



## Special Executive Report

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### **CME to Launch E-Mini NASDAQ 100 Options on CME Globex®**

As approved by the Executive Committee on November 8, 2004, CME will be launching options on the E-Mini NASDAQ 100 futures contract for trading on CME Globex on **Sunday, November 21, 2004**. In addition to the launch, the following measures will be implemented:

- CME Globex fee waiver for all customers effective November 21, 2004 through June 2005.
- A cap of \$200 per day for members
- A CME Globex order entry quantity limit of 1,500.

Please reference the contract specifications and associated rules below.

**Contract Specifications on  
E-Mini NASDAQ 100 Index  
Futures and Options**

	<b>Futures</b>	<b>Options on Futures</b>
<b>Contract Size</b>	\$20 times Nasdaq 100 Index	One E-Mini Nasdaq 100 Index Futures Contract
<b>Contract Months</b>	Nearest two months in the March Quarterly Cycle	Same as Futures plus 1 <sup>st</sup> two "Serial" or Non Quarterly Cycle Months
<b>CME Globex Trading Hours</b>	Mon/Thurs 5:00 p.m.-3:15 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.; Shutdown period from 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. nightly; Sun & Hol 5:00 p.m.-3:15 p.m.	Same as Futures
<b>Minimum Price Fluctuation</b>	0.50 Index Points or \$10.00	0.05 Index Points or \$1.00; Cabinet = 0.025 Index Points or \$0.50
<b>Price Limits</b>	2.5%, 5%, 10%, 15% and 20% Limits - see Rulebook for Details	No Limits
<b>Position Limits</b>	5,000 Standard Sized Nasdaq 100 Contracts or the Combined Futures Equivalent	5,000 Standard Sized Nasdaq 100 Contracts or the Combined Futures Equivalent
<b>Final Settlement Date</b>	The third Friday of the Contract Month	-
<b>Last Trading Day</b>	The Third Friday of Contract Month	The Third Friday of Contract Month (Quarterlies until 8:30am, Serials until 3:15pm)
<b>Final Settlement Price</b>	Nasdaq 100 Index as Calculated with a Volume Weighted Average during the Initial Five Minutes of Trade of any Constituent Stock	-
<b>Exercise Price Interval (Index Points)</b>	-	10 Index Points (American Style)
<b>Strike Listings</b>	-	10 up and down

**CHAPTER 359A**  
**OPTIONS ON E-MINI**  
**NASDAQ 100 INDEX® FUTURES**

**359A00. SCOPE OF CHAPTER**

This chapter is limited in application to trading in put and call options on the E-Mini Nasdaq 100 Index futures contract ("E-Mini Nasdaq 100 options"). The procedures for trading, clearing, inspection, delivery and settlement and any other matters not specifically covered herein shall be governed by the rules of the Exchange.

**359A01. OPTION CHARACTERISTICS**

**359A01.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 Board of Directors.

There shall be no trading in any option contract when the Nasdaq 100 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 35902.I.

For purposes of this rule, the primary E-Mini Nasdaq 100 Index futures contract shall be defined as the nearest E-Mini Nasdaq 100 Index future contract month.

For purposes of this rule, Exchange staff 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.

**359A01.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 E-Mini Nasdaq 100 Index futures contract as specified in Chapter 359.

**359A01.C. Minimum Fluctuations**

The price of an option shall be quoted in index point. Each .01 index point shall represent \$0.20. The minimum fluctuation shall be 0.05 index points (also known as one tick), equivalent to \$1.00 per contract. Trades may also occur at a price of 0.025 index points (\$0.50, also known as one-half tick), whether or not such trades result in the liquidation of positions for both parties to the trade.

**359A01.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 future contract.

**359A01.E. Exercise Prices**

The exercise prices shall be stated in terms of the E-Mini Nasdaq 100 Index futures contract which is deliverable upon exercise of the option. The exercise prices shall be integers divisible by 10 without remainder, e.g., 2000, 2010, 2020, 2030, etc.

At the commencement of option trading for E-Mini Nasdaq 100 option contracts the Exchange shall list all eligible exercise prices in a range of 100 index points above and below the previous day's settlement price of the E-Mini Nasdaq 100 Index futures contract.

