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**By Electronic Mail**

August 28, 2009

Mr. David A. Stawick  
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**Re: 2009-115 NYSE Liffe US LLC – Notice 19/2009 New NYSE Liffe US MSCI  
Emerging Markets, EAFE and USA Mini Index Futures Contracts**

Dear Mr. Stawick:

I am the Chief Regulatory Officer of NYSE Liffe US LLC (“NYSE Liffe US” or the “Exchange”). Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended (the “Act”), and U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission Regulations (“Regulations”) Sections 40.2 and 40.6, I enclose a Cover Sheet for NYSE Liffe US Submission 2009-115 and NYSE Liffe US Notice 19/2009 which provides the formal announcement of the launch by the Exchange of trading in its new MSCI Emerging Markets Mini Index Futures, MSCI EAFE Mini Index Futures and MSCI USA Mini Index Futures Contracts (“MSCI Mini Index Futures Contracts”). The Exchange has determined that each of the indices on which the MSCI Mini Index Futures Contracts are based is not a narrow-based security index.

Notice 19/2009 provides a summary of the product specifications for each of these new futures contracts and amends the Exchange’s Rulebook by adding new Chapters 30, 31 and 32 which set forth the contract specifications for these new futures contracts. These amendments will be effective as of September 7, 2009.

NYSE Liffe US hereby certifies that (i) the MSCI Mini Index Futures Contracts, (ii) Notice 19/2009 and (iii) new Chapters 30, 31 and 32 (and related amendments) of its Rules comply with the Act and the Regulations.

If you have any questions, please call me at (212) 656-4568.

With best regards,

Karl D. Cooper

Enclosures



## NYSE LIFFE U.S. NOTICE No. 19/2009

ISSUE DATE: August 28, 2009  
EFFECTIVE DATE: September 7, 2009

### NYSE Liffe U.S. – Listing of Futures on MSCI EAFE, MSCI Emerging Markets, and MSCI USA Indices

#### Summary

This Notice provides Members with a summary of product specifications, and certain key processes and procedures associated with NYSE Liffe US's launch of Futures on the MSCI Emerging Markets, MSCI EAFE and MSCI USA Indices commencing with the September 8, 2009 Trading Session. In addition, attached to the Notice are the new Rule Chapters being added to the Exchange's Rulebook setting forth the contract specifications for the new Contracts and related technical amendments.

#### 1. Introduction and Background

- 1.1 NYSE Liffe US officially announced on August 5, 2009 the intention to list for trading Futures on the MSCI Emerging Markets, MSCI EAFE, and MSCI USA Indices ("Futures on MSCI Indices") effective trade date September 8, 2009.
- 1.2 NYSE Liffe US officially announced in Q4 2008 the selection of The Options Clearing Corporation as its clearing service provider effective trade date March 30, 2009 pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Exchange's Rules. As such, Futures on MSCI Indices will clear via OCC.

#### 2. Launch of Trading and Trading Hours

- 2.1 Trading in MSCI Emerging Market Mini Index Futures and MSCI EAFE Mini Index Futures will start at 7:16 pm NY on September 7, 2009 for the September 8, 2009 Trading Session. Trading in MSCI USA Mini Index Futures will start at 3:00 am NY on September 8, 2009.
- 2.2 From there on, Futures on MSCI Indices will be open for trading daily during the following hours:

Web site: [www.nyx.com](http://www.nyx.com)

NYSE Euronext's U.S. Futures Market, NYSE Liffe U.S., is a U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission designated contract market.

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<b>Contract Name</b>	<b>Trading Hours (NY time)</b>
MSCI Emerging Markets Mini Index Futures	7:16pm-5:00pm
MSCI EAFE Mini Index Futures	7:16pm-5:00pm
MSCI USA Mini Index Futures	3:00am-5:00pm

### **3. Delivery Months Available for Trading**

- 3.1 At launch, the following Delivery Months will be available for trading for each of the Futures on MSCI Indices: September 2009, December 2009, March 2010 and June 2010.
- 3.2 Thereafter, the Exchange will make Delivery Months available for trading on the following basis. At the opening of trading during the Trading Session following the expiration of a Contract, the Exchange will list the next available Delivery Month in the March, June, September and December quarterly cycle so that at the opening of trading for each Trading Session there are four Delivery Months available for trading.

