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Via CFTC Portal Submissions

Mr. Christopher Kirkpatrick  
Secretary of the Commission  
Office of the Secretariat  
Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
3 Lafayette Centre  
1155 21<sup>st</sup> Street, N.W.  
Washington D.C. 20581

**RE: Rule Certification: Nadex Amends AUD/USD and GBP/USD Binary Strike Widths  
- Submission Pursuant to Commission Regulation §40.6(a)**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended (the “Act”), and §40.6(a) of the regulations promulgated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the “Commission”) under the Act, North American Derivatives Exchange, Inc. (“Nadex”) hereby submits to the Commission its intent to adjust its 5-Minute Intraday AUD/USD and GBP/USD Binary contracts’ strike widths to better align with the underlying markets upon which the Nadex contracts are based. The strike width amendments indicated in this submission are for the purpose of creating more attractive and tradeable contracts for Nadex’s clients.

#### **DCM Core Principles**

Nadex has identified the following Designated Contract Market (“DCM”) Core Principle as potentially being impacted by the amendments discussed herein: Core Principle 7 Availability of General Information.

Core Principle 7 (Availability of General Information), implemented by Regulation 38.400, requires the DCM make available to the public accurate information concerning the terms and conditions of the contracts of the contract market. Nadex currently makes its Rulebook available to the public on its website and will continue to do so after the amendments discussed herein are implemented. The Rulebook contains the contract specifications for all contracts that

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will undergo an adjustment as per this submission, where the strike width for the AUD/USD and GBP/USD contracts can be found. Accordingly, these amendments will not negatively affect Nadex's ability to comply with this Core Principle.

### **DCO Core Principles**

Nadex has not identified any Derivatives Clearing Organization ("DCO") Core Principles as potentially being impacted by the amendments discussed herein.

These Rule changes have been outlined in Exhibit A. The amendments to the Rulebook are set forth in Exhibit B. Any deletions are stricken out while the amendments and/or additions are underlined.

Nadex hereby certifies that the additions contained herein comply with the Act, as amended, and the Commission Regulations adopted thereunder. No substantive opposing views were expressed to Nadex with respect to any of these actions.

Nadex hereby certifies that notice of these amendments was posted on its website at the time of this filing.

In accordance with the 10-day review period set forth in Commission Regulation 40.6(b), Nadex plans to implement these Rule changes for the start of business on trade date February 7, 2022.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone at (312) 884-0927 or by email at [jaime.walsh@ig.com](mailto:jaime.walsh@ig.com).

Sincerely,



Jaime M. Walsh  
Legal Counsel

**EXHIBIT A**

<b>Rule</b>	<b>Asset</b>	<b>Duration/Close Time</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
12.27	AUD/USD Binary Contracts	5-Minute Intraday; every 5 minutes between 8:10am – 12:05pm ET	Amend strike width	2/7/2022
12.31	GBP/USD Binary Contracts	5-Minute Intraday; every 5 minutes between 8:10am – 12:05pm ET	Amend strike width	2/7/2022

## **EXHIBIT B**

Amendment of Rules 12.27, 12.31

*(The following Rule amendments are underlined and deletions are stricken out)*

RULES 1.1 – 12.26 [UNCHANGED]

RULE 12.27 CURRENCY EXCHANGE AUD/USD BINARY CONTRACTS

(a) SCOPE – These Rules shall apply to the Class of Contracts referred to as the Currency Exchange AUD/USD (“AUD/USD”) Binary Contract issued by Nadex.

(b) UNDERLYING – The Underlying for this Class of Contracts is the Australian dollar/US dollar herein referred to as “AUD/USD” as quoted in U.S. dollars per Australian dollar obtained from the spot AUD/USD foreign currency market.

(c) SOURCE AGENCY – The Source Agency is Nadex.

(d) TYPE – The type of Contract is a Binary Contract.

(e) PAYOUT CRITERION – The Payout Criterion for each Contract will be set by Nadex at the time the Binary Contracts are initially issued. For the AUD/USD Binary Contract, the Payout Criteria for the Contracts will be set as follows:

### (i) WEEKLY AUD/USD BINARY CONTRACTS

(1) EXPIRATION TIME – 3 PM ET CLOSE

(2) STRIKE INTERVAL WIDTH – The interval width between each strike level shall be 0.0050.

(3) NUMBER OF STRIKE LEVELS LISTED - Fourteen (14) strike levels will be listed for each Weekly AUD/USD Binary Contract Series.

