

March 6, 2009

Mr. David Stawick Office of the Secretariat Commodity Futures Trading Commission Three Lafayette Centre 1155 21st Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20581

# RE: CME Rule 738.B. ("Physical Delivery Currency Cross-Rate and Israeli Shekel Contracts") CME Submission No. 09-039

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Dear Mr. Stawick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME") hereby notifies the Commission that it has approved an amendment to CME Rule 738.B. ("Physical Delivery Currency Cross-Rate and Israeli Shekel Contracts") that removes the seller's order-to-pay requirement from the delivery process for Israeli Shekel contracts. The Israeli Shekel is subject to a real-time payment system and the order-to-pay option is no longer needed.

The text of the rule amendment appears on the next page, with deletions overstruck.

CME certifies that this change complies with the Commodity Exchange Act and regulations thereunder.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 312.648.5422. Please reference CME Submission No. 09-039 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Stephen M. Szarmack Director and Associate General Counsel

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## 738. FOREIGN CURRENCY SELLER'S DUTIES

### 738.A. U.S. Dollar-Based Currency Contracts, Euro versus Polish Zloty, Hungarian Forint, Czech Koruna Cross-Rate Contracts

The clearing member representing a customer delivering foreign currency in liquidation of his net short position shall, no later than 11:00 a.m. on the last day of trading, present to the Clearing House a Seller's Non-CLS Delivery Commitment.

## 738.B. Physical Delivery Currency Cross-Rate and Israeli Shekel Contracts

The clearing member representing a customer making delivery of a Physical Delivery Currency Cross-Rate or Israeli Shekel Contract, except for cross-rate contracts referenced in Rule 738.A., in liquidation of his position shall, no later than 11:00 a.m. on the last day of trading, present to the Clearing House a Seller's Non-CLS Delivery Commitment. In addition by 1:00 p.m. on the first day preceding the delivery day that is a business day common to the Exchange, Chicago banks and New York City banks, the clearing member shall either deposit, or present a Bank Order to Pay, an amount equal to the trading unit. Such deposit shall be in the form of same-day funds to an account at a bank designated by the Clearing House. The Bank Order to Pay shall be in a form approved by the Clearing House, and shall promise to pay same-day funds on the delivery day. The Seller shall have made all provisions necessary to receive delivery of the minimum-fluctuation currency within the country of issuance. The Seller's clearing member shall be responsible for delivering the foreign currency on the delivery date to a bank designated by the Clearing House. The Exchange reserves the right to eliminate the requirement for sellers to post a Bank Order to Pay in the event that a given country's payments systems, which previously required a prior Bank Order to Pay posting, implements same-day finality of payment.

Subject to the preceding two paragraphs, if the Seller's Non-CLS Delivery Commitment is received later than 11:00 a.m. on the last day of trading, but not later than 8:00 a.m. on the day following the last day of trading, the seller's clearing member shall be assessed a fine on a per-contract basis, the amount to be determined by Exchange staff. Any deliveries memoranda or instructions received subsequent to 8:00 a.m. on the day following the last day of trading, shall be deemed a delivery obligation failure and acted upon in accordance with <u>Rule 743.B</u>.

#### 738.C. Restrictions

From time to time, and frequently without warning, countries change the requirements and the restrictions on non-resident bank accounts. These take various forms including, but not limited to, non-interest-bearing deposit requirements, negative interest rates, prohibitions against investment in the country, ceilings on the amount of deposit and restrictions on the period of time such deposits may be maintained. It is the seller's responsibility to be familiar with and in conformance with all regulations pertaining to the holding of non-resident bank accounts in the country in which he desired to make delivery.