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September 10, 2021

**VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL**

Mr. Christopher J. Kirkpatrick  
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**Re: CFTC Regulation 40.6(a) Certification. Amendments to Rule 393A01.E. (“Exercise prices”) to Modify Strike Price and Listing Schedule of Options on E-mini® Russell 2000® Index Futures Contracts.  
 CME Submission No. 21-362**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. (“CME” or “Exchange”) is certifying to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC” or “Commission”) amendments to Rule 393A01.E. (“Exercise Prices”) to modify the strike listing schedule of Options on E-mini® Russell 2000® Index Futures contracts (the “Contracts”), as more specifically described in the table below (the “Rule Amendments”) effective on Sunday, October 3, 2021 for trade date Monday, October 4, 2021.

CME Globex / CME ClearPort Code	CME Rulebook Chapter	Current Strike Price Listing Schedule	Amended Strike Price Listing Schedule
RTO / RTO	393A	<p>At all multiples of 25 index points within <math>\pm 50\%</math> of quarterly Exercise Price Reference, centered on previous day’s settlement price of the underlying futures</p> <p>At all multiples of 10 index points within <math>\pm 20\%</math> of quarterly Exercise Price Reference, centered on previous day’s settlement price of the underlying futures</p> <p>Once the option’s underlying futures contract becomes second nearest to delivery, at all multiples of 5 index points within <math>\pm 10\%</math> of quarterly Exercise Price Reference, centered on previous</p>	<p>50 index point integer multiples, when listed: -50% to +30% of the prior day’s settlement price on the underlying future contract</p> <p>10 index point integer multiples, 186 days prior to expiry: -25% to +10% of the prior day’s settlement price on the underlying future contract</p> <p>5 index point integer multiples, 35 days prior to expiry (or 5 Weeks): -15% to +5% of the prior day’s settlement price on the underlying future contract</p>

		day's settlement price of the underlying futures	
RTM / RTM	393A	<p>At all multiples of 25 index points within <math>\pm 50\%</math> of quarterly Exercise Price Reference, centered on previous day's settlement price of the underlying futures</p> <p>At all multiples of 10 index points within <math>\pm 20\%</math> of quarterly Exercise Price Reference, centered on previous day's settlement price of the underlying futures</p> <p>Once the option's underlying futures contract becomes second nearest to delivery, at all multiples of 5 index points within <math>\pm 10\%</math> of quarterly Exercise Price Reference, centered on previous day's settlement price of the underlying futures</p>	<p>50 index point integer multiples, when listed: -50% to +30% of the prior day's settlement price on the underlying future contract</p> <p>10 index point integer multiples, 186 days prior to expiry: -25% to +10% of the prior day's settlement price on the underlying future contract</p> <p>5 index point integer multiples, 35 days prior to expiry (or 5 Weeks): -15% to +5% of the prior day's settlement price on the underlying future contract</p>
R1E-R4E/ R1E-R4E	351A	<p>R1E, R2E and R4E (Week 1, 2 &amp; 4)</p> <p>5 index point integer multiples upon listing: +10% to -25% of the prior day's settlement price on the underlying future contract</p> <p>R3E (Week 3)</p> <p>At all multiples of 25 index points within <math>\pm 50\%</math> of quarterly Exercise Price Reference, centered on previous day's settlement price of the underlying futures</p> <p>At all multiples of 10 index points within <math>\pm 20\%</math> of quarterly Exercise Price Reference, centered on previous day's settlement price of the underlying futures</p> <p>Once the option's underlying futures contract becomes second nearest to delivery, at all multiples of 5 index points within <math>\pm 10\%</math> of quarterly Exercise Price Reference, centered on previous day's settlement price of the underlying futures</p>	<p>50 index point integer multiples, when listed: -50% to +30% of the prior day's settlement price on the underlying future contract</p> <p>10 index point integer multiples, 186 days prior to expiry: -25% to +10% of the prior day's settlement price on the underlying future contract</p> <p>5 index point integer multiples, 35 days prior to expiry (or 5 Weeks): -15% to +5% of the prior day's settlement price on the underlying future contract</p>

The aforementioned amendments are designed to align with current trading activity. Amendments to CME Rulebook Chapter 393A are provided in Exhibit A below in blackline format.