### **4. Daily and Final Settlement Times and Procedures**

- 4.1 Daily settlement will take place for all Futures on MSCI Indices at 4:15 pm NY.
- 4.2 To establish the official daily settlement prices for the Futures on MSCI Indices, the Exchange will primarily utilize the best bid and offer of the relevant Contract at 4:15 pm NY and take the midpoint as the daily settlement price. However, in calculating settlement prices, the Exchange may also take into consideration the prevailing spread values between Delivery Months, Index levels and prices in related markets.
- 4.3 Final settlement price upon expiration will take place on the third Friday of the expiration month. Timing associated with expiration of each contract will be as follows:

<b>Contract Name</b>	<b>Last Trade Date/Time (NY)</b>
MSCI Emerging Markets Mini Index Futures	3rd Friday of the month/4:15 pm
MSCI EAFE Mini Index Futures	3rd Friday of the month/11:00 am
MSCI USA Mini Index Futures	3rd Friday of the month/9:30 am

- 4.4 Final cash settlement values will be established as set forth in Rules 3004(b) (MSCI EAFE Mini Index Futures), 3104(b) (MSCI Emerging Markets Mini Index Futures) and 3204(b) (MSCI USA Mini Index Futures).

### **5. Exchange and Clearing Fees**

- 5.1 An exchange fee holiday will be in place for all transactions associated in Futures on MSCI Indices. This fee holiday will be in effect through close of business on December 31, 2009.

- 5.2 All transactions in MSCI Emerging Markets Mini Index Futures, MSCI EAFE Mini Index Futures and MSCI USA Mini Index Futures will be subject to a NYSE Liffe U.S. operations fee of \$0.03 per lot per side.
- 5.3 Standard OCC fees will apply to these contracts. OCC will utilize its Schedule of Fees for NYSE Liffe U.S. products as detailed on <http://www.theocc.com/about/schedule.jsp>

**6. Block Trading Facilities**

- 6.1 NYSE Liffe U.S. Notice 6/2009 sets forth the procedure for submission of a Block Trade in accordance with Exchange Rule 423. Block Trades will be permissible in all Futures on MSCI Indices. Block Trades will be permissible in both outright and calendar spread transactions, in all delivery months available for trading on the NYSE Liffe US Trading Platform.
- 6.2 The minimum number of Contracts of a permitted Block Trade in MSCI Emerging Markets Mini Index Futures and MSCI EAFE Mini Index Futures is 50 Contracts for outright trades and 25 Contracts per leg for calendar spread trades. The minimum number of Contracts of a permitted block trade in MSCI USA Mini Index Futures is 100 Contracts for outright trades and 50 Contracts per leg for calendar spread trades.
- 6.3 Members are reminded that they are required to accurately make any post trade adjustments associated with the correct reporting of account information for Block Trades in their back office software before the end of the trading day.

**7. Position Limits and Reportable Positions**

- 7.1 Pursuant to NYSE Liffe US Rules 419, 420, 3004(e), 3104(e) and 3204(e), the Exchange has determined that the following reportable position levels and position limits will apply to Futures on MSCI Indices:

<b>Futures contract</b>	<b>All months combined</b>	<b>Reportable futures level</b>
MSCI EAFE Mini Index Futures	10,000	200
MSCI Emerging Markets Mini Index Futures	10,000	200
MSCI USA Mini Index Futures	20,000	200

**8. Initial Margin Levels and Available Offsets**

- 8.1 NYSE Liffe US minimum customer initial margin levels and variation margin levels for Futures on MSCI Indices can be found via the following link: <http://www.nyse.com/pdfs/mscimarginrequirements.pdf> . The Exchange has the authority to amend these minimum customer margin levels from time to time based on market conditions in accordance with Rules 516 through 521. Additionally, pursuant to Rule 516(b) allowable customer margin offsets have been calculated. These can also be found via the following link: <http://www.nyse.com/pdfs/mscimarginrequirements.pdf>

