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**Official Name(s) of Product(s) Affected:** Options on Standard and Poor's Midcap 400 Stock Price Index Futures; Options on S&P 500 / Growth Index Futures; Options on S&P 500 / Value Index Futures; Euro Denominated E-mini Standard and Poor's 500 Stock Price Index Futures

**Rule Numbers:** CME Chapters 353A, 355A, 356A and 358B

October 6, 2014

**VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL**

Christopher J. Kirkpatrick  
 Office of the Secretariat  
 Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
 Three Lafayette Centre  
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**RE: CFTC Regulation 40.6(a) Certification. Notification Regarding the Delisting of Four (4) CME Stock Index Futures and Options on Futures Contracts. CME Submission No. 14-385**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. (“CME” or “Exchange”) is notifying the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC” or “Commission”) that it is self-certifying the delisting of four (4) stock index futures and options on futures contracts effective immediately as set out in the table below. There is currently no open interest in these futures and options on futures contracts.

The four (4) contracts are as follows:

|          | <b>Stock Index Products</b>   | <b>Rulebook Chapter</b> | <b>Commodity Code</b> |
|----------|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>1</b> | Options on Standard and Poor's Midcap 400 Stock Price Index Futures                           | CME 353A                | MD                    |
|          | Flexible Options on Standard and Poor's MidCap 400 Stock Price Index Futures (American-Style) | CME 353A                | XZ                    |
| <b>2</b> | Options on S&P 500 / Growth Index Futures   | CME 355A                | SG                    |
| <b>3</b> | Options on S&P 500 / Value Index Futures  | CME 356A                | SU                    |
| <b>4</b> | Euro Denominated E-mini Standard and Poor's 500 Stock Price Index Futures                     | CME 358B                | EME                   |

These contracts will be delisted from CME Globex, CME ClearPort and the CME trading floor, the venues on which they are currently listed. There is no open interest in these contracts.

The contract product rule chapters and terms and conditions will be deleted from the Exchange rulebook (See Appendix A). Additionally, the terms and conditions of the contracts being delisted which are contained in the Position Limit, Position Accountability and Reportable Level Table located in the Interpretations and Special Notices Section of Chapter 5 of the CME Rulebook will also be removed from the Exchange rulebook (See Appendix B, attached under separate cover).

CME business staff responsible for the delisting of the contracts and the CME Legal Department collectively reviewed the designated contract market core principles (“Core Principles”) as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act (“CEA” or “Act”). During the review, CME staff identified that the delisting of the contracts may have some bearing on the following Core Principles:

- **Emergency Authority:** There is no open interest in the contracts submitted for delisting, and therefore there will be no market disruption related to their delisting.
- **Availability of General Information:** The Exchange will make publicly available the details of the contracts' delisting by publishing a notice to the market. Furthermore, the Exchange will update the CME rulebook to reflect the delisting of the contracts.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Act and CFTC Regulation 40.6(a), the Exchange hereby certifies that the delisting of the subject contracts complies with the Act, including regulations under the Act. No substantive opposing views to these amendments were expressed to the Exchange.

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>.

If you require any additional information, please contact the undersigned at (212) 299-2200 or via e-mail at [Christopher.Bowen@cmegroup.com](mailto:Christopher.Bowen@cmegroup.com).

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachments: Appendix A – CME Rulebook Amendments  
Appendix B – Amendments to CME Rulebook Chapter 5 Position Limit Table (attached under separate cover)

## Appendix A

### CME Rules

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#### **Chapter 353A** **Options on Standard and Poor's** **Midcap 400 Stock Price Index™ Futures**

##### **353A00. SCOPE OF CHAPTER**

~~This chapter is limited in application to options on Standard and Poor's Midcap 400 Stock Price Index ("S&P Midcap 400") futures. In addition to this chapter, options on ("S&P Midcap 400 Index") futures shall be subject to the general rules and regulations of the Exchange insofar as applicable.~~

~~For purposes of this chapter, unless otherwise specified, times referred to herein shall refer to and indicate Chicago time.~~

##### **353A01. OPTIONS CHARACTERISTICS**

###### **353A01.A. Contract Months, Trading Hours, and Trading Halts**

~~Options contracts shall be listed for such contract months and scheduled for trading during such hours, except as indicated below, as may be determined by the Exchange.~~

~~There shall be no trading in any option contract when the S&P Midcap 400 Index primary futures contract is limit bid or offered at any price limit except at the total daily price limit on an option's last day of trading.~~

~~There shall be no trading in any option contract during a period when trading in the primary futures contract is terminated pursuant to Rule 35302.I.~~

~~For purposes of this rule, the primary futures contract shall be defined as the futures contract trading in the lead month configuration in the pit.~~

~~For purposes of this rule, the Exchange shall have the responsibility of determining whether the primary futures contract is trading at its limit during Regular Trading Hours (RTH). During Electronic Trading Hours (ETH), the determination shall be made by the Globex Control Center.~~

###### **353A01.B. Trading Unit**

~~The trading unit shall be an option to buy, in the case of the call, or to sell in the case of the put, one S&P Midcap 400 Index futures contract as specified in Chapter 353.~~

###### **353A01.C. Minimum Fluctuations**

~~The price of an option shall be quoted in index points. Each .01 index point (1 basis point) shall represent \$5. The minimum fluctuation shall be .05 index points (also known as one tick). Trades may also occur at a price of .025 index points (\$12.50, also known as one-half tick), whether or not such trades result in the liquidation of positions for both parties to the trade.~~

###### **353A01.D. Underlying Futures Contract**

###### **1. Options in the March Quarterly Cycle**

~~For options that expire in the March quarterly cycle (i.e., March, June, September, and December), the underlying futures contract is the futures contract for the month in which the option expires. For example, the underlying futures contract for an option that expires in March is the March futures contract.~~

###### **2. Options Not in the March Quarterly Cycle**

~~For options that expire in months other than those in the March quarterly cycle (i.e., January, February, April, May, July, August, October, and November), the underlying futures contract is the next futures contract in the March quarterly cycle that is nearest the expiration of the option. For example, the~~

~~underlying futures contract for options that expire in January or February is the March futures contract.~~

**353A01.E.—Exercise Prices**

~~1.—Options in the March Quarterly Cycle~~

~~The exercise prices shall be stated in terms of the S&P Midcap 400 Index futures contract.~~

~~A referencing index shall be determined each quarter on the day prior to the expiration of the March Quarterly futures contract and shall equal the daily settlement price of the nearest expiring S&P MidCap 400 Index futures contract. The chosen referencing index will then be used to determine the strike listing range for all listed contract months. The index points are rounded down to the nearest integer.~~