CME is concurrently launching Monday and Wednesday Weekly Options on E-mini Russell 2000 Index Futures (European-Style) contracts via CME Submission No. 21-376 dated September 10, 2021 effective on trade date Monday, October 4, 2021. These new Monday and Wednesday option contracts will be also be subject to the Rule Amendments.

The Exchange reviewed the designated contract market core principles (“Core Principles”) as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act (“CEA” or “Act”) and identified that the Rule Amendments may have some bearing on the following Core Principles:

**Compliance with Rules:** The Exchange shall continue their normal practice to establish, monitor, and enforce compliance with the rules for the Contracts, including the amendments for the Contracts.

**Prevention of Market Disruption:** The Exchange has the capacity to detect abnormal price movements and unusual trading volumes, including such abnormal price movements or trading volumes as may be associated with bilaterally negotiated trades, and they hold the authority to take remedial action as appropriate.

**Execution of Transactions:** The Rule Amendments will further enable the Exchange to continue their current practice of providing a competitive, open, and efficient market mechanism for executing transactions.

**Availability of General Information:** The Exchange shall disseminate a Special Executive Report (“SER”) regarding the amendments. The SER will also be posted on the CME Group website.

**Daily Publication of Trading Information:** Trading volume, open interest and price information will be published daily on the Exchange’s website and via quote vendors.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Act and CFTC Regulation 40.6(a), the Exchange certifies that the Rule Amendments comply with the Act, including regulations under the Act. There were no substantive opposing views to this proposal.

The Exchange certifies that this submission has been concurrently posted on the Exchange’s website at <http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html>.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact the undersigned at (212) 299-2200 or via e-mail at [CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com](mailto:CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com).

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit A - Amendments to CME Rulebook Chapter 393A Options on E-mini® Russell 2000® Index Futures Contract (blackline format)

## **Appendix A**

### **CME Rulebook**

(additions underscored; deletions ~~struck through~~)

## **Chapter 393A Options on E-mini® Russell 2000® Index Futures**

### **393A00. SCOPE OF CHAPTER**

This chapter is limited in application to options on E-mini® Russell 2000® Index futures (“futures”). In addition to this chapter, options on futures shall be subject to the general rules and regulations of the Exchange as applicable.

Unless otherwise specified, times referenced herein shall refer to and indicate Chicago time.

#### **393A00.A. Primary Listing Exchange**

For the purposes of this chapter a Primary Listing Exchange shall be as defined in the “Plan to Address Extraordinary Market Volatility Submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission Pursuant to Rule 608 of Regulation NMS Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934” approved 31 May 2012 by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”), as amended from time to time (SEC, SRO Rulemaking, National Market System Plans, File 4-631).

#### **393A00.B. Regulatory Halt**

For the purposes of this chapter a Regulatory Halt shall be as defined in the “Plan to Address Extraordinary Market Volatility Submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission Pursuant to Rule 608 of Regulation NMS Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934” approved 31 May 2012 by the SEC, as amended from time to time (SEC, SRO Rulemaking, National Market System Plans, File 4-631) and as implemented under New York Stock Exchange Rule 7.12 for Trading Halts Due to Extraordinary Volatility or under Nasdaq Stock Market Rule 4121 for Trading Halts Due to Extraordinary Volatility.

### **393A01. OPTIONS CHARACTERISTICS**

#### **393A01.A. Contract Months, Trading Hours, and Trading Halts**

Options shall be listed for expiration on such dates and shall be scheduled for trading during such hours as may be determined by the Exchange, *provided that* there shall be no trading in options when trading is halted in the Primary Futures Contract Month pursuant to Rule 39302.I

In accordance with Rule 39302.I. the Exchange shall determine, in its sole discretion, the futures delivery month that represents such Primary Futures Contract Month and when such Primary Futures Contract Month is limit bid or limit offered.