Thereafter, when a daily settlement price in the underlying futures contract occurs at, or passes through, any exercise price, the Exchange shall list on the next trading day put and call options with all eligible exercise prices in the above ranges.

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

**359A01.F. Position Limits**

No person shall own or control a combination of options and underlying futures contracts that exceeds 5,000 Nasdaq 100 futures-equivalent contracts net on the same side of the market in all contract months combined. For the purposes of this rule, each E-Mini Nasdaq 100 futures-equivalent contract shall be deemed equal to one-fifth (0.20) of a Nasdaq 100 Stock Price Index futures-equivalent contract.

For the purpose of this rule, the futures equivalent of an option contract is 1 times the previous business day's IOM risk factor for the option series. Also for purposes of this rule, a long call option, a short put option, and a long underlying futures contract are on the same side of the market; similarly, a short call option, a long put option, and a short underlying futures contract are on the same side of the market.

**359A01.G. Accumulation of Positions**

For the purposes of this rule, the positions of all accounts directly or indirectly owned or controlled by a person or persons, and the positions of all accounts of a person or persons acting pursuant to an expressed or implied agreement or understanding, and the positions of all accounts in which a person or persons have a proprietary or beneficial interest, shall be cumulated.

### **359A01.H. Exemptions**

The foregoing position limits shall not apply to commercially appropriate risk reducing option positions defined in accordance with Regulation §1.3(z)(1) of the CFTC and meeting the requirements of Rule 543.A. and shall not apply to other option positions subject to Rule 543.

### **359A01.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.

### **359A01.J. Contract Modification**

Specifications shall be fixed as of the first day of trading of a contract except that all options must conform to government regulations in force at the time of exercise. If the U.S. government, an agency, or duly constituted body thereof issues an order, ruling, directive, or law inconsistent with these rules, such order, ruling, directive, or law shall be construed to become part of these rules and all open and new options contracts shall be subject to such governmental orders.

### **359A02. EXERCISE**

In addition to the applicable procedures and requirements of Chapter 7, the following shall apply to the exercise of the E-Mini Nasdaq 100 Index options.

#### **359A02.A. Exercise of Option by Buyer**

An option may be exercised by the buyer on any business day that the option is traded. To exercise an 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.

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 business day following the termination of trading by the clearing member representing the option buyer, be exercised automatically.

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 termination of trading 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.

#### **359A02.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 before 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 is exercised. The clearing member representing the option buyer shall be assigned a long position in the underlying futures contract if a call is exercised and a short position if a put is 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 following acceptance by the Clearing House of the exercise notice.

#### **359A03. EMERGENCIES, ACTS OF GOD, ACTS OF GOVERNMENT**

If exercise, assignment, or delivery or any precondition or requirement thereof is prevented by a strike, fire, accident, act of government or act of God, the seller or buyer shall immediately notify the Exchange President. If the President determines that emergency action may be necessary, he shall call a special meeting of the Board of Directors and arrange for the presentation of evidence respecting the emergency condition. If the Board determines that an emergency exists, it shall take such action as it deems necessary under the circumstances and its decision shall be binding upon all parties to the contract.

**(End Chapter 359A)**

**INTERPRETATIONS AND SPECIAL NOTICES  
RELATING TO CHAPTER 359A**

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**Rule Amendment for CME Globex Order Entry Quantity Limit**  
(Additions are underlined and deletions are bracketed and struck out)

**557.B. Execution of Orders**

1. Orders of any quantity may be accepted for stock index futures and options on stock index futures for entry on the GLOBEX System. However, orders exceeding 400 futures contracts must be entered on the GLOBEX System as multiple entries each of which must not exceed 400 contracts. Orders exceeding 1,500 contracts in options on the E-mini S&P 500 futures and E-mini NASDAQ 100 futures contracts must be entered on the GLOBEX System as multiple entries each of which must not exceed 1,500 contracts. This restriction shall not apply to TRAKRS contracts where orders of any quantity may be entered, within normal GLOBEX System limitations.

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