~~At the commencement of trading for each contract month, the Exchange shall list all exercise prices in a range of 20 percent of the referencing index above and below the previous day's settlement price of the underlying futures contract that are integers divisible by 5 without remainder, e.g. 600, 605, 610, etc.~~

~~When a contract month becomes the second-nearest contract month in the March quarterly cycle, the Exchange shall add exercise prices at an interval that is a number divisible by 2.5 without remainder in a range of 15 index points above and below the previous day's settlement price of the underlying futures contract.~~

~~Thereafter, when a settlement price in the underlying futures contract occurs at, or passes through, any exercise price, the Exchange shall list, on the next Trading Day, all eligible exercise prices in the corresponding ranges.~~

~~New options may be listed for trading up to and including the termination of trading.~~

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

~~2.—Options Not in the March Quarterly Cycle~~

~~Exercise prices for options not in the March quarterly cycle listed for trading shall be identical to the exercise prices that are listed for the March quarterly options on the same underlying futures contract. For example, the exercise prices listed for the January contract shall be identical to those listed for the March contract.~~

~~3.—Dynamically Listed Exercise Prices~~

~~Upon demand and at the discretion of the Exchange, new out-of-current range exercise prices at regularly defined intervals may be added for trading on as soon as possible basis.~~

**353A01.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.~~

**353A01.G.—[Reserved]**

**353A01.H.—[Reserved]**

**353A01.I.—Termination of Trading**

~~1.—Options in the March Quarterly Cycle~~

~~For options that expire in the March quarterly cycle, options trading shall terminate at the same date and time as the underlying futures contract.~~

~~2.—Options Not in the March Quarterly Cycle~~

~~For options that expire in months other than those in the March quarterly cycle, options trading shall terminate on the third Friday of the contract month. If that day is not a scheduled Exchange Business Day, options trading shall terminate on the first preceding Business Day. In the event that the underlying futures market does not open on the scheduled expiration day, the option expiration shall be extended to the next day on which the underlying futures market is open for trading.~~

**353A01.J.—[Reserved]**

### **353A02. — EXERCISE AND ASSIGNMENT**

In addition to the applicable procedures and requirements of Chapter 7, the following shall apply to the exercise of the S&P Midcap 400 Index.

#### **353A02.A. — Exercise of Option by Buyer**

An option may be exercised by the buyer on any Business Day that the option is traded. Exercise of an option is accomplished by the clearing member representing the buyer presenting an exercise notice to the Clearing House by 7:00 p.m. on the day of exercise.

An option in the March quarterly cycle that is in the money and has not been liquidated or exercised prior to the termination of trading shall, in the absence of contrary instructions delivered to the Clearing House by 7:00 p.m. on the day of the expiration by the clearing member representing the option buyer, be automatically exercised.

In the money options that expire in months other than those in the March quarterly cycle and have not been liquidated or exercised prior to the termination of trading shall, in the absence of contrary instructions delivered to the Clearing House by 7:00 p.m. on the day of the expiration by the clearing member representing the option buyer, be exercised automatically.

Corrections to option exercises may be accepted by the Clearing House after the 7:00 p.m. deadline and up to the beginning of final option expiration processing provided that such corrections are necessary due to: (1) a bona fide clerical error, (2) an 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 the deadline. The decision 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.

#### **353A02.B. — Assignment**

Exercise notices accepted by the Clearing House shall be assigned through a process of random selection to clearing members with open short positions in the same series. A clearing member to which an exercise notice is assigned shall be notified thereof as soon as practicable after such notice is assigned by the Clearing House, but not later than 45 minutes prior to the opening of trading in the underlying futures contract on the following Business Day.

The clearing member assigned an exercise notice shall be assigned a short position in the underlying futures contract if a call was exercised or a long position if a put was exercised. The clearing member representing the option buyer shall be assigned a long position in the underlying futures contract if a call was exercised and a short position if a put was exercised.

All such futures positions shall be assigned at a price equal to the exercise price of the option and shall be marked to market in accordance with Rule 814 on the Trading Day of acceptance by the Clearing House of the exercise notice.

### **353A03. — [RESERVED]**

### **353A04. - 29. — [RESERVED]**

## **FLEXIBLE OPTIONS**

### **353A30. — SCOPE OF FLEXIBLE OPTIONS RULES**

Unless otherwise noted below, the following flexible options rules supersede the standard option regulations presented in the earlier part of this chapter.

### **353A31. — FLEXIBLE OPTIONS CHARACTERISTICS**

#### **353A31.A. — Nature of Flexible Contracts**

Flexible options on S&P Midcap 400 Index futures shall be permitted in puts and calls that do not have the same underlying futures contract, and the same strike price, and the same exercise style, and the same Expiration Date as standard listed options that are already available for trading.

Trading in standard options under certain flexible trading procedures shall be permitted prior to the listing of such options in the standard options pit or on Globex. Once and if these options are listed for trading as standard options in the standard options pit or on Globex, they will be traded only as standard options in the standard options pit or on Globex subject to the standard option trading

requirements. Upon such listing, all existing open positions established under flexible trading procedures shall be fully fungible with transactions in the respective standard option series for all purposes under these regulations.

**353A31.B. — Trading Unit**

The minimum size for requesting a quote and/or trading in a flexible options series is 10 contracts, where each contract represents an option to buy, in the case of the call, or to sell, in the case of the put, one S&P Midcap 400 Index futures contract as specified in Chapter 353. However, parties may request a quote and/or trade for less than 10 contracts in order to entirely close out a position in a flexible series.

Respondents to a request for quote must be willing to trade at least 10 contracts. However, a respondent may trade less than 10 contracts if the respondent is entirely closing out a position in the series.

**353A31.C. — Minimum Fluctuations**

(Refer to Rule 353A01.C.—Minimum Fluctuations)

**353A31.D. — Underlying Futures Contracts**

The underlying futures contract for a flexible options shall be any S&P Midcap 400 Index futures contract that is currently available for trading, as specified in Chapter 353.

**353A31.E. — Exercise Prices**

Exercise prices shall be stated in terms of the S&P Midcap 400 Index futures contract that is deliverable upon exercise of the option and may be at intervals of .05 for all S&P Midcap 400 Index levels from .05 through 999.95, e.g., 100.00, 100.05, 100.10, etc. However, for a Request for Quote (RFQ), strike prices may be stated in .05 S&P Midcap 400 Index points (futures ticks) relative to the underlying futures contract.

**353A31.F. — Position Limits**

(Refer to Rule 353A01.F.)