#### **393A01.B. Trading Unit**

The trading unit shall be an option to buy in the case of a call, or to sell in the case of a put, one E-mini Russell 2000 Index futures contract (Chapter 393).

#### **393A01.C. Minimum Fluctuations**

Option prices shall be quoted in Index points. Each Index point shall represent \$50.00 per option contract. Subject to Rule 393A01.C.1., the minimum price fluctuation shall be 0.1 Index points (equal to \$5.00 per option contract), *provided that* trades at price levels equal to or less than five (5) Index points may occur at price levels that are integer multiples of 0.05 Index points (equal to \$2.50 per option contract), and *provided that* trade may occur at a price level of 0.05 Index points irrespective of whether such trade results in the liquidation of positions for both parties to such trade.

#### **1. Option Spreads and Combinations**

Any option contract that trades as a component of a spread or combination shall be traded at a price that conforms to the applicable minimum price fluctuation as set forth in this Rule, *provided that* for any option spread or combination that trades at a net premium of five (5) Index points or less, each option contract comprised within such spread or combination may trade in price increments of 0.05 Index points.

#### **393A01.D. Underlying Futures Contract**

##### **1. American Style Options in the March Quarterly Cycle (“Quarterly options”)**

For any American style option for which the expiration month is in the March quarterly cycle (i.e., March, June, September, or December), the Underlying Futures Contract shall be for delivery in such option's expiration month.

*Example:* For a given year, futures for delivery in March shall be the Underlying Futures Contract for a March Quarterly option.

## **2. European Style Weekly Options**

For any European style Weekly option, the Underlying Futures Contract shall be for delivery on the third Friday of the March quarterly cycle month next following such option's expiration, subject to Rule 39303.A.

*Examples:* For a given year, futures for delivery in June shall be the Underlying Futures Contract for third (3rd) March, fourth (4th) March, first (1st) April, second (2nd) April, third (3rd) April, fourth (4th) April, first (1st) May, second (2nd) May, third (3rd) May, fourth (4th) May, first (1st) June, and second (2nd) June European style Weekly options. Futures for delivery in September shall be the Underlying Futures Contract for third (3rd) June and fourth (4th) June European style Weekly options.

The Exchange shall not list a European style Fourth Weekly option for trading in any instance where such option's expiration would occur on the last Business Day of a month.

## **3. European Style Wednesday Weekly Options**

For any European style Wednesday Weekly option, the Underlying Futures Contract shall be for delivery on the third Friday of the March quarterly cycle month next following such option's expiration, subject to Rule 39303.A.

The Exchange shall not list a European style Wednesday Weekly option for trading in any instance where such option's expiration would occur on the last Business Day of a month.

## **4. European Style Monday Weekly Options**

For any European style Monday Weekly option, the Underlying Futures Contract shall be for delivery on the third Friday of the March quarterly cycle month next following such option's expiration, subject to Rule 39303.A.

The Exchange shall not list a European style Monday Weekly option for trading in any instance where such option's expiration would occur on the last Business Day of a month.

## **53. European Style End-of-Month Options**

For any European style End-of-Month option, the Underlying Futures Contract shall be for delivery on the third Friday of the March quarterly cycle month next following such option's expiration, subject to Rule 39303.A.

*Examples:* For a given year, futures for delivery in March shall be the Underlying Futures Contract for a January European style End-of-Month option and for a February European style End-of-Month option. Futures for delivery in June shall be the Underlying Futures Contract for a March European style End-of-Month option.