8.2 Margin charged to Clearing Members is set by the OCC as the Exchange's Clearing Service Provider pursuant to the OCC's margin methodology which is described on the OCC's website at the following link:  
<http://www.optionsclearing.com/products/margin.jsp>

**9. Dynamic Price Limits and No Bust Ranges**

9.1 NYSE Liffe U.S. Notice No. 09/2008, issued on September 4, 2008, informed Members of the Error Trade Policy and Trade Cancellations and Price Adjustments. This notice set forth the initial dynamic price limits and No Bust Ranges in place for Precious Metals Futures and was further amended by NYSE Liffe U.S. Notice No. 17/2009, issued June 24, 2009.

9.2 As with Precious Metals Futures, all incoming orders are subject to dynamic price limit levels. These are put in place to prevent the execution of orders with manifest pricing errors. For Futures Contracts, dynamic price limits are calculated from a base level which itself is calculated from a combination of the last trade and the mid-point between the bid and offer for the most actively traded front month and for the back Delivery Months with reference to spread relationships with the front Delivery Month.

9.3 Dynamic price limits are monitored throughout the entire trading day, including pre-open, and may be adjusted by NYSE Liffe US Market Operations officials to reflect current market conditions. Orders submitted that fall outside price limits will automatically be rejected by the Trading Engine, and the originating trader will be notified via their front end trading application.

9.4 The following thresholds will be set as the dynamic price limits and No Bust Ranges for Futures on MSCI Indices, expressed in ticks from the current base level:

<b>Contract</b>	<b>Price Limit</b>
MSCI EAFE Mini Index Futures	+/- 15
MSCI Emerging Markets Mini Index Futures	+/- 15
MSCI USA Mini Index Futures	+/- 15

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**Appendix to NYSE Liffe US Notice 19/2009**  
**Amendments and Additions to the NYSE Liffe US Rules**  
**In Connection with the Listing of MSCI Emerging Markets Mini Index Futures,**  
**MSCI EAFE Mini Index Futures and MSCI USA Mini Index Futures**

**CHAPTER 1**  
**DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

**Definitions**

101. through 121.

No changes.

**122. Delivery Month**

The term "Delivery Month" means, with respect to any Contract, the month in which either (i) delivery of an Underlying Commodity is to be made, or (ii) the cash settlement of the Contract is to occur, pursuant to the terms of such Contract.

123. through 157.

No changes, other than renumbering.

**Rules of Interpretation**

No changes.

**CHAPTERS 2 THROUGH 17**

No Changes.

**CHAPTERS 18 THROUGH 29**

[Reserved]

**CHAPTER 30**  
**MSCI EAFE Mini Index FUTURES**

**3001. Scope of Chapter**

This chapter is limited in application to trading of MSCI EAFE Mini Index Futures. The procedures for trading, clearing, settlement, and any other matters not specifically covered herein shall be governed by the general Rules of the Exchange.

### **3002. Contract Specifications**

(a) Each futures contract shall be for \$50.00 times the MSCI EAFE Index Value. The MSCI EAFE Index (Europe, Australasia, Far East) is a free-float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets, excluding the United States and Canada. As of June 2007, the MSCI EAFE Index consisted of the following 21 developed market country indices: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.

(b) The MSCI EAFE Index is subject to change by MSCI, Inc. or any of its relevant affiliates ("MSCI") as set forth in the MSCI Global Investable Market Indices Methodology: *Index Construction Objectives, Guiding Principles and Methodology for the MSCI Global Investable Market Indices* as that document is amended, updated and replaced from time-to-time. Pursuant to the terms of the license granted by MSCI to the Exchange, under certain circumstances, the Exchange may become responsible for maintaining, changing or amending the index upon which the Futures specified in this Chapter is valued.