(4) STRIKE LEVELS GENERATED - Strike levels will be generated such that Binary Contract “W” is valued ‘at-the-money’ in relation to the Underlying market as determined by the Source Agency, immediately before the issuance of these Contracts, and shall be measured in U.S. cents rounded to the nearest value ending in either 0.0025 or 0.0075 as reported by the Source Agency. Six (6) strike levels will be generated above Binary Contract W at an interval of 0.0050, and seven (7) strike levels will be generated below Binary Contract W at an interval of 0.0050 (e.g.  $W - 0.0050$ ;  $W$ ;  $W + 0.0050$ ). The Contract will have a Payout Criterion of greater than the strike level value.

### (ii) DAILY AUD/USD BINARY CONTRACTS

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- (1) EXPIRATION TIME – 3 AM, 7 AM, 11 AM, 3 PM, 7 PM, 11 PM ET CLOSE
- (2) STRIKE INTERVAL WIDTH – The interval width between each strike level shall be 0.0012.
- (3) NUMBER OF STRIKE LEVELS LISTED – Twenty-one (21) strike levels will be listed for each Daily AUD/USD Binary Contract Series.
- (4) STRIKE LEVELS GENERATED - Strike levels will be generated such that Binary Contract “X” is valued ‘at-the-money’ in relation to the Underlying market as determined by the Source Agency, immediately before the issuance of these Contracts, and shall be measured in U.S. cents rounded to the nearest value ending in 0.0020 as reported by the Source Agency. Ten (10) strike levels will be generated above Binary Contract X at an interval of 0.0012, and ten (10) strike levels will be generated below Binary Contract X at an interval of 0.0012 (e.g.  $X - 0.0012$ ;  $X$ ;  $X + 0.0012$ ). The Contract will have a Payout Criterion of greater than the strike level value.

(iii) INTRADAY 2-HOUR AUD/USD BINARY CONTRACTS

- (1) EXPIRATION TIME – 8 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM, 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 4 AM, 5 AM, 6 AM, 7 AM, 8 AM, 9 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM, 12 PM, 1 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM, 4 PM, 5 PM ET CLOSE
- (2) STRIKE INTERVAL WIDTH – The interval width between each strike level shall be 0.0004.
- (3) NUMBER OF STRIKE LEVELS LISTED – Nineteen (19) strike levels will be listed for each Intraday 2-Hour AUD/USD Binary Contract Series.
- (4) STRIKE LEVELS GENERATED - Strike levels will be generated such that Binary Contract “Y” is valued ‘at-the-money’ in relation to the Underlying market as determined by the Source Agency, immediately before the issuance of these Contracts, and shall be measured in U.S. cents rounded to the nearest value ending in either 0.0000, 0.0002, 0.0004, 0.0006, or 0.0008 as reported by the Source Agency. Nine (9) strike levels will be generated above Binary Contract Y at an interval of 0.0004, and nine (9) strike levels will be generated below Binary Contract Y at an interval of 0.0004 (e.g.  $Y - 0.0004$ ;  $Y$ ;  $Y + 0.0004$ ). The Contract will have a Payout Criterion of greater than the strike level value.

(iv) INTRADAY 5-MINUTE AUD/USD BINARY CONTRACTS

- (1) EXPIRATION TIME – 5-Minute Binary Contracts will expire every 5

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minutes beginning Sunday at 6:05pm ET and ending Friday at 4:00pm ET.

- (2) **STRIKE INTERVAL WIDTH** – The interval width between each strike level shall be 0.0002 for expirations occurring between 6:05pm ET and 8:05am ET and between 12:10pm ET and 5:00pm ET; the interval width shall be ~~0.0002~~0.0004 for expirations occurring between 8:10am ET and 12:05pm ET.
- (3) **NUMBER OF STRIKE LEVELS LISTED** – Five (5) strike levels will be listed for each Intraday 5-Minute AUD/USD Binary Contract Series.
- (4) **STRIKE LEVELS GENERATED** - Strike levels will be generated such that Binary Contract “Z” is valued ‘at-the-money’ in relation to the Underlying market as determined by the Source Agency, immediately before the issuance of these Contracts, and shall be measured in U.S. cents rounded to the nearest value ending in either 0.0001, 0.0003, 0.0005, 0.0007, or 0.0009, as reported by the Source Agency. For expirations occurring between 6:05pm ET and 8:05am ET and between 12:10pm ET and 5:00pm ET, two (2) strike levels will be generated above Binary Contract Z at an interval of 0.0002, and two (2) strike levels will be generated below Binary Contract Z at an interval of 0.0002 (e.g.  $Z - 0.0002$ ;  $Z$ ;  $Z + 0.0002$ ). The Contract will have a Payout Criterion of greater than the strike level value. For expirations occurring between 8:10am ET and 12:05pm ET, two (2) strike levels will be generated above Binary Contract Z at an interval of 0.0002, and two (2) strike levels will be generated below Binary Contract Z at an interval of 0.0002 (e.g.  $Z - 0.0002$ ;  $Z$ ;  $Z + 0.0002$ ). The Contract will have a Payout Criterion of greater than the strike level value.
- (5) Nadex may, in its discretion, temporarily refrain from the listing of any 5-Minute Binary Contract due to the unavailability of the underlying market upon which the Contract is based, or any other condition Nadex determines may be detrimental to the listing of the Contract.