**353A31.G. — [Reserved]**

**353A31.H. — [Reserved]**

**353A31.I. — Termination of Trading**

Flexible options Expiration Dates may be specified for any scheduled Exchange Business Day up to and including the day of determination of the Final Settlement Price of the underlying futures contract. If a flexible options expiration occurs on the same day as the day of determination of the Final Settlement Price of its underlying futures contract, flexible options trading shall terminate at the same time as the underlying futures on the Business Day immediately preceding the day of determination of the Final Settlement Price of the underlying futures contract. Otherwise, flexible options trading shall terminate at the close of trading on the Expiration Date specified for the flexible options. In the event that the underlying futures market does not open on the scheduled expiration day, the option expiration shall be extended to the next day on which the underlying futures market is open for trading.

A new flexible options series may be opened on its last day of trading and may be traded on its last day of trading.

**353A31.J. — [Reserved]**

**353A32. — FLEXIBLE OPTIONS EXERCISE**

In addition to the applicable procedures and requirements of Chapter 7, the following shall apply to the exercise of flexible options on S&P MidCap 400 Index futures.

**353A32.A. — Exercise of Flexible Options by Buyer**

Flexible options may be specified to have either American Style or European style exercise.

A flexible option with American Style exercise may be exercised by the buyer on any Business Day that the option is traded and also on its Expiration Date. To exercise the option, the clearing member representing the buyer shall present an exercise notice to the Clearing House by 7:00 p.m. on the day of exercise.

A flexible option with European Style exercise may be exercised by the buyer only on the day that the option expires. To exercise the option, the clearing member representing the buyer shall present an exercise notice to the Clearing House by 7:00 p.m. on the day of exercise.

Any flexible options that is in the money and has not been liquidated or exercised prior to its Expiration Date shall, in the absence of contrary instructions delivered to the Clearing House by 7:00 p.m. on the Expiration Date by the clearing member representing the option buyer, be exercised automatically.

**353A32.B.—Assignment**

(Refer to Rule 353A02.B.—Assignment)

**353A33.—[RESERVED]**

**353A34.—INITIATING A FLEXIBLE OPTIONS CONTRACT SERIES**

For each trading session, the opening of trading in any flexible options series shall occur through a Request For Quote (RFQ). No RFQs will be accepted within 15 minutes of the daily scheduled closing time of the underlying futures or within 15 minutes prior to the termination of trading of the underlying futures.

**353A35.—RESPONSE TIME INTERVAL**

Trades against the first RFQ submitted for a flexible options series on any Trading Day may occur immediately upon acceptance of an RFQ by the designated flexible options pit official.

**353A36.—RFQ TRADING INTERVAL**

A flexible options series shall immediately open for trading following the first RFQ submitted for such flexible options series. Priority for RFQs is determined by order of submission to the RFQ official, except that all RFQs submitted before the open shall be treated equally.

**353A37.—EXPIRATION OF AN RFQ**

Trading in a given flexible options series following an RFQ shall remain open for the remainder of the trading session.

**353A38.—REPORTING OF FLEXIBLE OPTIONS TRADES**

It shall be the responsibility of the participants in a flexible options trade to report the quantities and prices to the designated flexible options pit official in a timely manner, including any later trades in open flexible contract term series.

(End Chapter 353A)

**INTERPRETATIONS & SPECIAL NOTICES  
RELATING TO CHAPTER 353A**

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**Chapter 355A  
Options on S&P 500® / Growth Index Futures**



## **355A00. SCOPE OF CHAPTER**

This chapter is limited in application to options on Standard and Poor's 500/Growth Index ("S&P 500/Growth Index") futures. In addition to this chapter, options on S&P 500/Growth Index futures shall be subject to the general rules and regulations of the Exchange insofar as applicable.

For purposes of this chapter, unless otherwise specified, times referred to herein shall refer to and indicate Chicago time.

## **355A01. OPTIONS CHARACTERISTICS**

### **355A01.A. Contract Months, Trading Hours, and Trading Halts**

Options contracts shall be listed for such contract months and scheduled for trading during such hours, except as indicated below, as may be determined by the Exchange.

There shall be no trading in any option contract when the S&P 500/Growth Index primary futures contract is limit bid or offered at any price limit except at the Total Daily Price Limit on an option's last day of trading.

There shall be no trading in any option contract during a period when trading in the primary futures contract is terminated pursuant to Rule 35502.I.

For purposes of this rule, the primary futures contract shall be defined as the futures contract trading in the lead month configuration in the pit.

For purposes of this rule, the Exchange shall have the responsibility of determining whether the primary futures contract is trading at its limit during Regular Trading Hours (RTH). During Electronic Trading Hours (ETH), the determination shall be made by the Globex Control Center.

### **355A01.B. Trading Unit**

The trading unit shall be an option to buy, in the case of the call, or to sell in the case of the put, one S&P 500/Growth Index futures contract as specified in Chapter 355.

### **355A01.C. Minimum Fluctuations**

The price of an option shall be quoted in index points. Each .01 index point (1 basis point) shall represent \$2.5. The minimum fluctuation shall be .10 index points (\$25.00, also known as one tick). Trades may also occur at a price of .05 index points (\$12.50, also known as one-half tick), whether or not such trades result in the liquidation of positions for both parties to the trade. A trade with a price equal to or less than 5.00 index points may also occur at a price in multiples of .05 index points, e.g., .15 index points (\$37.50, also known as one and one-half ticks), and 1.95 index points (\$487.50, also known as nineteen and one-half ticks).

Each leg of a combination trade of options contracts shall be traded at a price conforming to the minimum fluctuation. Notwithstanding, options in a combination trade can be traded at an increment of .05 index points regardless of the premium level if the net premium of the options combination is at or below 5.00 index points.

### **355A01.D. Underlying Futures Contract**

#### **1. Options in the March Quarterly Cycle**

For options that expire in the March quarterly cycle (i.e., March, June, September, and December), the underlying futures contract is the futures contract for the month in which the option expires. For example, the underlying futures contract for an option that expires in March is the March futures contract.

#### **2. Options Not in the March Quarterly Cycle**

For options that expire in months other than those in the March quarterly cycle (i.e., January, February, April, May, July, August, October, and November), the underlying futures contract is the next futures contract in the March quarterly cycle that is nearest the expiration of the option. For example, the underlying futures contract for options that expire in January or February is the March futures contract.