(c) The terms and conditions of the Futures specified in this Chapter are deemed to include any relevant governmental, regulatory or court decree or order as recognized by the Exchange in a Notice to Members.

### **3003. Trading Specifications**

Trading in MSCI EAFE Mini Index Futures shall be conducted in March, June, September and December delivery months. The number of months open for trading at a given time shall be determined by the Exchange.

#### **(a) Trading Schedule**

The hours of trading in MSCI EAFE Mini Index Futures shall be determined by the Exchange. On the last day of trading in an expiring future, the closing time for such future shall be 11 a.m. New York time.

#### **(b) Trading Unit**

The unit of trading shall be \$50.00 times the MSCI EAFE Index.

#### **(c) Price Increments**

The minimum price fluctuation for the MSCI EAFE Mini Index Futures shall be 0.10 Index Points, which is \$5.00 per contract. Contracts shall not be made on any other price basis.

#### **(d) Reserved**

#### **(e) Position Limits**

In accordance with Rule 420, Position Limits, no person shall own or control positions in excess of 10,000 futures-equivalent contracts net long or net short in any single contract month or all months combined. Refer to Rule 420 for requirements

concerning the aggregation of positions and allowable exemptions from the specified position limits.

(f) **Termination of Trading**

The last day of trading for each MSCI EAFE Mini Index Futures shall be the third Friday of the contract month.

**3004. Cash Settlement Procedures**

(a) **Settlement**

MSCI EAFE Mini Index Futures open at the termination of trading shall be cash settled as set forth in sub-sections (b) and (c) below.

(b) **Final Settlement Value**

The final settlement value for purposes of the contract's cash settlement shall be the MSCI EAFE Index as calculated by MSCI rounded to the nearest 1/100<sup>th</sup> of an index point. This value shall be based on the closing prices of the stocks at their respective primary exchanges on the third Friday of the contract month. Closing prices shall be converted from local currency to U.S. Dollars based on the spot exchange rate provided by Reuters at 4:00 pm London time on the day of the final settlement price calculation. 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 most recent closing price of that stock. If one or more primary exchange(s) are not scheduled to be open for trading on the day of the final settlement calculation, the prices of those stocks shall be based on the most recent closing prices. All closing prices will be converted from local currency to U.S. Dollars based on the spot exchange rate provided by Reuters at 4:00 pm London time on the day of final settlement price calculation. In the event of an unscheduled close of one or more primary exchange(s) due to unforeseen circumstances, MSCI will use the most recent available prices for the purposes of calculating the Final Settlement Price. All prices will be converted from local currency to U.S. Dollars based on the spot exchange rate provided by Reuters at 4:00 pm London time on the day of final settlement price calculation.

(c) **Final Settlement Payment**

Payment in final settlement of an MSCI Mini Index Futures will be made at the Clearing Service Provider's settlement time as defined in its rules for exchange transactions on the business day following the termination of trading by clearing members with open positions at the time of termination of trading of the MSCI Mini Index Futures Contract. The amount of the final settlement payment to be made or received will be calculated based on the final settlement value set forth in subparagraph (b) as a normal variation payment.