(v) Nadex may list additional AUD/USD Binary Contracts with different ranges of Payout Criteria on a discretionary basis in accordance with the CEA and Commission Regulations.

(f) **MINIMUM TICK** – The Minimum Tick size for AUD/USD Binary Contracts shall be \$0.25.

(g) **POSITION LIMIT** – There are currently no Position Limits for AUD/USD Binary Contract.

(h) **LAST TRADING DATE** – The Last Trading Date in a Series is the same as the Expiration Date. No trading in the AUD/USD Binary Contracts shall occur after its Last Trading Date.

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(i) **SETTLEMENT DATE** – The Settlement Date will be the date on which the AUD/USD number as reported by the Source Agency.

(j) **EXPIRATION DATE** – The Expiration Date of the Contract will be the date on which the AUD/USD number is scheduled to be released.

(k) **SETTLEMENT VALUE** – The Settlement Value is the amount paid to the holder of the in the money Contract on the Settlement Date. The Settlement Value of an in the money AUD/USD Binary Contract is \$100.

(l) **EXPIRATION VALUE** – The Expiration Value is the price or value of AUD/USD released by the Source Agency on the Expiration Date. The Expiration Value is calculated by the Source Agency by taking all Midpoints between the bid/ask spread (ten pips wide or less) occurring in the ten (10) seconds leading up to the close of trading of the AUD/USD Binary Contract, provided at least ten (10) Midpoints are captured during the ten (10) second period, removing the highest thirty (30) percent of Midpoints and the lowest thirty (30) percent of Midpoints from the data set<sup>1</sup>, using the remaining AUD/USD Midpoints to calculate the Expiration Value. The calculation used is a simple average of the remaining AUD/USD Midpoints, rounded to one decimal point past the precision of the underlying market. In the event the time it takes to collect at least ten (10) Midpoints (ten pips wide or less) exceeds the ten (10) second time period, the Expiration Value is calculated by the Source Agency by taking the last ten (10) Midpoints between the bid/ask spread (ten pips wide or less) just prior to the close of trading of the AUD/USD Binary Contract and removing the highest three (3) Midpoints and the lowest three (3) Midpoints, using the remaining four (4) AUD/USD Midpoints to calculate the Expiration Value. The calculation used is a simple average of all four (4) AUD/USD Midpoints, rounded to one decimal point past the precision of the underlying market.

(m) **CONTINGENCIES** – If no level is actually announced on the Expiration Date due to a delay, postponement or otherwise in such release announcement by the Source Agency, the Settlement Date will be delayed until the Underlying number is released for that Series.

**RULES 12.28 – 12.30 [UNCHANGED]**

**RULE 12.31 CURRENCY EXCHANGE GBP/USD BINARY CONTRACTS**

(a) **SCOPE** – These Rules shall apply to the Class of Contracts referred to as the Currency Exchange GBP/USD (“GBP/USD”) Binary Contract issued by Nadex.

(b) **UNDERLYING** – The Underlying for this Class of Contracts is the British Pound/US dollar herein referred to as “GBP/USD” as quoted in US dollars per British Pound obtained from the spot GBP/USD foreign currency market.

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<sup>1</sup> If 30% of the data set would result in a non-integer number of Midpoints, the number of Midpoints to be removed from the set will be rounded down. For example, if the number of Midpoints collected during the last 10 seconds prior to the close of trading was 14, 30% of the data set would be 4.2 Midpoints. As 4.2 is a non-integer number, the value will be rounded down, and the 4 highest and 4 lowest Midpoints will be removed from the data set.

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(c) SOURCE AGENCY – The Source Agency is Nadex.

(d) TYPE – The type of Contract is a Binary Contract.