### **393A01.E. Exercise Prices**

#### **1. Regularly-Listed Exercise Prices**

On any Business Day, and subject to Rule 393A01.A., the Exchange shall ensure that all Quarterly (Rule 393A01.D.1.), European Style Weekly (Rule 393A01.D.2.), European Style Wednesday Weekly (Rule 393A01.D.3.), European Style Monday Weekly (Rule 393A01.D.4.), and European Style End-of-Month (Rule 358A01.D.5.) put and call options that are exercisable into a given Underlying Futures Contract are listed for trading at all eligible exercise prices as follows:

#### **50 Point Exercise Prices**

All exercise price levels that are integer multiples of 50 Index points (e.g., 2300, 2400, 2500) and that lie within a range from 50 percent below to 30 percent above the daily settlement price of such Underlying Futures Contract for the first preceding Business Day.

#### **10 Point Exercise Prices**

All exercise price levels that are integer multiples of 10 Index points (e.g., 2480, 2490, 2500) and that lie within a range from 25 percent below to 10 percent above the daily settlement price of such Underlying Futures Contract for the first preceding Business Day.

## 5 Point Exercise Prices

All exercise price levels that are integer multiples of 5 Index points (e.g., 2490, 2495, 2500) and that lie within a range from 15 percent below to 5 percent above the daily settlement price of such Underlying Futures Contract for the first preceding Business Day.

New options may be listed for trading on any Business Day up to and including the termination of trading in such options.

## 2. Dynamically-Listed Exercise Prices

Upon demand and at the discretion of the Exchange, an option with an out-of-current-range exercise price may be listed for trading as a User-Defined Instrument, on an as-soon-as-possible basis, provided that the exercise price of such option shall be an integer multiple of 5 Index points.

The Exchange may modify the provisions governing the establishment of exercise prices as it deems appropriate.

~~In each month in the March quarterly cycle (Rule 393A01.D.1.) the Exchange shall determine an Exercise Price Reference on the Business Day first preceding the day on which the final settlement price of futures for delivery in such month (Rule 39303.A.) is scheduled to be determined. Such Exercise Price Reference shall be set equal to the daily settlement price of such futures, rounded down to the nearest Index point.~~

~~The Exchange shall use such Exercise Price Reference to determine listing ranges for option exercise prices on all Business Days following its determination, until and including the next Business Day on which the Exchange determines a successor Exercise Price Reference in accordance with this Rule.~~

### ~~1. Quarterly Options~~

~~On any Business Day, the Exchange shall ensure that Quarterly put and call options are listed for trading at all eligible exercise prices, as follows:~~

#### ~~25-Point Exercise Prices~~

~~For Quarterly options exercisable into a given Underlying Futures Contract (Rule 393A01.D.1.), the Exchange shall ensure that such put and call options are listed for trading at all exercise price levels that are integer multiples of 25 Index points (e.g., 1300, 1325, 1350) and that lie within a range from 50 percent of the Exercise Price Reference below, to 50 percent of the Exercise Price Reference above, the preceding Business Day's daily settlement price for such Underlying Futures Contract.~~

#### ~~10-Point Exercise Prices~~

~~For Quarterly options exercisable into a given Underlying Futures Contract (Rule 393A01.D.1.), the Exchange also shall ensure that such put and call options are listed for trading at all exercise price levels that are integer multiples of 10 Index points (e.g., 1300, 1310, 1320) and that lie within a range from 20 percent of the Exercise Price Reference below, to 20 percent of the Exercise Price Reference above, the preceding Business Day's daily settlement price for such Underlying Futures Contract.~~

#### ~~5-Point Exercise Prices~~

~~As of the day on which an Underlying Futures Contract for a given delivery month becomes the futures contract second-nearest to delivery in the March quarterly cycle (Rule 393A01.D.1.), the Exchange also shall ensure that Quarterly put and call options exercisable into such Underlying Futures Contract are listed for trading at all exercise price levels that are integer multiples of 5 Index points (e.g. 1300, 1305, 1310) and that lie within a range from 10 percent of the Exercise Price Reference below, to 10 percent of the Exercise Price Reference above, the preceding Business Day's daily settlement price for such Underlying Futures Contract.~~