### **3005. Notice**

The MSCI EAFE Mini Index Futures are not sponsored, endorsed, sold or promoted by MSCI Inc. ("MSCI"), any affiliate of MSCI or any other party involved in, or related to, making or compiling any Indexes. The MSCI EAFE Mini Index Futures have not been passed on by MSCI, any of its affiliates or any other party involved in, or related to, making or compiling any Indexes as to their legality or suitability with respect to any person or entity. MSCI, its affiliates and any other party involved in, or related to, making or compiling the MSCI EAFE Index do not guarantee the originality, accuracy and/or completeness of the MSCI EAFE Index or any data included therein. Neither MSCI, any of its affiliates nor any other party involved in, or related to, making or compiling the MSCI EAFE Index makes any express or implied warranties, and expressly disclaims all warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose or use with respect to the Contract, the MSCI EAFE Index or any data included therein. Without limiting any of the foregoing, in no event shall MSCI, any of its affiliates or any other party involved in, or related to, making or compiling the MSCI EAFE Index have any liability for any direct, special, punitive, indirect, or consequential damages (including lost profits), even if notified of the possibility of such damages, claims, losses or expenses relating to any futures or options contracts or caused by any errors or delays in calculating or disseminating the MSCI EAFE Index. Neither MSCI, any of its affiliates nor any other party involved in, or related to, making or compiling the MSCI EAFE Index has any obligation to take the needs of the issuers of the Contracts, the owners of the MSCI EAFE Mini Index Futures or the Exchange into consideration in determining, composing or calculating any MSCI Indexes. Neither MSCI, its affiliates nor any other party involved in, or related to, making or compiling the MSCI EAFE Index is responsible for or have participated in the determination of the timing of, prices at, or quantities of the MSCI EAFE Mini Index Futures to be issued or in the determination or calculation of the equation by which the MSCI EAFE Mini Index Futures are redeemable for cash.

## **CHAPTER 31**

### **MSCI Emerging Markets Mini Index FUTURES**

#### **3101. Scope of Chapter**

This chapter is limited in application to trading of MSCI EMERGING MARKETS Mini Index Futures. The procedures for trading, clearing, settlement, and any other matters not specifically covered herein shall be governed by the general Rules of the Exchange.

#### **3102. Contract Specifications**

(a) Each futures contract shall be for \$50.00 times the MSCI Emerging Markets Index Value. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index is a free-float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of emerging markets. As of June 2009 the MSCI Emerging Markets Index consisted of the following 22 emerging market country indices: Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Israel, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Russia, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, and Turkey.

(b) The MSCI EMERGING MARKETS Index is subject to change by MSCI, Inc. as set forth in the MSCI Global Investable Market Indices Methodology: Index Construction Objectives, Guiding Principles and Methodology for the MSCI Global Investable Market Indices as that document is amended, updated and replaced from time-to-time. Pursuant to the terms of the license granted by MSCI to the Exchange, under certain circumstances, the Exchange may become responsible for maintaining, changing or amending the index upon which the Futures specified in this Chapter is valued.

(c) The terms and conditions of the Futures specified in this Chapter are deemed to include any relevant governmental, regulatory or court decree or order as recognized by the Exchange in a Notice to Members.

### **3103. Trading Specifications**

Trading in MSCI Emerging Markets Mini Index Futures shall be conducted in March, June, September and December delivery months. The number of months open for trading at a given time shall be determined by the Exchange.

#### **(a) Trading Schedule**

The hours of trading in MSCI EMERGING MARKETS Index Futures shall be determined by the Exchange. On the last day of trading in an expiring future, the closing time for such future shall be 4:15 p.m. New York time.

#### **(b) Trading Unit**

The unit of trading shall be \$50.00 times the MSCI Emerging Markets Index.

#### **(c) Price Increments**

The minimum price fluctuation for the MSCI Emerging Markets Index Future shall be 0.10 Index Points, which is \$5.00 per contract. Contracts shall not be made on any other price basis.

#### **(d) [Reserved]**

#### **(e) Position Limits**

In accordance with Rule 420, Position Limits, no person shall own or control positions in excess of 10,000 futures-equivalent contracts net long or net short in any single contract month or all months combined. Refer to Rule 420 for requirements concerning the aggregation of positions and allowable exemptions from the specified position limits.

#### **(f) Termination of Trading**

The last day of trading for each MSCI Emerging Markets Mini Index Futures shall be the third Friday of the contract month.

### **3104. Cash Settlement Procedures**

#### **(a) Settlement**

MSCI Emerging Markets Mini Index Futures open at the termination of trading shall be cash settled as set forth in sub-sections (b) and (c) below.