(e) PAYOUT CRITERION – The Payout Criterion for each Contract will be set by Nadex at the time the Binary Contracts are initially issued. For the GBP/USD Binary Contract, the Payout Criteria for the Contracts will be set as follows:

(i) WEEKLY GBP/USD BINARY CONTRACTS

- (1) EXPIRATION TIME – 3 PM ET CLOSE
- (2) STRIKE INTERVAL WIDTH – The interval width between each strike level shall be 0.0050.
- (3) NUMBER OF STRIKE LEVELS LISTED - Fourteen (14) strike levels will be listed for each Weekly GBP/USD Binary Contract Series.
- (4) STRIKE LEVELS GENERATED - Strike levels will be generated such that Binary Contract “W” is valued ‘at-the-money’ in relation to the Underlying market as determined by the Source Agency, immediately before the issuance of these Contracts, and shall be measured in U.S. cents rounded to the nearest value ending in 0.0025 or 0.0075 as reported by the Source Agency. Six (6) strike levels will be generated above Binary Contract W at an interval of 0.0050, and seven (7) strike levels will be generated below Binary Contract W at an interval of 0.0050 (e.g.  $W - 0.0050$ ;  $W$ ;  $W + 0.0050$ ). The Contract will have a Payout Criterion of greater than the strike level value.

(ii) DAILY GBP/USD BINARY CONTRACTS

- (1) EXPIRATION TIME – 3 AM, 7 AM, 11 AM, 3 PM, 7 PM, 11 PM ET CLOSE
- (2) STRIKE INTERVAL WIDTH – The interval width between each strike level shall be 0.0020.
- (3) NUMBER OF STRIKE LEVELS LISTED – Twenty-one (21) strike levels will be listed for each Daily GBP/USD Binary Contract Series.
- (4) STRIKE LEVELS GENERATED - Strike levels will be generated such that Binary Contract “X” is valued ‘at-the-money’ in relation to the Underlying market as determined by the Source Agency, immediately before the issuance of these Contracts, and shall be measured in U.S. cents rounded to the nearest value ending in 0.0020 as reported by the Source Agency. Ten (10) strike levels will be generated above Binary Contract X at an interval of 0.0020, and ten (10) strike levels will be generated below Binary Contract X at an interval



of 0.0020 (e.g.  $X - 0.0020$ ;  $X$ ;  $X + 0.0020$ ). The Contract will have a Payout Criterion of greater than the strike level value.

(iii) INTRADAY 2-HOUR GBP/USD BINARY CONTRACTS

- (1) EXPIRATION TIME – 8 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM, 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 4 AM, 5 AM, 6 AM, 7 AM, 8 AM, 9 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM, 12 PM, 1 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM, 4 PM, 5 PM ET CLOSE
- (2) STRIKE INTERVAL WIDTH – The interval width between each strike level shall be 0.0010.
- (3) NUMBER OF STRIKE LEVELS LISTED – Nine (9) strike levels will be listed for each Intraday 2-Hour GBP/USD Binary Contract Series.
- (4) STRIKE LEVELS GENERATED - Strike levels will be generated such that Binary Contract “Y” is valued ‘at-the-money’ in relation to the Underlying market as determined by the Source Agency, immediately before the issuance of these Contracts, and shall be measured in U.S. cents rounded to the nearest value ending in either 0.0000, 0.0002, 0.0004, 0.0006, or 0.0008 as reported by the Source Agency. Four (4) strike levels will be generated above Binary Contract Y at an interval of 0.0010, and four (4) strike levels will be generated below Binary Contract Y at an interval of 0.0010 (e.g.  $Y - 0.0010$ ;  $Y$ ;  $Y + 0.0010$ ). The Contract will have a Payout Criterion of greater than the strike level value.

(iv) INTRADAY 5-MINUTE GBP/USD BINARY CONTRACTS

- (1) EXPIRATION TIME – 5-Minute Binary Contracts will expire every 5 Minutes beginning Sunday at 6:05pm ET and ending Friday at 4:00pm ET.
- (2) STRIKE INTERVAL WIDTH – The interval width between each strike level shall be 0.0002 for expirations occurring between 6:05pm ET and 8:05am ET and between 12:10pm ET and 5:00pm ET; the interval width shall be ~~0.0002~~ 0.0004 for expirations occurring between 8:10am ET and 12:05pm ET.
- (3) NUMBER OF STRIKE LEVELS LISTED – Five (5) strike levels will be listed for each Intraday 5-Minute GBP/USD Binary Contract Series.
- (4) STRIKE LEVELS GENERATED - Strike levels will be generated such that Binary Contract “Z” is valued ‘at-the-money’ in relation to the Underlying market as determined by the Source Agency, immediately before the issuance of these Contracts, and shall be measured in U.S. cents rounded to the nearest value ending in either 0.0001, 0.0003, 0.0005, 0.0007, or 0.0009 as reported by the Source Agency. For expirations occurring between 6:05pm ET and