### **355A01.E. Exercise Prices**

#### **1. Options in the March Quarterly Cycle**

~~The exercise prices shall be stated in terms of the S&P 500/ Growth Index futures contract.~~

~~At the commencement of trading for each contract, the Exchange shall list all exercise prices in a range of 20 index points above and below the previous day's settlement price of the underlying futures contract that are integers divisible by 5 without remainder, e.g. 500, 505, 510, etc.~~

~~If any of the foregoing exercise prices are within 2 index points of the settlement price of the underlying futures contract, then the Exchange shall list an additional exercise price at the unoccupied level above (or below) the exercise price that is within 2 index points of the previous day's settlement price.~~

~~When a contract month becomes the second-nearest contract month in the March quarterly cycle, the Exchange shall add exercise prices at an interval that is a number divisible by 2.5 without remainder in a range of 15 index points above and below the previous day's settlement price of the underlying futures contract~~

~~Thereafter, when a settlement price, in the underlying futures contract occurs at, or passes through, any exercise price, the Exchange shall list all eligible exercise prices in the corresponding ranges on the next Trading Day.~~

~~New options may be listed for trading up to and including the termination of trading.~~

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

#### ~~2. — Options Not in the March Quarterly Cycle~~

~~Exercise prices for options not in the March quarterly cycle listed for trading shall be identical to the exercise prices that are listed for the March quarterly options on the same underlying futures contract. For example, the exercise prices listed for the January contract shall be identical to those listed for the March contract.~~

#### ~~355A01.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.~~

#### ~~355A01.G. — [Reserved]~~

#### ~~355A01.H. — [Reserved]~~

#### ~~355A01.I. — Termination of Trading~~

##### ~~1. — Options in the March Quarterly Cycle~~

~~For options that expire in the March quarterly cycle, options trading shall terminate at the same date and time as the underlying futures contract.~~

##### ~~2. — Options Not in the March Quarterly Cycle~~

~~For options that expire in months other than those in the March quarterly cycle, options trading shall terminate on the third Friday of the contract month. If that day is not a scheduled Exchange Business Day, options trading shall terminate on the first preceding Business Day. In the event that the underlying futures market does not open on the scheduled expiration day, the option expiration shall be extended to the next day on which the underlying futures market is open for trading.~~

#### ~~355A01.J. — [Reserved]~~

### ~~355A02. — EXERCISE AND ASSIGNMENT~~

~~In addition to the applicable procedures and requirements of Chapter 7, the following shall apply to the exercise of the S&P 500/ Growth Index options.~~

#### **355A02.A.—Exercise of Option by Buyer**

~~An option may be exercised by the buyer on any Business Day that the option is traded. Exercise of an option is accomplished by the clearing member representing the buyer presenting an exercise notice to the Clearing House by 7:00 p.m. on the day of exercise.~~

~~An option in the March quarterly cycle that is in the money and has not been liquidated or exercised prior to the termination of trading shall, in the absence of contrary instructions delivered to the Clearing House by 7:00 p.m. on the day of the expiration by the clearing member representing the option buyer, be automatically exercised.~~

~~In the money options that expire in months other than those in the March quarterly cycle and have not been liquidated or exercised prior to the termination of trading shall, in the absence of contrary instructions delivered to the Clearing House by 7:00 p.m. on the day of the expiration by the clearing member representing the option buyer, be exercised automatically.~~

#### **355A02.B.—Assignment**

~~Exercise notices accepted by the Clearing House shall be assigned through a process of random selection to clearing members with open short positions in the same series. A clearing member to which an exercise notice is assigned shall be notified thereof as soon as practicable after such notice is assigned by the Clearing House, but not later than 45 minutes prior to the opening of trading in the underlying futures contract on the following Business Day.~~

~~The clearing member assigned an exercise notice shall be assigned a short position in the underlying futures contract if a call was exercised or a long position if a put was exercised. The clearing member representing the option buyer shall be assigned a long position in the underlying futures contract if a call was exercised and a short position if a put was exercised.~~

~~All such futures positions shall be assigned at a price equal to the exercise price of the option and shall be marked to market in accordance with Rule 814 on the Trading Day of acceptance by the Clearing House of the exercise notice.~~

#### **355A03.—[RESERVED]**

#### **355A04.-29.—[RESERVED]**

### **FLEXIBLE OPTIONS**

#### **355A30.—SCOPE OF FLEXIBLE OPTIONS RULES**

~~Unless otherwise noted below, the following flexible options rules supersede the standard option regulations presented in the earlier part of this chapter.~~

#### **355A31.—FLEXIBLE OPTIONS CHARACTERISTICS**

##### **355A31.A.—Nature of Flexible Contracts**

~~Flexible options on Standard and Poor's Growth Index futures shall be permitted in puts and calls that do not have the same underlying futures contract, and the same strike price, and the same exercise style, and the same Expiration Date as standard listed options that are already available for trading.~~

~~Trading in standard options under certain flexible trading procedures shall be permitted prior to the listing of such options in the standard options pit or on Globex. Once and if these options are listed for trading as standard options in the standard options pit or on Globex, they will be traded only as standard options in the standard options pit or on Globex subject to the standard option trading requirements. Upon such listing, all existing open positions established under flexible trading procedures shall be fully fungible with transactions in the respective standard option series for all purposes under these regulations.~~

##### **355A31.B.—Trading Unit**

~~The minimum size for requesting a quote and/or trading in a flexible options series is 10 contracts, where each contract represents an option to buy, in the case of the call, or to sell, in the case of the put, one S&P 500/ Growth Index futures contract as specified in Chapter 355. However, parties may~~

~~request a quote and/or trade for less than 10 contracts in order to entirely close out a position in a flexible series.~~

~~Respondents to a request for quote must be willing to trade at least 10 contracts. However, a respondent may trade less than 10 contracts if the respondent is entirely closing out a position in the series.~~

~~**355A31.C.—Minimum Fluctuations**~~

~~(Refer to Rule 355A01.C.—Minimum Fluctuations)~~

~~**355A31.D.—Underlying Futures Contracts**~~

~~The underlying futures contract for a flexible options shall be any S&P 500/ Growth Index futures contract that is currently available for trading, as specified in Chapter 355.~~

~~**355A31.E.—Exercise Prices**~~

~~Exercise prices shall be stated in terms of the S&P 500/ Growth Index futures contract that is deliverable upon exercise of the option and may be at intervals of .10 for all S&P 500/ Growth Index levels from .10 through 999.90, e.g., 260.00, 260.10, 260.20etc. However, for a Request for Quote (RFQ), strike prices may be stated in .10 S&P 500/ Growth Index points (futures ticks) relative to the underlying futures contract.~~

~~**355A31.F.—Position Limits**~~

~~(Refer to Rule 355A01.F.)~~

~~**355A31.G.—[Reserved]**~~

~~**355A31.H.—[Reserved]**~~

~~**355A31.I.—Termination of Trading**~~

~~Flexible options Expiration Dates may be specified for any scheduled Exchange Business Day up to and including the day of determination of the Final Settlement Price of the underlying futures contract. If a flexible options expiration occurs on the same day as the day of determination of the Final Settlement Price of its underlying futures contract, flexible options trading shall terminate at the same time as the underlying futures on the Business Day immediately preceding the day of determination of the Final Settlement Price of the underlying futures contract. Otherwise, flexible options trading shall terminate at the close of trading on the Expiration Date specified for the flexible option. In the event that the underlying futures market does not open on the scheduled expiration day, the option expiration shall be extended to the next day on which the underlying futures market is open for trading.~~

~~A new flexible options series may be opened on its last day of trading and may be traded on its last day of trading.~~

~~**355A31.J.—[Reserved]**~~

**355A32.—FLEXIBLE OPTIONS EXERCISE**

In addition to the applicable procedures and requirements of Chapter 7, the following shall apply to the exercise of flexible options on S&P Growth Index futures.