#### **(b) Final Settlement Value**

The final settlement value for purposes of the contract's cash settlement shall be the MSCI Emerging Markets Index as calculated by MSCI rounded to the nearest 1/100<sup>th</sup> of an index point. This value shall be based on the closing prices of the stocks at their respective primary exchanges on the third Friday of the contract month. Closing prices shall be converted from local currency to U.S. Dollars based on the spot exchange rate provided by Reuters at 4:00 pm London time on the day of the final settlement price calculation. 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 most recent closing price of that stock. If one or more primary exchange(s) are not scheduled to be open for trading on the day of the final settlement calculation, the prices of those stocks shall be based on the most recent closing prices. All closing prices will be converted from local currency to U.S. Dollars based on the spot exchange rate provided by Reuters at 4:00 pm London time on the day of final settlement price calculation. In the event of an unscheduled close of one or more primary exchange(s) due to unforeseen circumstances, MSCI will use the most recent available prices for the purposes of calculating the Final Settlement Price. All prices will be converted from local currency to U.S. Dollars based on the spot exchange rate provided by Reuters at 4:00 pm London time on the day of final settlement price calculation.

#### **(c) Final Settlement Payment**

Payment in final settlement of an MSCI Emerging Markets Mini Index Futures will be made at the Clearing Service Provider's settlement time as defined in its rules for exchange transactions on the business day following the termination of trading by clearing members with open positions at the time of termination of trading of the MSCI Mini Index Futures Contract. The amount of the final settlement payment to be made or received will be calculated based on the final settlement value set forth in sub-paragraph (b) as a normal variation payment.

### **3105. Notice**

The MSCI Emerging Markets Mini Index Futures are not sponsored, endorsed, sold or promoted by MSCI Inc. ("MSCI"), any affiliate of MSCI or any other party involved in, or related to, making or compiling any Indexes. The MSCI Emerging Markets Mini Index Futures have not been passed on by MSCI, any of its affiliates or any other party involved in, or related to, making or compiling any Indexes as to their legality or suitability with respect to any person or entity. MSCI, its affiliates and any other party involved in, or related to, making or compiling the MSCI Emerging Markets Index do not guarantee the originality, accuracy and/or completeness of the MSCI Emerging Markets Index or any data included

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## **CHAPTER 32** **MSCI USA Mini Index FUTURES**

### **3201. Scope of Chapter**

This chapter is limited in application to trading of MSCI USA Mini Index Futures. The procedures for trading, clearing, settlement, and any other matters not specifically covered herein shall be governed by the general Rules of the Exchange.

### **3202. Contract Specifications**

(a) Each futures contract shall be for \$50.00 times the MSCI USA Index Value. The MSCI USA Index is a free-float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of the United States of America.

(b) The MSCI USA Index is subject to change by MSCI, Inc. as set forth in the MSCI Global Investable Market Indices Methodology: *Index Construction Objectives, Guiding Principles and Methodology for the MSCI Global Investable Market Indices* as that document is amended, updated and replaced from time-to-time. Pursuant to the terms of the license granted by MSCI to the Exchange, under certain circumstances, the Exchange may become responsible for maintaining, changing or amending the index upon which the Futures specified in this Chapter is valued.

(c) The terms and conditions of the Futures specified in this Chapter are deemed to include any relevant governmental, regulatory or court decree or order as recognized by the Exchange in a Notice to Members.

### 3203. Trading Specifications

Trading in MSCI USA Mini Index Futures shall be conducted in March, June, September and December delivery months. The number of months open for trading at a given time shall be determined by the Exchange.

#### (a) Trading Schedule

The hours of trading in MSCI USA Mini Index Futures shall be determined by the Exchange. On the last day of trading in an expiring future, the closing time for such future shall be 9:30 a.m. New York time.

#### (b) Trading Unit

The unit of trading shall be \$50.00 times the MSCI USA Index.

#### (c) Price Increments

The minimum price fluctuation for the MSCI USA Mini Index Futures shall be 0.10 Index Points, which is \$5.00 per contract. Contracts shall not be made on any other price basis.

