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January 5, 2009

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

**RE: CBOT Market Regulation Advisory Notice RA0901-1
 CBOT Submission No. 09-002**

Dear Mr. Stawick:

The Board of Trade of the City of Chicago, Inc. ("CBOT" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commission that the Exchange will issue the following Market Regulation Advisory Notice today: CBOT RA0901-1 ("Limits on Holdings of Registered and Outstanding Shipping Certificates and Warehouse Receipts for Non-Commercial Purposes"). The Advisory Notice is being issued in connection with today's Submission No. 09-001 whereby the CBOT is requesting approval from the Commission to implement rule amendments on February 17, 2009, to limit the quantity of registered shipping certificates or warehouse receipts that a person may own or control for non-commercial purposes in Corn, Wheat, Oat, Rough Rice, Soybean, Soybean Oil and Soybean Meal.

With Commission approval, the new rules will be implemented on February 17, 2009, such that from that date forward no person may acquire certificates in excess of the limits. Entities holding certificates in excess of the new limits as of February 17, 2009, will have until May 31, 2009, to come into full compliance with the new limits. A party holding a long position who stops certificates/receipts for delivery in a quantity that would cause the party to exceed the limit must cancel, retender or sell the quantity in excess of the limit by the end of the following business day.

CBOT certifies that this Advisory Notice complies with the Commodity Exchange Act and regulations thereunder.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Joe Hawrysz, Director, Market Surveillance, at 312.341.7750, Dean Payton, Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Officer, at 312.435.3658, Dave Lehman, Director, Commodity Research and Product Development, at 312.930.1875 or me at 312.648.5422. Please reference CBOT Submission No. 09-002 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

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

MARKET REGULATION ADVISORY NOTICE

Exchange	CBOT
Subject	Limits On Holdings of Registered and Outstanding Shipping Certificates and Warehouse Receipts for Non-Commercial Purposes
Rule References	See Position Limit Rules in Relevant Product Chapters
Advisory Date	January 5, 2009
Effective Date	February 17, 2009 (with May 31, 2009, grandfather provision)
	<i>Subject to CFTC Approval</i>
Advisory Number	CBOT RA0901-1

The CBOT has requested CFTC approval to implement rule amendments that will limit holdings, for non-commercial purposes, of the delivery instruments underlying the Exchange's Corn, Wheat, Oat, Rough Rice, Soybean, Soybean Oil and Soybean Meal contracts. The amendments are intended to reduce the potential for the significant accumulation of delivery instruments by participants employing strategies that are not directly related to commercial activities and which might otherwise negatively impact contract performance.

Limits on Holdings of Certificates/Receipts

Effective on February 17, 2009, and subject to certain exemptions described below, CBOT will limit the quantity of registered shipping certificates or warehouse receipts that any person may own or control, at any time, for non-commercial purposes. Persons owning or controlling more than the specified limit of certificates or receipts as of February 17, 2009, will have until May 31, 2009, to come into full compliance with the limits, but may not increase their holdings during that period.

The following limits, set at levels equivalent to the corresponding spot month speculative position limits, will apply:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Limit</u>
Corn certificates	600
Soybean certificates	600
Wheat certificates	600
Soybean Oil receipts	540
Soybean Meal certificates	720
Oat certificates	600
Rough Rice receipts	600

The limits in corn, wheat and soybeans include mini-sized certificates such that each mini-sized certificate represents the equivalent of one-fifth of a full-sized certificate.

The limits on certificate/receipt holdings are separate from position limits. However, if a person holding a long position is assigned delivery of certificates/receipts in a quantity that would cause the person to exceed the designated limit, the person must cancel, retender or sell the quantity of certificates/receipts in excess of the limit by the end of the following business day.

Exemptions from Limits

An entity may seek an exemption from these limits for bona fide commercial purposes by submitting an application to the Market Regulation Department. The Market Regulation Department, in its sole discretion, may grant qualified exemptions.

