



Special Executive Report

DATE: November 8, 2024

SER#: 9462

SUBJECT: **Amendments to the Floating Price Rule of the Cobalt Hydroxide CIF China (Fastmarkets) Futures Contract Commencing with the January 2026 Contract Month and Beyond**

Effective November 26, 2024, and pending all relevant CFTC regulatory review periods, Commodity Exchange, Inc. ("COMEX" or "Exchange") will amend Rule 643101. ("Contract Specifications") of the Cobalt Hydroxide CIF China (Fastmarkets) Futures contract (Rulebook Chapter [643](#); Commodity Code: COH) (the "Contract") to change the calculation of the Floating Price of the Contract commencing with the January 2026 contract month and beyond (collectively, the "Rule Amendments").

Pursuant to the Rule Amendments, commencing with the January 2026 contract month and beyond, the Exchange will utilize the arithmetic average of all spot prices for "**Cobalt hydroxide 30% Co min, cif China, \$/lb**" published by Fastmarkets during each contract month for the calculation of the Floating Price of the Contract. Currently, "**Cobalt hydroxide, min 30% Co, inferred, China, \$ per lb**" is utilized for the calculation of the Floating Price of the Contract. The Exchange is implementing the Rule Amendments to the Floating Price calculation methodology to more closely align the Contract with existing market trading practices.

No value differential will be applied as a result of the Rule Amendments since the product specifications and delivery locations of the current and amended Floating Price calculation are unchanged.

The Rule Amendments are provided in Exhibit A and B below effective on November 26, 2024, and January 1, 2026 (the date the January 2026 contract month will be the spot month), respectively, in blackline format.

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EXHIBIT A
[Effective November 26, 2024]
COMEX Rulebook
(additions underscored)

Cobalt Hydroxide CIF China (Fastmarkets) Futures

643100. SCOPE OF CHAPTER

The provisions of these rules shall apply to all contracts bought or sold on the Exchange for cash settlement based on the Floating Price. The procedures for trading, clearing and cash settlement of this contract, and any other matters not specifically covered herein shall be governed by the general rules of the Exchange.

643101. CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

For all Months up to and Including December 2025

The Floating Price for each contract month is equal to the arithmetic average of all available price assessments published for "Cobalt hydroxide, min 30% Co, inferred, China, \$ per lb" in \$/pound by Fastmarkets during the contract month.

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643102. TRADING SPECIFICATIONS

The number of months open for trading at a given time shall be determined by the Exchange.

643102.A. Trading Schedule

The hours of trading for this contract shall be determined by the Exchange.

643102.B. Trading Unit

The contract quantity shall be 2,204.62 pounds (equivalent to 1 metric ton). Each contract shall be valued as the contract quantity (2,204.62) multiplied by the settlement price.

643102.C. Price Increments

Prices shall be quoted in U.S. dollars and cents per pound. The minimum trading price fluctuation shall be \$0.01 per pound. The minimum daily and final settlement price fluctuation shall be \$0.01 per pound.

643102.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.

643102.E. Termination of Trading

Trading in the contract shall terminate at the close of trading on the last UK business day of the contract

month. If such day is not an Exchange business day, trading in the contract shall terminate on the Exchange business day that is immediately prior.

643102.F. Special Price Fluctuation

Limits at the commencement of each trading day, the contract shall be subject to special fluctuation limits as set forth in Rule 589 and in the Special Price Fluctuation Limits and Daily Price Limits Table in the Interpretations & Special Notices Section of Chapter 5.

643103. FINAL SETTLEMENT

Delivery under the contract shall be by cash settlement. Final settlement, following termination of trading for a contract month, will be based on the Floating Price. The final settlement price will be the Floating Price calculated for each contract month.

643104. DISCLAIMER

See [NYMEX/COMEX Chapter iv. \("DISCLAIMERS"\)](#) incorporated herein by reference.

EXHIBIT B
[Effective January 1, 2026]
COMEX Rulebook
(deletions struck through)

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