#### (d) Daily Price Limits

The Exchange, by Notice to Members, may announce the imposition of daily price limits for the MSCI USA Mini Index Futures, as set forth in this sub-paragraph. For purposes of this sub-paragraph the "Front Month" MSCI USA Mini Index Future will be such Futures closest to expiration.

(1) If announced by the Exchange, there will be price limits corresponding to declines of 10.0%, 20.0% and 30.0% which are calculated at the beginning of each calendar quarter, based upon the average Settlement Price of the nearest Front Month Futures during the month prior to the beginning of the quarter ("ASP"). The 10.00% price limit will be 10% of the ASP rounded to the nearest integral multiple of ten index points ("First Limit Value"). The 20.0% price limit will be two times the First Limit Value ("Second Limit Value"). The 30.0% price limit shall be three (3) times the First Limit ("Third Limit Value"). For each trading session, the daily price limits corresponding to the First, Second and Third Limit Values' shall equal the previous trading session's Settlement Price less the First, Second and Third Limit Values (respectively, the "First DPL," "Second DPL" and "Third DPL").

(2) If the Exchange determines that the Front Month MSCI USA Mini Index Futures would be traded, or would be offered, at a price that is below the First DPL, trading shall cease in all MSCI USA Mini Index Futures for a period to be determined by the Exchange with notice provided to market participants of the time the market shall reopen. The Second DPL will apply to such reopening. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the First DPL has not been reached by or after 2:30 p.m. New York Time, the Second DPL becomes the applicable price limit for the remainder of the trading day.

(3) If the Front Month MSCI USA Mini Index Futures would be traded, or would be offered, at a price that is below the Second DPL, trading will cease in all MSCI USA Mini Index Futures for a period to be determined by the Exchange with notice provided to market participants for the time the market shall reopen. The Third DPL will apply to such reopening.

(4) No trade in any MSCI USA Mini Index Futures may occur at a price below the Third DPL for any such Futures.

**(e) Trading Halts on Underlying Securities Exchanges**

On any Business Day when a general trading halt occurs on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE") pursuant to NYSE Rule 80B, or any other relevant national securities exchange, trading in the MSCI USA Mini Index Futures shall be halted. Once trading in the primary securities market resumes after an NYSE Rule 80B trading halt or similar rule on another relevant national securities exchange, trading in the MSCI USA Mini Index Futures Contracts shall resume and the next applicable price limit shall apply.

**(f) Position Limits**

In accordance with Rule 420, Position Limits, no person shall own or control positions in excess of 20,000 futures-equivalent contracts net long or net short in any single contract month or all months combined. Refer to Rule 420 for requirements concerning the aggregation of positions and allowable exemptions from the specified position limits.

**(g) Termination of Trading**

The last day of trading for each MSCI USA Mini Index Futures shall be the third Friday of the contract month.

**3204. Cash Settlement Procedures**

**(a) Settlement**

MSCI USA Mini Index Futures open at the termination of trading shall be cash settled as set forth in sub-sections (b) and (c) below.

**(b) Final Settlement Value**

The final settlement value for purposes of the contract's cash settlement shall be the MSCI USA Mini Index as calculated by MSCI rounded to the nearest 1/100<sup>th</sup> of an index point. This value shall be based on a special opening quotation. The Special Opening Quotation shall be a special quotation of the Index based on the opening prices of the component stocks in the index, determined on the third Friday of the contract month. If the Index is not scheduled to be published on the third Friday of the contract month, the Special Opening Quotation 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 Special Opening Quotation, then the price of that stock shall be determined, for the purposes of calculating the Special Opening Quotation, based on the opening price of that stock on the next day 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 Special Opening Quotation 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 Special Opening Quotation, based on the last sale price of that stock.

**(c) Final Settlement Payment**

Payment in final settlement of an MSCI USA Index Futures will be made at the Clearing Service Provider's settlement time as defined in its rules for exchange transactions on the business day following the termination of trading by clearing members with open positions at the time of termination of trading of the MSCI Index Futures Contract. The amount of the final settlement payment to be made or received will be calculated based on the final settlement value set forth in sub-paragraph (b) as a normal variation payment

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