**355A32.A.—Exercise of Flexible Options by Buyer**

Flexible options may be specified to have either American Style or European Style exercise.

A flexible option with American style exercise may be exercised by the buyer on any Business Day that the option is traded and also on its Expiration Date. To exercise the option, the clearing member representing the buyer shall present an exercise notice to the Clearing House by 7:00 p.m. on the day of exercise.

A flexible option with European Style exercise may be exercised by the buyer only on the day that the option expires. To exercise the option, the clearing member representing the buyer shall present an exercise notice to the Clearing House by 7:00 p.m. on the day of exercise.

Any flexible option that is in the money and has not been liquidated or exercised prior to its Expiration Date shall, in the absence of contrary instructions delivered to the Clearing House by 7:00 p.m. on the Expiration Date by the clearing member representing the option buyer, be exercised automatically.

**355A32.B.—Assignment**

(Refer to Rule 355A02.B.—Assignment)

**355A33.—[RESERVED]**

**355A34.—INITIATING A FLEXIBLE OPTIONS CONTRACT SERIES**

~~For each trading session, the opening of trading in any flexible options series shall occur through a Request For Quote (RFQ). No RFQs will be accepted within 15 minutes of the daily scheduled closing time of the underlying futures or within 15 minutes prior to the termination of trading of the underlying futures.~~

**355A35.—RESPONSE TIME INTERVAL**

~~Trades against the first RFQ submitted for a flexible options series on any Trading Day may occur immediately upon acceptance of an RFQ by the designated flexible options pit official.~~

**355A36.—RFQ TRADING INTERVAL**

~~A flexible options series shall immediately open for trading following the first RFQ submitted for such series. Priority for RFQs is determined by order of submission to the RFQ official, except that all RFQs submitted before the open shall be treated equally.~~

**355A37.—EXPIRATION OF AN RFQ**

~~Trading in a given flexible options series following an RFQ shall remain open for the remainder of the trading session.~~

**355A38.—REPORTING OF FLEXIBLE OPTIONS TRADES**

~~It shall be the responsibility of the participants in a flexible options trade to report the quantities and prices to the designated flexible options pit official in a timely manner, including any later trades in open flexible contract term series.~~

~~(End of Chapter 355A)~~

**INTERPRETATIONS AND SPECIAL NOTICES  
RELATING TO CHAPTER 355A**

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**Chapter 356A  
Options on S&P 500® / Value Index Futures**

## **356A00. SCOPE OF CHAPTER**

This chapter is limited in application to options on Standard and Poor's 500 / Value Index ("S&P 500/ Value Index") futures. In addition to this chapter, options on S&P 500/ Value Index futures shall be subject to the general rules and regulations of the Exchange insofar as applicable.

For purposes of this chapter, unless otherwise specified, times referred to herein shall refer to and indicate Chicago time.

## **356A01. OPTIONS CHARACTERISTICS**

### **356A01.A. Contract Months, Trading Hours, and Trading Halts**

Options contracts shall be listed for such contract months and scheduled for trading during such hours, except as indicated below, as may be determined by the Exchange.

There shall be no trading in any option contract when the S&P 500/ Value Index primary futures contract is limit bid or offered at any price limit except at the Total Daily Price Limit on an option's last day of trading.

There shall be no trading in any option contract during a period when trading in the primary futures contract is terminated pursuant to Rule 35602.I.

For purposes of this rule, the primary futures contract shall be defined as the futures contract trading in the lead month configuration in the pit.

For purposes of this rule, the Exchange shall have the responsibility of determining whether the primary futures contract is trading at its limit during Regular Trading Hours (RTH). During Electronic Trading Hours (ETH), the determination shall be made by the Globex Control Center.

### **356A01.B. Trading Unit**

The trading unit shall be an option to buy, in the case of the call, or to sell in the case of the put, one S&P 500/ Value Index futures contract as specified in Chapter 356.

### **356A01.C. Minimum Fluctuations**

The price of an option shall be quoted in index points. Each .01 index point (1 basis point) shall represent \$2.5. The minimum fluctuation shall be .10 index points (\$25.00, also known as one tick). Trades may also occur at a price of .05 index points (\$12.50, also known as one-half tick), whether or not such trades result in the liquidation of positions for both parties to the trade. A trade with a price equal to or less than 5.00 index points may also occur at a price in multiples of .05 index points, e.g., .15 index points (\$37.50, also known as one and one-half ticks), and 1.95 index points (\$487.50, also known as nineteen and one-half ticks).

Each leg of a combination trade of options contracts shall be traded at a price conforming to the minimum fluctuation. Notwithstanding, options in a combination trade can be traded at an increment of .05 index points regardless of the premium level if the net premium of the options combination is at or below 5.00 index points.

### **356A01.D. Underlying Futures Contract**

#### **1. Options in the March Quarterly Cycle**

For options that expire in the March quarterly cycle (i.e., March, June, September, and December), the underlying futures contract is the futures contract for the month in which the option expires. For example, the underlying futures contract for an option that expires in March is the March futures contract.

#### **2. Options Not in the March Quarterly Cycle**

For options that expire in months other than those in the March quarterly cycle (i.e., January, February, April, May, July, August, October, and November), the underlying futures contract is the next futures contract in the March quarterly cycle that is nearest the expiration of the option. For example, the underlying futures contract for options that expire in January or February is the March futures contract.