### ~~2. European-Style Weekly Options~~

~~A. On any given Business Day, options that are European-Style Weekly options (Rules 393A01.D.), and that are scheduled to expire on the Third Friday of a specified month, and that are exercisable into a given Underlying Futures Contract, shall be listed for trading at all exercise price levels at which Quarterly options exercisable into such Underlying Futures Contract are concurrently listed for trading (Rule 393A01.E.1.)~~

~~B. On any given Business Day, options that are European-Style Weekly options (Rules 393A01.D.), and that are not scheduled to expire on the Third Friday of a specified month, and that are exercisable into a given Underlying Futures Contract, shall be listed for trading at all eligible exercise prices, as follows:~~

#### ~~5-Point Exercise Prices~~

~~The Exchange also shall ensure that such put and call options are listed for trading at all exercise price levels that are integer multiples of 5 Index points (e.g., 1300, 1305, 1310) and that lie within a range from 25 percent below to 10 percent above the daily settlement price of such Underlying Futures Contract for the first preceding Business Day.~~

### ~~3. European Style End-of-Month Options~~

~~On any given Business Day, options that are European Style End-of-Month options (Rules 393A01.D.), and that are exercisable into a given Underlying Futures Contract, shall be listed for trading at all exercise price levels at which Quarterly options exercisable into such Underlying Futures Contract are concurrently listed for trading (Rule 393A01.E.1.).~~

~~New options may be listed for trading on any Business Day up to and including the termination of trading in such options.~~

~~User Defined Instrument (UDI) functionality allows users to dynamically create options strikes that co-exist with exchange-listed options strikes and allow the scope of tradeable instruments on CME Globex to expand without listing a larger group of options instruments.~~

~~User Defined Instruments are allowed at any integer multiple of 5 points for any expiry that is already listed.~~

~~The Exchange may modify the provisions governing the establishment of exercise prices as it deems appropriate.~~

### **393A01.F. 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.

### **393A01.G. Nature of Options**

Upon exercise of a put option by the buyer of such option, the seller of such option shall incur the obligation to assume a long position in one Underlying Futures Contract (Rule 393A01.D.) at such option's exercise price (Rule 393A01.E.). Upon exercise of a call option by the buyer of such option, the seller of such option shall incur the obligation to assume a short position in one Underlying Futures Contract at such option's exercise price.

#### **1. Quarterly Options**

The buyer of a Quarterly option (Rule 393A01.D.1.) may exercise such option at any time prior to its expiration.

#### **2. European Style Weekly Options, European Style Wednesday Weekly Options, European Style Monday Weekly Options, and European Style End-of-Month Options**

The buyer of a European style Weekly option (Rule 393A01.D.2.) or a European style Wednesday Weekly option (Rule 393A01.D.3.) or a European style Monday Weekly option (Rule 393A01.D.4.) or a European style End-of-Month option (Rule 393A01.D.5~~3~~.) may exercise such option only at its expiration.

### **393A01.H. [Reserved]**

### **393A01.I. Termination of Trading**

#### **1. Quarterly Options**

Trading in any Quarterly option shall terminate on the same date and at the same time as the termination of trading in such option's Underlying Futures Contract (Rule 393A01.D.1.).

#### **2. European Style Weekly Options**

Trading in any European style Weekly option shall terminate at 3:00 p.m., or at noon in the case of an early scheduled close of the Primary Listing Exchange (Rule 393A00.A.), on the Friday designated by the Exchange as such option's expiration date. For a given calendar month:

Trading shall terminate in European style First Weekly options, and such options shall expire, on the first Friday of such month.

Trading shall terminate in European style Second Weekly options, and such options shall expire, on the second Friday of such month.



Trading shall terminate in European style Third Weekly options, and such options shall expire, on the third Friday of such month.

