
- The clearing members exchange payment for the Inventory ID on behalf of the buyer and seller, in accordance with COMEX spot market rules.

AUCTION COMPONENTS



Auction information will be made available to market participants and industry partners



Clearing Members authorize participation and facilitate the transaction



Anonymity is maintained through physical delivery



Eligible material held in exchange-approved warehouses only



CME Auctions must reference the COMEX Aluminum futures settlement price



All attributes of material and location will be disclosed prior to the auction start



Minimum 100 MT
Maximum 3,000 MT



3-day delivery cycle (T+2)



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