### **356A01.E. Exercise Prices**

#### **1. Options in the March Quarterly Cycle**

~~The exercise prices shall be stated in terms of the S&P 500/ Value Index futures contract.~~

~~At the commencement of trading for each contract, the Exchange shall list all exercise prices in a range of 20 index points above and below the previous day's settlement price of the underlying futures contract that are integers divisible by 5 without remainder, e.g. 500, 505, 510, etc.~~

~~If any of the foregoing exercise prices are within 2 index points of the settlement price of the underlying futures contract, then the Exchange shall list an additional exercise price at the unoccupied level above (or below) the exercise price that is within 2 index points of the previous day's settlement price.~~

~~When a contract month becomes the second-nearest contract month in the March quarterly cycle, the Exchange shall add exercise prices at an interval that is a number divisible by 2.5 without remainder in a range of 15 index points above and below the previous day's settlement price of the underlying futures contract.~~

~~Thereafter, when a settlement price, in the underlying futures contract occurs at, or passes through, any exercise price, the Exchange shall list all eligible exercise prices in the corresponding ranges on the next Trading Day.~~

~~New options may be listed for trading up to and including the termination of trading.~~

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

#### ~~2. — Options Not in the March Quarterly Cycle~~

~~Exercise prices for options not in the March quarterly cycle listed for trading shall be identical to the exercise prices that are listed for the March quarterly options on the same underlying futures contract. For example, the exercise prices listed for the January contract shall be identical to those listed for the March contract.~~

#### ~~356A01.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.~~

#### ~~356A01.G. — [Reserved]~~

#### ~~356A01.H. — [Reserved]~~

#### ~~356A01.I. — Termination of Trading~~

##### ~~1. — Options in the March Quarterly Cycle~~

~~For options that expire in the March quarterly cycle, options trading shall terminate at the same date and time as the underlying futures contract.~~

##### ~~2. — Options Not in the March Quarterly Cycle~~

~~For options that expire in months other than those in the March quarterly cycle, options trading shall terminate on the third Friday of the contract month. If that day is not a scheduled Exchange Business Day, options trading shall terminate on the first preceding Business Day. In the event that the underlying futures market does not open on the scheduled expiration day, the option expiration shall be extended to the next day on which the underlying futures market is open for trading.~~

#### ~~356A01.J. — [Reserved]~~

### **356A02. — EXERCISE AND ASSIGNMENT**

~~In addition to the applicable procedures and requirements of Chapter 7, the following shall apply to the exercise of the S&P 500/ Value Index options.~~

#### **356A02.A.—Exercise of Option by Buyer**

~~An option may be exercised by the buyer on any Business Day that the option is traded. Exercise of an option is accomplished by the clearing member representing the buyer presenting an exercise notice to the Clearing House by 7:00 p.m. on the day of exercise.~~

~~An option in the March quarterly cycle that is in the money and has not been liquidated or exercised prior to the termination of trading shall, in the absence of contrary instructions delivered to the Clearing House by 7:00 p.m. on the day of the expiration by the clearing member representing the option buyer, be automatically exercised.~~

~~In the money options that expire in months other than those in the March quarterly cycle and have not been liquidated or exercised prior to the termination of trading shall, in the absence of contrary instructions delivered to the Clearing House by 7:00 p.m. on the day of the expiration by the clearing member representing the option buyer, be exercised automatically.~~

#### **356A02.B.—Assignment**

~~Exercise notices accepted by the Clearing House shall be assigned through a process of random selection to clearing members with open short positions in the same series. A clearing member to which an exercise notice is assigned shall be notified thereof as soon as practicable after such notice is assigned by the Clearing House, but not later than 45 minutes prior to the opening of trading in the underlying futures contract on the following Business Day.~~

~~The clearing member assigned an exercise notice shall be assigned a short position in the underlying futures contract if a call was exercised or a long position if a put was exercised. The clearing member representing the option buyer shall be assigned a long position in the underlying futures contract if a call was exercised and a short position if a put was exercised.~~

~~All such futures positions shall be assigned at a price equal to the exercise price of the option and shall be marked to market in accordance with Rule 814 on the Trading Day of acceptance by the Clearing House of the exercise notice.~~

#### **356A03.—[RESERVED]**

#### **356A04.-29.—[RESERVED]**

### **FLEXIBLE OPTIONS**

#### **356A30.—SCOPE OF FLEXIBLE OPTIONS RULES**

~~Unless otherwise noted below, the following flexible options rules supersede the standard option regulations presented in the earlier part of this chapter.~~

#### **356A31.—FLEXIBLE OPTIONS CHARACTERISTICS**

##### **356A31.A.—Nature of Flexible Contracts**

~~Flexible options on Standard and Poor's Value Index futures shall be permitted in puts and calls that do not have the same underlying futures contract, and the same strike price, and the same exercise style, and the same Expiration Date as standard listed options that are already available for trading.~~

~~Trading in standard options under certain flexible trading procedures shall be permitted prior to the listing of such options in the standard options pit or on Globex. Once and if these options are listed for trading as standard options in the standard options pit or on Globex, they will be traded only as standard options in the standard options pit or on Globex subject to the standard option trading requirements. Upon such listing, all existing open positions established under flexible trading procedures shall be fully fungible with transactions in the respective standard option series for all purposes under these regulations.~~

##### **356A31.B.—Trading Unit**

~~The minimum size for requesting a quote and/or trading in a flexible options series is 10 contracts, where each contract represents an option to buy, in the case of the call, or to sell, in the case of the put, one Standard and Poor's Value Index futures contract as specified in Chapter 356. However, parties~~



may request a quote and/or trade for less than 10 contracts in order to entirely close out a position in a flexible series.

Respondents to a request for quote must be willing to trade at least 10 contracts. However, a respondent may trade less than 10 contracts if the respondent is entirely closing out a position in the series.

**356A31.C. — Minimum Fluctuations**

(Refer to Rule 356A01.C. Minimum Fluctuations)

**356A31.D. — Underlying Futures Contracts**

The underlying futures contract for a flexible options shall be any S&P 500/ Value Index futures contract that is currently available for trading, as specified in Chapter 356.

**356A31.E. — Exercise Prices**

Exercise prices shall be stated in terms of the S&P 500/ Value Index futures contract that is deliverable upon exercise of the option and may be at intervals of .10 for all S&P 500/ Value Index levels from .10 through 999.90, e.g., 285.00, 285.10, 285.20, etc. However, for a Request for Quote (RFQ), strike prices may be stated in .10 S&P 500/ Value Index points (futures ticks) relative to the underlying futures contract.

**356A31.F. — Position Limits**

(Refer to Rule 356A01.F.)

**356A31.G. — [Reserved]**

**356C31.H. — [Reserved]**

**356A31.I. — Termination of Trading**

Flexible options Expiration Dates may be specified for any scheduled Exchange Business Day up to and including the day of determination of the Final Settlement Price of the underlying futures contract. If a flexible options expiration occurs on the same day as the day of determination of the Final Settlement Price of its underlying futures contract, flexible options trading shall terminate at the same time as the underlying futures on the Business Day immediately preceding the day of determination of the Final Settlement Price of the underlying futures contract. Otherwise, flexible options trading shall terminate at the close of trading on the Expiration Date specified for the flexible options. In the event that the underlying futures market does not open on the scheduled expiration day, the option expiration shall be extended to the next day on which the underlying futures market is open for trading.

A new flexible options series may be opened on its last day of trading and may be traded on its last day of trading.

**356A31.J. — [Reserved]**

**356A32. — FLEXIBLE OPTIONS EXERCISE**

In addition to the applicable procedures and requirements of Chapter 7, the following shall apply to the exercise of flexible options on S&P Value Index futures.