Trading shall terminate in European style Fourth Weekly options, and such options shall expire, on the fourth Friday of such month.

If such Friday is not a scheduled Business Day, then trading in expiring options shall be scheduled to terminate on the Business Day first preceding such Friday, *provided that* the Exchange shall not list European style Weekly options for trading in any such instance where the Business Day first preceding such Friday would be the last Business Day of the preceding calendar month.

The Exchange shall not list European style Fourth Weekly options for any month wherein the fourth Friday is the last Business Day of such month.

If the market in the Underlying Futures Contract for such option does not open on the day scheduled for termination of option trading and for option expiration, then trading in such option shall terminate, and such option shall expire, on the next day on which the market in such Underlying Futures Contract is open for trading.

### **3. European Style Wednesday Weekly Options**

Trading in any European style Wednesday Weekly option shall terminate at 3:00 p.m., or at noon in the case of an early scheduled close of the Primary Listing Exchange (Rule 393A00.A.), on the Wednesday designated as such option's expiration date. For a given calendar month:

Trading shall terminate in European style First Wednesday Weekly options, and such options shall expire, on the first Wednesday of such month.

Trading shall terminate in European style Second Wednesday Weekly options, and such options shall expire, on the second Wednesday of such month.

Trading shall terminate in European style Third Wednesday Weekly options, and such options shall expire, on the third Wednesday of such month.

Trading shall terminate in European style Fourth Wednesday Weekly options, and such options shall expire, on the fourth Wednesday of such month.

Trading shall terminate in European style Fifth Wednesday Weekly options, and such options shall expire, on the fifth Wednesday of such month.

If such Wednesday is not a scheduled Business Day, then trading in expiring options shall be scheduled to terminate on the Business Day first preceding such Wednesday, provided that the Exchange shall not list European style Wednesday Weekly options for trading in any such instance where the Business Day first preceding such Wednesday would be the last Business Day of the preceding calendar month, in accord with Rule 393A01.D.3.).

If the market in the Underlying Futures Contract for such option does not open on the day scheduled for termination of option trading and for option expiration, then trading in such option shall terminate, and such option shall expire, on the next day on which the market in such Underlying Futures Contract is open for trading.

### **4. European Style Monday Weekly Options**

Trading in any European style Monday Weekly option shall terminate at 3:00 p.m., or at noon in the case of an early scheduled close of the Primary Listing Exchange (Rule 393A00.A.), on the Wednesday designated as such option's expiration date. For a given calendar month:

Trading shall terminate in European style First Monday Weekly options, and such options shall expire, on the first Monday of such month.

Trading shall terminate in European style Second Monday Weekly options, and such options shall expire, on the second Monday of such month.

Trading shall terminate in European style Third Monday Weekly options, and such options shall expire, on the third Monday of such month.

Trading shall terminate in European style Fourth Monday Weekly options, and such options shall expire, on the fourth Monday of such month.

Trading shall terminate in European style Fifth Monday Weekly options, and such options shall expire, on the fifth Monday of such month.

If such Monday is not a scheduled Business Day, then trading in expiring options shall be scheduled to terminate on the Business Day next following such Monday, provided that the Exchange shall not list European style Monday Weekly options for trading in any such instance where the Business Day next following such Monday would be the last Business Day of the calendar month, in accord with Rule 393A01.D.4.).

If the market in the Underlying Futures Contract for such option does not open on the day scheduled for termination of option trading and for option expiration, then trading in such option shall terminate, and such option shall expire, on the next day on which the market in such Underlying Futures Contract is open for trading.

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### **35. European Style End-Of-Month Options**

Trading in any European style End-of-Month option shall terminate at 3:00 p.m., or at noon in the case of an early scheduled close of the Primary Listing Exchange (Rule 393A00.A.), on the last Business Day of such option's expiration month.

If the market in the Underlying Futures Contract for such option does not open on the day scheduled for termination of option trading, then trading in such option shall terminate, and such option shall expire, on the next day on which the market in such Underlying Futures Contract is open for trading.