In addition, entities that offer financing to participants who employ cash and carry strategies and hold certificates or receipts as collateral may qualify for an exemption; however, no single participant will be permitted to employ the cash and carry strategy in quantities above the designated limits. Certain financing arrangements are structured such that the party obtaining the financing sells the certificates to the financing entity with the right, but not the obligation, to buy back the certificates. Certificates that are financed in this manner will be considered under the control of the person with the option to buy back the certificates and will be aggregated with any additional certificates the person may hold.

Some delivery facilities also enter into financing arrangements to finance their own inventory, and exemptions for entities financing their inventory with their *own* certificates/receipts will be permitted.

The new rule language is included on the following pages and, as noted above, is subject to CFTC approval.

Questions regarding this advisory may be directed to the following individuals in the Market Regulation Department:

Joe Hawrysz, Director, Market Surveillance, 312.341.7750

William Lange, Manager, Market Surveillance, 312.341.7757

Additions are Underlined

Chapter 10 CORN FUTURES

10102.E. Position Limits

Except for the addition below, the balance of the rule is unchanged.

4. **Limit on Holdings of Registered and Outstanding Shipping Certificates** – No person, at any time, shall own or control more than 600 registered and outstanding Corn Shipping Certificates issued by facilities designated by the Exchange as regular to issue shipping certificates for Corn. The 600 certificate maximum shall include mini-sized Corn certificates such that each mini-sized certificate represents the equivalent of one-fifth of a full-sized certificate.

If a person stops Corn certificates for delivery in a quantity that would cause such person to exceed the 600 certificate limit, the person must cancel, retender or sell the quantity of certificates in excess of 600 not later than the following business day.

A person seeking an exemption from this limit 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.

Chapter 10B MINI-SIZED CORN FUTURES

10B02.E. Position Limits

Except for the addition below, the balance of the rule is unchanged.

4. **Limit on Holdings of Registered and Outstanding Shipping Certificates** – No person, at any time, shall own or control more than 600 registered and outstanding Corn Shipping Certificates issued by facilities designated by the Exchange as regular to issue shipping certificates for Corn. The 600 certificate maximum shall include mini-sized Corn certificates such that each mini-sized certificate represents the equivalent of one-fifth of a full-sized certificate.

If a person stops Corn certificates for delivery in a quantity that would cause such person to exceed the 600 certificate limit, the person must cancel, retender or sell the quantity of certificates in excess of 600 not later than the following business day.

A person seeking an exemption from this limit 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.

Chapter 11 SOYBEAN FUTURES

11102.E. Position Limits

Except for the addition below, the balance of the rule is unchanged.

4. **Limit on Holdings of Registered and Outstanding Shipping Certificates** – No person, at any time, shall own or control more than 600 registered and outstanding Soybean Shipping Certificates issued by facilities designated by the Exchange as regular to issue shipping certificates for Soybeans. The 600

certificate maximum shall include mini-sized Soybean certificates such that each mini-sized certificate represents the equivalent of one-fifth of a full-sized certificate.

If a person stops Soybean certificates for delivery in a quantity that would cause such person to exceed the 600 certificate limit, the person must cancel, retender or sell the quantity of certificates in excess of 600 not later than the following business day.

A person seeking an exemption from this limit 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.

Chapter 11B MINI-SIZED SOYBEAN FUTURES

11B02.E. Position Limits

Except for the addition below, the balance of the rule is unchanged.

4. **Limit on Holdings of Registered and Outstanding Shipping Certificates** – No person, at any time, shall own or control more than 600 registered and outstanding Soybean Shipping Certificates issued by facilities designated by the Exchange as regular to issue shipping certificates for Soybeans. The 600 certificate maximum shall include mini-sized Soybean certificates such that each mini-sized certificate represents the equivalent of one-fifth of a full-sized certificate.

If a person stops Soybean certificates for delivery in a quantity that would cause such person to exceed the 600 certificate limit, the person must cancel, retender or sell the quantity of certificates in excess of 600 not later than the following business day.

A person seeking an exemption from this limit 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.