**356A32.A. — Exercise of Flexible Options by Buyer**

Flexible options may be specified to have either American-style or European-style exercise.

A flexible option with American-style exercise may be exercised by the buyer on any Business Day that the option is traded and also on its Expiration Date. To exercise the option, the clearing member representing the buyer shall present an exercise notice to the Clearing House by 7:00 p.m. on the day of exercise.

A flexible option with European-style exercise may be exercised by the buyer only on the day that the option expires. To exercise the option, the clearing member representing the buyer shall present an exercise notice to the Clearing House by 7:00 p.m. on the day of exercise.

Any flexible options that is in the money and has not been liquidated or exercised prior to its Expiration Date shall, in the absence of contrary instructions delivered to the Clearing House by 7:00 p.m. on the Expiration Date by the clearing member representing the option buyer, be exercised automatically.

**356A32.B.—Assignment**

(Refer to Rule 356A02.B.—Assignment)

**356A33.—[RESERVED]**

**356A34.—INITIATING A FLEXIBLE OPTIONS CONTRACT SERIES**

~~For each trading session, the opening of trading in any flexible options series shall occur through a Request For Quote (RFQ). No RFQs will be accepted within 15 minutes of the daily scheduled closing time of the underlying futures or within 15 minutes prior to the termination of trading of the underlying futures.~~

**356A35.—RESPONSE TIME INTERVAL**

~~No trades against the first RFQ submitted for a flexible options series on any Trading Day may occur immediately upon acceptance of an RFQ by the designated flexible options pit official.~~

**356A36.—RFQ TRADING INTERVAL**

~~A flexible options series shall immediately open for trading following the first RFQ submitted for such flexible options series. Priority for RFQs is determined by order of submission to the RFQ official, except that all RFQs submitted before the open shall be treated equally.~~

**356A37.—EXPIRATION OF AN RFQ**

~~Trading in a given flexible options series following an RFQ shall remain open for the remainder of the trading session.~~

**356A38.—REPORTING OF FLEXIBLE OPTIONS TRADES**

~~It shall be the responsibility of the participants in a flexible options trade to report the quantities and prices to the designated flexible options pit official in a timely manner, including any later trades in open flexible contract term series.~~

~~(End of Chapter 356A)~~

**INTERPRETATIONS AND SPECIAL NOTICES  
RELATING TO CHAPTER 356A**

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## **Chapter 358B**

### **Euro Denominated E-mini Standard and Poor's 500 Stock Price Index Futures**

#### **358B00. SCOPE OF CHAPTER**

This chapter is limited in application to Euro-denominated E-mini Standard and Poor's 500 Stock Price Index ("S&P 500 Index") futures. In addition to this chapter, Euro-denominated E-mini S&P 500 index futures shall be subject to the general rules and regulations of the Exchange as applicable.

For purposes of this chapter, unless otherwise specified, times referred to herein shall refer to and indicate Chicago time.

#### **358B01. CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS**

Each Euro-denominated E-mini Standard and Poor's 500 Stock Price Index futures contract shall be valued at €50.00 times the Standard and Poor's 500 Stock Price Index. The Standard and Poor's Stock Price Index is a value-weighted composite index of 500 stocks.

#### **358B02. TRADING SPECIFICATIONS**

##### **358B02.A. Trading Schedule**

Futures contracts shall be scheduled for trading during such hours and for delivery in such months as may be determined by the Exchange.

##### **358B02.B. Trading Unit**

The unit of trading shall be €50.00 times the Standard and Poor's 500 Stock Price Index.

##### **358B02.C. Price Increments**

Bids and offers shall be quoted in terms of the Standard and Poor's 500 Stock Price Index. The minimum fluctuation of the futures contract shall be .25 index points, equivalent to €12.50 per contract. Trades may also occur in multiples of .05 index points, for Euro-denominated E-mini S&P 500 futures calendar spreads executed as simultaneous transactions pursuant to Rule 542.A.

##### **358B02.D. 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.

##### **358B02.E. [Reserved]**

##### **358B02.F. [Reserved]**

##### **358B02.G. Termination of Trading**

Futures trading shall terminate at the regularly scheduled start of trading at the NYSE on the day scheduled for the determination of the Final Settlement Price.

##### **358B02.H. [Reserved]**

##### **358B02.I. Price Limits and Trading Halts**

The primary Euro-denominated E-mini S&P 500 Index futures contract expiration month, as referenced in this rule, shall be determined by the Exchange. The Exchange shall also determine when the primary futures contract month is limit bid or limit offered. All times referenced in this rule are in Central Time.

**Coordinated Market-Wide Trading Halts:** If a NYSE Rule 80B trading halt is declared in the primary securities market as the result of a Level 1 (7%), Level 2 (13%) or Level 3 (20%) decline in the S&P 500 Index, then trading in Euro-denominated E-mini S&P 500 Index futures contracts shall be halted. When trading in the primary securities market resumes after a NYSE Rule 80B trading halt, trading on the

Euro-denominated E-mini S&P 500 Index futures contract shall resume. At or after 2:25 p.m., the Level 1 (7%) and Level 2 (13%) trading halts in the primary securities market are not applicable. Following the declaration of a Level 3 (20%) trading halt in the primary securities market, there shall be no trading in Euro-denominated E-mini S&P 500 Index futures until trading resumes on the primary securities market on the next Trading Day.

**Reference Price for Exchange Price Limits and Exchange Trading Halts:** Daily price limits in Euro-denominated E-mini S&P 500 Index futures will be established relative to the contract rounded Reference Price ("P") which shall be determined by the Exchange as follows:

Tier 1 — The Reference Price shall be equal to the volume-weighted average price of transactions in the E-mini S&P 500 Index futures contract executed on Globex from 2:59:30 to 3:00:00 p.m.

Tier 2 — If no transactions occur from 2:59:30 to 3:00:00 p.m., the Reference Price shall be the average of the midpoints of each bid/ask spread in the E-mini S&P 500 Index futures contract during that thirty (30) second interval; however, bid/ask spread pairs wider than two (2) ticks (0.50 index points), shall not be included in the calculation to determine the Reference Price.

Tier 3 — If the Reference Price cannot be determined pursuant to Tiers 1 and 2 above, designated Exchange staff shall consider any other information deemed relevant to determine the Reference Price. Alternatives upon which Exchange staff may determine the Reference Price include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) deriving the Reference Price based on the basis relationship to the underlying cash index level; or (2) deriving the Reference Price by repeating Tier 1 or Tier 2 calculations at increasing thirty (30) second increment intervals until data is obtained.

If the Reference Price is not divisible by 0.50 without remainder, then the Reference Price shall be rounded down to the closest 0.50 point increment. The rounded Reference Price ("P") shall be used to determine Price Limits.