#### **393A01.J. [Reserved]**

## **393A02. EXERCISE AND ASSIGNMENT**

In addition to the applicable procedures and requirements of Chapter 7, the following shall apply to the exercise of options.

### **393A02.A. Exercise of Option by Buyer**

#### **1. Quarterly Options**

Any Quarterly option (Rule 393A01.D.1.) may be exercised by the buyer on any Business Day on which such option may be traded. To exercise such option, the clearing member representing the option buyer shall present an exercise notice to the Clearing House by 5:30 p.m., or by such other time as the Exchange may designate, on the day of exercise.

Any unexercised option shall expire at 5:30 p.m. on the last day of trading in such option (Rule 393A01.I.). Any option that is in the money, and that has not been liquidated or exercised prior to its termination of trading, shall be exercised automatically upon expiration, in the absence of contrary instructions. Such contrary instructions must be delivered to the Clearing House, by the clearing member representing the buyer of such option, no later than 5:30 p.m., or such other time as may be designated by the Exchange, on the last day of trading in such option.

A call option shall be in the money if the settlement price of such option's Underlying Futures Contract (Rule 393A01.D.) on the last day of trading in such option (Rule 393A01.I.) is strictly above such option's exercise price, and shall be out of the money if such settlement price is at or below such option's exercise price.

A put option shall be in the money if the settlement price of such option's Underlying Futures Contract on the last day of trading in such option is strictly below such option's exercise price, and shall be out of the money if such settlement price is at or above such option's exercise price.

#### **2. European Style Weekly Options, European Style Wednesday Weekly Options, European Style Monday Weekly Options, and European Style End-of-Month Options**

Any European style Weekly option (Rule 393A01.D.2.) or European style Wednesday Weekly option (Rule 393A01.D.3.) or European style Monday Weekly option (Rule 393A01.D.4.) or European style End-of-Month option (Rule 393A01.D.53.) may be exercised only at, and not before, expiration of such option.

Following termination of trading in expiring options, any such option that is in the money shall be automatically exercised by the Clearing House, and any such option that is out of the money shall be abandoned by the Clearing House. For the avoidance of doubt, no such option that expires in the money may be abandoned, and no such option that expires out of the money may be exercised.

Whether an option expires in the money or out of the money shall be determined by the Exchange, in its sole discretion, by reference to the Fixing Price of such option's Underlying Futures Contract (Rule 393A01.D.). The Exchange, in its sole discretion, shall set such Fixing Price on the last day of trading in such option, as follows:

##### **Tier 1**

Such Fixing Price shall be based on the volume-weighted average price of transactions in such Underlying Futures Contract on the CME Globex electronic trading platform between 2:59:30 p.m. and 3:00:00 p.m. (or between 11:59:30 a.m. and noon in the case of an early scheduled close of the Primary Listing Exchange) ("reference interval").

##### **Tier 2**

If no such transaction occurs during the reference interval, then such Fixing Price shall be based on the average of midpoints of bid/ask spreads for such futures quoted on CME Globex during the reference interval, *provided that* the Fixing Price calculation shall exclude the midpoint value for any such bid/ask spread that is wider than 0.20 Index points.

##### **Tier 3**

If such Fixing Price cannot be determined pursuant to Tier 1 or Tier 2, or if an unscheduled nonregulatory halt in CME Globex trading in such Underlying Futures Contract occurs between 2:58:00 p.m. and 3:00:00 p.m., then such Fixing Price shall be based on the average transaction price during the reference interval of the ~~CME E-mini® Russell 2000® Index Futures contract (Chapter 393)CME Standard and Poor's 500 Stock Price Index ("S&P 500") futures contract (Chapter 351)~~ for the same delivery month as such option's Underlying Futures Contract (Rule 393A01.D.).