Chapter 14 WHEAT FUTURES

14102.E. Position Limits

Except for the addition below, the balance of the rule is unchanged.

4. **Limit on Holdings of Registered and Outstanding Shipping Certificates** – No person, at any time, shall own or control more than 600 registered and outstanding Wheat Shipping Certificates issued by facilities designated by the Exchange as regular to issue shipping certificates for Wheat. The 600 certificate maximum shall include mini-sized Wheat certificates such that each mini-sized certificate represents the equivalent of one-fifth of a full-sized certificate.

If a person stops Wheat certificates for delivery in a quantity that would cause such person to exceed the 600 certificate limit, the person must cancel, retender or sell the quantity of certificates in excess of 600 not later than the following business day.

A person seeking an exemption from this limit 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.

Chapter 14B MINI-SIZED WHEAT FUTURES

14B02.E. Position Limits

Except for the addition below, the balance of the rule is unchanged.

4. Limit on Holdings of Registered and Outstanding Shipping Certificates – No person, at any time, shall own or control more than 600 registered and outstanding Wheat Shipping Certificates issued by facilities designated by the Exchange as regular to issue shipping certificates for Wheat. The 600 certificate maximum shall include mini-sized Wheat certificates such that each mini-sized certificate represents the equivalent of one-fifth of a full-sized certificate.

If a person stops Wheat certificates for delivery in a quantity that would cause such person to exceed the 600 certificate limit, the person must cancel, retender or sell the quantity of certificates in excess of 600 not later than the following business day.

A person seeking an exemption from this limit 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.

Chapter 12 SOYBEAN OIL FUTURES

12102.E. Position Limits

Except for the addition below, the balance of the rule is unchanged.

4. Limit on Holdings of Registered and Outstanding Receipts – No person, at any time, shall own or control more than 540 registered and outstanding Soybean Oil Receipts issued by facilities designated by the Exchange as regular to issue receipts for Soybean Oil.

If a person stops Soybean Oil receipts for delivery in a quantity that would cause such person to exceed the 540 receipt limit, the person must cancel, retender or sell the quantity of receipts in excess of 540 not later than the following business day.

A person seeking an exemption from this limit 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.

Chapter 13 SOYBEAN MEAL FUTURES

13102.E. Position Limits

Except for the addition below, the balance of the rule is unchanged.

4. Limit on Holdings of Registered and Outstanding Shipping Certificates – No person, at any time, shall own or control more than 720 registered and outstanding Soybean Meal Shipping Certificates issued by facilities designated by the Exchange as regular to issue shipping certificates for Soybean Meal.

If a person stops Soybean Meal certificates for delivery in a quantity that would cause such person to exceed the 720 certificate limit, the person must cancel, retender or sell the quantity of certificates in excess of 720 not later than the following business day.

A person seeking an exemption from this limit 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.

Chapter 15 OAT FUTURES

15102.E. Position Limits

Except for the addition below, the balance of the rule is unchanged.

4. **Limit on Holdings of Registered and Outstanding Shipping Certificates** – No person, at any time, shall own or control more than 600 registered and outstanding Oat Shipping Certificates issued by facilities designated by the Exchange as regular to issue certificates for Oats.

If a person stops Oat Shipping Certificates for delivery in a quantity that would cause such person to exceed the 600 certificate limit, the person must cancel, retender or sell the quantity of certificates in excess of 600 not later than the following business day.

A person seeking an exemption from this limit 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.

Chapter 17 ROUGH RICE FUTURES

17102.E. Position Limits

Except for the addition below, the balance of the rule is unchanged.

4. **Limit on Holdings of Registered and Outstanding Warehouse Receipts** – No person, at any time, shall own or control more than 600 registered and outstanding Rough Rice Warehouse Receipts issued by facilities designated by the Exchange as regular to issue receipts for Rice.

If a person stops Rough Rice receipts for delivery in a quantity that would cause such person to exceed the 600 receipt limit, the person must cancel, retender or sell the quantity of receipts in excess of 600 not later than the following business day.

A person seeking an exemption from this limit 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.