In the event of an early close of the primary securities market, the Reference Price shall be determined based upon the time period that corresponds to the last thirty (30) seconds of the primary securities market trading day.

For a newly listed contract expiration month, there will be an implied Reference Price created by the Exchange for the sole purpose of establishing the Price Limits for the first day of trading.

**Exchange Price Limit Levels:** The Price Limits shall be calculated daily based upon the rounded Reference Price, P, and the value of the S&P 500 Index available ten (10) minutes after the close of the primary securities market ("I"). The Offsets used to derive the daily Price Limits shall be calculated as follows:

|            |        |  |
|------------|--------|--|
| 5% Offset  | Equals | 5% of I, or $(0.05 \times I)$ rounded down to the nearest 0.50 point increment   |
| 7% Offset  | Equals | 7% of I or $(0.07 \times I)$ rounded down to the nearest 0.50 point increment    |
| 13% Offset | Equals | 13% of I or $(0.13 \times I)$ , rounded down to the nearest 0.50 point increment |
| 20% Offset | Equals | 20% of I or $(0.20 \times I)$ , rounded down to the nearest 0.50 point increment |

The daily Price Limits for Euro-denominated E-mini S&P 500 Index futures shall be calculated as follows:

|                 |        |   |
|-----------------|--------|---|
| 5% Price Limits | equals | P plus 5% Offset, and P minus 5% Offset |
| 7% Price Limit  | equals | P minus 7% Offset                       |
| 13% Price Limit | equals | P minus 13% Offset                      |
| 20% Price Limit | equals | P minus 20% Offset                      |

**Exchange Price Limits from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m.:** From the start of the new Trading Day at 5:00 p.m. until the suspension of trading at 8:15 a.m., there shall be Price Limits for Euro-denominated E-mini S&P 500 Index futures corresponding to a 5% increase above and a 5% decrease below the

~~previous Trading Day's Reference Price. During this time period, there shall be no trading of Euro denominated E-mini S&P-500 Index Index futures at a price more than the 5% Price Limit above, or less than the 5% Price Limit below, the previous Trading Day's Reference Price.~~

~~If the primary Euro denominated E-mini S&P-500 Index Index futures contract is limit bid or limit offered at 8:15 a.m. and remains limit bid or limit offered at 8:25 a.m., then there shall be a trading halt in effect for the Euro denominated E-mini S&P-500 Index Index futures contract until 8:30 a.m. During the trading halt, the Exchange shall provide an indicative opening for the re-opening of trading in the Euro denominated E-mini S&P-500 Index Index futures contract trading on Globex pursuant to Rule 573.~~

~~**Exchange Price Limits from 8:30 a.m. to 2:25 p.m.:** From 8:30 a.m. up to and including 2:25 p.m., there shall be successive Price Limits corresponding to 7%, 13% and 20% declines below the previous Trading Day's Reference Price. However, if a NYSE Rule 80B trading halt becomes inapplicable, then the corresponding Price Limit in Euro denominated E-mini S&P-500 Index futures contracts shall likewise become inapplicable.~~

~~The 7% Price Limit in Euro denominated E-mini S&P-500 Index futures shall apply until such time that the primary securities market has halted trading because of a Level 1 (7%) decline in the S&P-500 Index, at which time trading in Euro denominated E-mini S&P-500 Index futures shall also be halted. When trading in the primary securities market resumes, the S&P-500 Index futures contract shall reopen with the 13% Price Limit in effect until such time that the primary securities market has halted trading because of a Level 2 (13%) decline in the S&P-500 Index, at which time trading in Euro denominated E-mini S&P-500 Index futures shall also be halted. When trading in the primary securities market resumes, the Euro denominated E-mini S&P-500 Index futures contract shall reopen with the 20% Price Limit in effect. If the primary securities market has halted because of a Level 3 (20%) decline in the S&P-500 Index, then trading in Euro denominated E-mini S&P-500 Index futures shall also be halted. Following a Level 3 (20%) trading halt, trading in Euro denominated E-mini S&P-500 Index futures shall remain halted until the open of the primary securities market on the following Trading Day.~~

~~**Exchange Price Limits from 2:25 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.:** From 2:25 p.m. until the 3:00 p.m. close of the primary securities market, only the 20% Price Limit shall apply.~~

~~**Exchange Price Limits from 3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.:** From the close of the primary securities market at 3:00 p.m. until the end of the current Trading Day at 4:15 p.m., there shall be a Price Limit corresponding to a 5% increase above the current Trading Day's Reference Price. There shall also be a Price Limit corresponding to either a 5% decline below the current Trading Day's Reference Price or the current Trading Day's 20% Price Limit, whichever is nearer to the current Trading Day's Reference Price.~~

### **358B03. SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES**

~~Delivery under the E-mini Euro denominated Standard and Poor's 500 Stock Price Index Futures contract shall be by cash settlement.~~

#### **358B03.A. Final Settlement Price**

~~The Final Settlement Price shall be a special quotation of the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Price Index based on the opening prices of the component stocks in the index, determined on the third Friday of the contract month.~~

~~If the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Price Index is not scheduled to be published on the third Friday of the contract month, the Final Settlement Price shall be determined on the first earlier day for which the Index is scheduled to be published.~~

~~If the primary market for a component stock in the index does not open on the day scheduled for determination of the Final Settlement Price, then the price of that stock shall be determined, for the purposes of calculating the Final Settlement Price, based on the opening price of that stock on the next day that its primary market is open for trading.~~

~~If a component stock in the index does not trade on the day scheduled for determination of the Final Settlement Price while the primary market for that stock is open for trading, the price of that stock shall be determined, for the purposes of calculating the Final Settlement Price, based on the last sale price of that stock. However, if the Exchange determines that there is a reasonable likelihood that trading in the stock shall occur shortly, the Exchange may instruct that the price of stock shall be based, for the purposes of calculating the Final Settlement Price, on the opening price of the stock on the next day that it is traded on its primary market. Factors to be considered in determining whether trading in the stock is likely to occur shortly shall include the nature of the event and recent liquidity levels in the affected stock.~~

**358B03.B.—Final Settlement**

~~Clearing members holding open positions in Euro denominated E-mini Standard and Poor's 500 Stock Price Index futures contracts at the time of termination of trading in that contract shall make payment to or receive payment from the Clearing House in accordance with normal variation performance bond procedures based on a settlement price equal to the final settlement price.~~

~~358B04.—[RESERVED]~~

~~358B05.—[RESERVED]~~

~~358B06.—[RESERVED]~~

~~(End Chapter 358)~~

**INTERPRETATIONS & SPECIAL NOTICES  
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## **Appendix B**

### **Amendments to CME Chapter 5 Position Limit Table**

(attached under separate cover)