#### Tier 4

If such Fixing Price cannot be determined pursuant to Tier 1, Tier 2, or Tier 3, then the Exchange, in its sole discretion, shall set such Fixing Price by alternative means which may include, but are not limited to, derivation by reference to the basis relationship between such futures contract's price and the Index, or application of Tier 1, Tier 2, or Tier 3 calculations to successive time intervals of increasing length, in integer multiples of thirty (30) seconds, until suitable price data are obtained.

The resultant Fixing Price value shall be rounded to the nearest integer multiple of 0.01 Index points. Such Fixing Price, so rounded, shall be used to determine whether an option expires in the money or out of the money.

If, at the time such Fixing Price is scheduled to be calculated in respect of expiring options, the Primary Listing Exchange (Rule 393A00.A.) is subject to a Regulatory Halt (Rule 393A00.B.), and the Primary Futures Contract Month is limit offered at the maximum price limit permissible during such Regulatory Halt pursuant to Rule 39302.I., then (a) such option shall expire at 8:31 a.m. on the next following Business Day on which a Regulatory Halt is not in effect, and (b) the Fixing Price in respect of such option shall be calculated in accordance with the corresponding provisions of this Rule, on the basis of a reference interval beginning at 8:30:30 a.m. and concluding at 8:31:00 a.m. If, during any portion of the 30-second period from 8:30:30 a.m. – 8:31:00 a.m. CT, there is a Level 1 or Level 2 Regulatory Halt in effect, the Fixing Price shall be calculated using trades consummated during the 30-second period commencing with the lifting of such Regulatory Halt. If a subsequent Regulatory Halt is declared during this 30-second period, the calculation of the Fixing Price shall be based strictly on those trades consummated prior to such subsequent Regulatory Halt.

For the avoidance of doubt, in the event there is a Level 1 or Level 2 Regulatory Halt during the time period of 8:30:30 – 8:31:00 am CT, no trades during that time period (8:30:30 – 8:31:00 am CT) will be used in the calculation of the Fixing Price.

An expiring call option shall be in the money if the corresponding Fixing Price is strictly above such option's exercise price, and shall be out of the money if the corresponding Fixing Price is at or below such option's exercise price.

An expiring put option shall be in the money if the corresponding Fixing Price is strictly below such option's exercise price, and shall be out of the money if the corresponding Fixing Price is at or above such option's exercise price.

#### **393A02.B. Assignment**

For a given option contract, an exercise notice accepted by the Clearing House in accordance with Rules 393A02.A. shall be assigned by the Clearing House through a process of random selection to clearing members carrying open short positions in such option contract. A clearing member to whom such exercise notice has been assigned shall be notified thereof as soon as practicable following such assignment.

The clearing member to whom such exercise notice has been assigned shall be assigned a short position in such option's Underlying Futures Contract (Rules 393A01.D.) if such option is a call, or a long position in such option's Underlying Futures Contract if such option is a put. The clearing member representing the option buyer making exercise shall be assigned a long position in such option's Underlying Futures Contract if such option is a call, or a short position in such option's Underlying Futures Contract if such option is a put.

All such futures positions shall be assigned at a price equal to the exercise price of such option contract, and shall be marked to market (in accordance with Rule 814) on the Business Day on which the Clearing House accepts such exercise notice.

#### **393A03. [RESERVED]**

#### **393A04. CORRECTIONS TO OPTION EXERCISES**

Corrections to option exercises may be accepted by the Clearing House after 5:30 p.m. and up to the beginning of final option expiration processing (in accord with Rules 393A02.A.), *provided that* such corrections are necessary due to: (1) a bona fide clerical error, (2) unreconciled Exchange option transaction(s), or (3) an extraordinary circumstance where the clearing firm and customer are unable to communicate final option exercise instructions prior to 5:30 p.m. The decision as to whether a correction

is acceptable will be made by the President of the Clearing House, or the President's designee, and such decision will be final.

**393A05.-29. [RESERVED]**

(End Chapter 393A)

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