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8:05am ET and between 12:10pm ET and 5:00pm ET, two (2) strike levels will be generated above Binary Contract Z at an interval of 0.0002, and two (2) strike levels will be generated below Binary Contract Z at an interval of 0.0002 (e.g.  $Z - 0.0002$ ;  $Z$ ;  $Z + 0.0002$ ). The Contract will have a Payout Criterion of greater than the strike level value. For expirations occurring between 8:10am ET and 12:05pm ET, two (2) strike levels will be generated above Binary Contract Z at an interval of 0.0002, and two (2) strike levels will be generated below Binary Contract Z at an interval of 0.0002 (e.g.  $Z - 0.0002$ ;  $Z$ ;  $Z + 0.0002$ ). The Contract will have a Payout Criterion of greater than the strike level value.

(5) Nadex may, in its discretion, temporarily refrain from the listing of any 5-Minute Binary Contract due to the unavailability of the underlying market upon which the Contract is based, or any other condition Nadex determines may be detrimental to the listing of the Contract.

(v) Nadex may list additional GBP/USD Binary Contract with different ranges of Payout Criteria on a discretionary basis in accordance with the CEA and Commission Regulations.

(f) **MINIMUM TICK** – The Minimum Tick size for GBP/USD Binary Contracts shall be \$0.25.

(g) **POSITION LIMIT** – There are currently no Position Limits for GBP/USD Binary Contract.

(h) **LAST TRADING DATE** – The Last Trading Date in a Series is the same date as the Expiration Date. No trading in the GBP/USD Binary Contracts shall occur after its Last Trading Date.

(i) **SETTLEMENT DATE** – The Settlement Date will be the date the GBP/USD number is scheduled to be released.

(j) **EXPIRATION DATE** – The Expiration Date of the Contract will be the date on which the GBP/USD number is scheduled to be released.

(k) **SETTLEMENT VALUE** – The Settlement Value is the amount paid to the holder of the in the money Contract on the Settlement Date. The Settlement Value of an in the money GBP/USD Binary Contract is \$100.

(l) **EXPIRATION VALUE** – The Expiration Value is the price or value of GBP/USD released by the Source Agency on the Expiration Date. The Expiration Value is calculated by the Source Agency by taking all Midpoints between the bid/ask spread (ten pips wide or less) occurring in the ten (10) seconds leading up to the close of trading of the GBP/USD Binary Contract, provided at least ten (10) Midpoints are captured during the ten (10) second period, removing the highest thirty (30) percent of Midpoints and the lowest thirty (30) percent of

Midpoints from the data set<sup>2</sup>, using the remaining GBP/USD Midpoints to calculate the Expiration Value. The calculation used is a simple average of the remaining GBP/USD Midpoints, rounded to one decimal point past the precision of the underlying market. In the event the time it takes to collect at least ten (10) Midpoints (ten pips wide or less) exceeds the ten (10) second time period, the Expiration Value is calculated by the Source Agency by taking the last ten (10) Midpoints between the bid/ask spread (ten pips wide or less) just prior to the close of trading of the GBP/USD Binary Contract and removing the highest three (3) Midpoints and the lowest three (3) Midpoints, using the remaining four (4) GBP/USD Midpoints to calculate the Expiration Value. The calculation used is a simple average of all four (4) GBP/USD Midpoints, rounded to one decimal point past the precision of the underlying market.

(m) CONTINGENCIES – If no level is actually announced on the Expiration Date due to a delay, postponement or otherwise in such release announcement by the Source Agency, the Settlement Date will be delayed until the Underlying number is released for that Series.

RULES 12.32 – 12.86 [UNCHANGED]

*End of Rulebook.*

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<sup>2</sup> If 30% of the data set would result in a non-integer number of Midpoints, the number of Midpoints to be removed from the set will be rounded down. For example, if the number of Midpoints collected during the last 10 seconds prior to the close of trading was 14, 30% of the data set would be 4.2 Midpoints. As 4.2 is a non-integer number, the value will be rounded down, and the 4 highest and 4 lowest Midpoints will be removed from the data set.

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