



18 September 2019

Mr. Chris Kirkpatrick
Secretary
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Center
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Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick,

Self-certification of Amendments to SGX-DC Clearing Rules

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Singapore Exchange Derivatives Clearing Limited ("**SGX-DC**"), a derivatives clearing organisation ("**DCO**") registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "**Commission**"), hereby submits a self-certification for amendments to its Clearing Rules (the "**Amendments**") pursuant to Commission regulation 40.6(a).

2. Intended Implementation Date

- 2.1 The Amendments are proposed to be implemented on or after 21 October 2019, and will not be implemented prior to the Commission's 10 business day review period.

3. Explanation and Analysis

- 3.1 The Amendments are to facilitate SGX-DC's acceptance for clearing of the SGX Baltic Panamax Time Charter Basket (5 Routes) Freight Forward Agreement ("**FFA**") and SGX Baltic Panamax Time Charter Basket (5 Routes) FFA Options contracts (collectively, the "**5TC Contracts**") that are to be launched on or after 21 October 2019. In particular, the Amendments specify the methodology for the calculation of the final settlement price ("**FSP**") of the Contracts in the SGX-DC Clearing Rules and detail the relevant Clearing Fees.
- 3.2 In addition, the Amendments include an editorial change to the SGX-DC Clearing Rules to rename the existing SGX Baltic Panamax Time Charter Basket FFA and SGX Baltic Panamax Time Charter Basket FFA Options contracts as SGX Baltic Supramax Time Charter Basket (4 Routes) FFA and SGX Baltic Supramax Time Charter Basket (4 Routes) FFA Options contracts respectively (collectively, the "**4TC Contracts**"). This editorial change is to differentiate the 5TC Contracts from the 4TC Contracts.

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4. Description of Amendments

- 4.1 Appendix 1 of the SGX-DC Clearing Rules and the Clearing Fees schedule will be amended as a result of the Amendments.
- 4.2 The text of the Amendments with the changes indicated is attached as Appendix A. The Clearing Fees are set out in Appendix B.

5. Certification of Compliance with Core Principles

- 5.1 The Amendments have been promulgated in respect of SGX-DC's compliance with Core Principle E on settlement procedures and seek to provide clarity on the final settlement prices for the 5TC Contracts and the 4TC Contracts, as well as compliance with Core Principle B on financial resources.
- 5.2 SGX-DC hereby certifies to the Commission that the Amendments comply with the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

6. Public Notice of Pending Certification

- 6.1 SGX-DC has made publicly available a notice of the Amendments' pending certification with the Commission, together with a copy of this submission on its website at the following address: <https://www2.sgx.com/regulation/about-sgx-regco#Meeting%20International%20Standards>.

7. Opposing Views

- 7.1 There were no opposing views expressed to SGX-DC by its board or committee members, SGX-DC Clearing Members or market participants that were not incorporated into the Amendments. If any opposing views are received by SGX-DC during the Commission's review period, such views will be communicated to the Commission accordingly.

8. Contact Details

- 8.1 Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at kahmun.huay@sgx.com or +65 6713 6504 should you require any clarification.

Yours sincerely



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Appendix A
Amendments to SGX-DC Clearing Rules

Note: Amendments are made in red.

Appendix 1 – Final Settlement Price

Freight Forward Contracts: Dry Timecharter Basket Routes

Products	4CTC	5CTC	4PTC	5PTC	6STC	10STC	HTC
Contract	Capesize Time Charter Basket (4 routes)	Capesize Time Charter Basket (5 routes)	Panamax Time Charter Basket (4 routes)	<u>Panamax Time Charter Basket (5 routes)</u>	Supramax Time Charter Basket (6 routes)	Supramax Time Charter Basket (10 routes)	Handysize Time Charter Basket Average 6 Routes
Final Settlement Price	Arithmetic average of all Baltic's daily spot assessments in the Contract Month for the relevant underlying product, rounded to 1 decimal place						

Products	Capesize Option (4 routes)	Capesize Option (5 routes)	Panamax Option (4 routes)	<u>Panamax Option (5 routes)</u>	Supramax Option (6 routes)	Supramax Option (10 routes)	Handysize Option
Contract	Capesize Time Charter Basket (4 routes)	Capesize Time Charter Basket (5 routes)	Panamax Time Charter Basket (4 routes)	<u>Panamax Time Charter Basket (5 routes)</u>	Supramax Time Charter Basket (6 routes)	Supramax Time Charter Basket (10 routes)	Handysize Time Charter Basket Average 6 Routes
Option Exercise and Settlement	<p><u>European Style</u>: An option will be exercised automatically at expiry only if it is in-the-money.</p> <p><u>Cash Settled</u>: Upon exercise, a call option will have a value equal to final settlement price of the underlying FFA minus the strike price, multiplied by the contract size.</p> <p>Upon exercise, a put option will have a value equal to the strike price minus the final settlement price of the underlying FFA, multiplied by the contract size.</p>						

Appendix B
Clearing Fees for the 5TC Contracts

Fee Type	Description	SGX Baltic Panamax Time Charter Basket (5 Routes) FFA	SGX Baltic Panamax Time Charter Basket (5 Routes) FFA Options
Cf 1	Trading Member (Individual)	US \$4.50	US \$4.50
Cf 2	Clearing Member House Account	US \$4.50	US \$4.50
Cf 3	Trading Member (Broker) House Account	US \$4.50	US \$4.50
Cf 5	Clearing Member Customer Account	US \$4.50	US \$4.50
Cf 6	Trading Member (Broker) Customer Account	US \$4.50	US \$4.50
Cf 7	Trading Member (Proprietary) (Customer)	US \$4.50	US \$4.50
Cf 8	Clearing Member Related Company House Account	US \$4.50	US \$4.50
Cf E	Trading Member's Trading Representatives (House)	US \$4.50	US \$4.50
Cf F	Trading Member's Trading Representatives (Customer)	US \$4.50	US \$4.50
Cf G	Clearing Member's Trading Representatives (House)	US \$4.50	US \$4.50
Cf K	Trading Member (Proprietary) (House)	US \$4.50	US \$4.50

*Fees shown are before GST.