

July 21, 2004

Ms. Jean A. Webb  
Secretary  
Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
Three Lafayette Center  
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Washington, D.C. 20581

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Rule Certification

Dear Ms. Webb:

Pursuant to Commission Regulation 40.6(a), the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT<sup>®</sup>) hereby submits the following holiday-related changes in trading schedules in connection with Friday, December 31, 2004. (In accordance with CBOT Regulation 312.01 "Holidays" all CBOT markets ordinarily would be closed on December 31, 2004 in observance of New Year's Day.)

- **CBOT Financial and Stock Index contracts will be open for pit and electronic trading. The Financial contract trading session will be abbreviated, with pit trading closing at 12:00 noon and electronic trading closing at 12:30 p.m. (Central Time).**

Notwithstanding the above, Friday, December 31, 2004 will not be considered a business or trading day for the purpose of determining contract critical dates in any Financial contracts with the exception of 30-Day Fed Fund contracts. Previously published Exchange schedules for Financial futures expirations and deliveries will remain in effect (except for 30-Day Fed Fund contracts) as follows:

- the last trading day for expiring 5-Year T-Note, 10-Year T-Note, Treasury Bond and 10-Year Municipal Note Index futures will remain Monday, December 20, 2004.
- the last delivery date for expiring 5-Year T-Note, 10-Year T-note, and Treasury Bond futures will remain Thursday, December 30, 2004.
- the last trading day for expiring 2-Year T-Note futures will remain Thursday, December 30, 2004 and the last delivery day for these contracts will remain Wednesday, January 5, 2005.
- the last trading day for expiring 30-Day Fed Fund futures and options will be Friday, December 31, 2004 (closing time 12:00 noon).

The CBOT intends to implement these changes on the date indicated.

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There were no opposing views concerning these changes.

The CBOT certifies that these changes conform with the Commodity Exchange Act and the rules thereunder.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Draths  
Vice President and Secretary

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