



Via Electronic Mail

May 17, 2012

Mr. David Stawick
Secretary of the Commission
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
1155 21st Street NW
Washington, DC 20581

SUBJECT: Request for Commission Approval

Dear Mr. Stawick:

Pursuant to Commodity Exchange Act ("CEAct") Section 5c(c) and Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") Regulation 40.5(a), the Minneapolis Grain Exchange, Inc. ("MGEX" or "Exchange") hereby submits for Commission review and expedited approval amendments to the attached Rule, Regulations and Resolution of the MGEX Rules and Regulations. MGEX has reviewed the amendments in light of compliance with designated contract market core principles and has determined the amendments will not negatively affect its ability to comply with the core principles. MGEX certifies that the submission and pending changes to the MGEX Rules and Regulations have been posted on the Exchange website at the following link: <http://www.mgex.com/regulation.html>.

The explanation and purpose for the amendments to Rule 1402.00.D., Regulations 2011.00.; 2060.00.; and 2106.00., and Resolution 2101.00.C. is to expand the hours of trading for futures and options electronically traded on and cleared by MGEX.

Pursuant to the authority of MGEX Resolution 210.01.F., the Exchange approved amendment of Rule 1402.00.D., Regulations 2011.00.; 2060.00.; and 2106.00., and Resolution 2101.00.C. There were no substantive opposing views expressed to the Exchange.

The amendments of the MGEX Rules and Regulations are to be effective as soon as practical upon Commission approval. If there are any questions regarding this submission, please contact me at (612) 321-7169. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Layne G. Carlson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Layne G. Carlson
Corporate Secretary

Enclosure
cc: Thomas J. Bloom

The following Rule is to be amended in the MGEX Rules and Regulations. Deletions are marked through.

1402.00. OPTION TRADING. (only applicable section provided)

- D. **Option Expiration.** The contractual rights and obligations arising from the option contract expire ~~at four o'clock (4:00) p.m.~~ on the last day of trading.

The following Regulations are to be amended in the MGEX Rules and Regulations. Additions are underlined while deletions are marked through.

2011.00. HOURS OF TRADING.

Pursuant to the provisions of Resolution~~ule~~ 210.01.F., the Exchange~~Board of Directors~~ has adopted this Regulation.

The Hhours of Ttrading at the ~~Minneapolis Grain~~ Exchange shall conform to Central Time.

A. CASH MARKET

The Hhours of Ttrading in the cash market shall be from nine-thirty o'clock (9:30) a.m. to one-fifteen o'clock (1:15) p.m.

B. ~~SPRING WHEAT CONTRACT~~FUTURES AND OPTIONS

1. Unless otherwise stated elsewhere in the MGEX Rules and Regulations, t~~The~~ Hhours of Ttrading for in Spring Wheat Fany MGEX futures or options traded on the Electronic Trading Platform~~MGEXpress®~~ shall be the following:

Sunday to Friday: from five o'clock (5:00) p.m. to two o'clock (2:00) p.m.

The Hours of Trading for options will end at one-thirty o'clock (1:30) p.m. on the day of expiration of said option.

~~from six o'clock (6:00) p.m. to seven fifteen o'clock (7:15) a.m. and from nine-thirty o'clock (9:30) a.m. to one-thirty o'clock (1:30) p.m.~~

2. The Hhours of Ttrading for in Spring Wheat Options by open outcry shall be from nine-thirty o'clock (9:30) a.m. to one-thirty o'clock (1:30) p.m.
3. ~~The hours of trading in Spring Wheat Options on MGEXpress® shall be from six o'clock (6:00) p.m. to seven fifteen o'clock (7:15) a.m. and from nine-thirty o'clock (9:30) a.m. to one-thirty o'clock (1:30) p.m.~~

C. ~~NATIONAL CORN INDEX CONTRACT~~

1. ~~The hours of trading in National Corn Index Futures on MGEXpress® shall be from six o'clock (6:00) p.m. to one forty five o'clock (1:45) p.m.~~
2. ~~The hours of trading in National Corn Index Options on MGEXpress® shall be from six o'clock (6:00) p.m. to one forty five o'clock (1:45) p.m.~~

D. NATIONAL SOYBEAN INDEX CONTRACT

1. The hours of trading in National Soybean Index Futures shall be from six o'clock (6:00) p.m. to one forty five o'clock (1:45) p.m.
2. The hours of trading in National Soybean Index Options shall be from six o'clock (6:00) p.m. to one forty five o'clock (1:45) p.m.

E. WHEAT INDEX CONTRACTS

1. The hours of trading in Wheat Index Futures contracts shall be from six o'clock (6:00) p.m. to one forty five o'clock (1:45) p.m.
2. The hours of trading in Wheat Index Options contracts shall be from six o'clock (6:00) p.m. to one forty five o'clock (1:45) p.m.

2060.00. OFFICIAL CLOSING PERIOD: FUTURES.

Unless otherwise stated elsewhere in the MGEX Rules and Regulations, ~~t~~The official closing period for all MGEX futures ~~Hard Red Spring Wheat, and the National Corn, National Soybean, Soft Red Winter Wheat, Hard Red Winter Wheat and Hard Red Spring Wheat Indexes~~ shall be from 1:14:00 p.m. to 1:14:59 p.m. (Central Time).

2106.00. ACCEPTANCE OF GIVE-UP TRADES.

All give-up trades containing the necessary trade data pursuant to MGEX **Regulation 2100.00.** including customer identification, quantity, and price which are entered~~received~~ by the executing~~carrying~~ Clearing Member by two-forty five~~fifteen~~ o'clock (2:45~~15~~) p.m. Central Time must be accepted and transferred to the account of the carrying Clearing Member on the same business day. If the executing Clearing Member does not provide said information by two-forty five~~fifteen~~ o'clock (2:45~~15~~) p.m. Central Time, then the executing Clearing Member will retain the position until the following business day. All give-up transfer trades are due at MGEX~~the Clearing House~~ at such time as determined by the Exchange~~Clearing House Committee~~. Submission times and fines for not accepting a give-up trade are set forth in **Resolution 2101.00.C.**

The following Resolution is to be amended in the MGEX Rules and Regulations. Additions are underlined while deletions are marked through.

RESOLUTION 2101.00.C.

The ~~Minneapolis Grain Exchange Clearing House Committee~~Exchange has adopted the following schedule of deadlines for reporting trading session activity to ~~the~~ MGEX~~Clearing House~~:

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| 8:00 a.m. | <u>Position reports</u> Form 200's |
| 9:00 a.m. | Settlement and margin payment Offset requests |
| 11:15 a.m. | Weekly account position updates Daily Delivery/Exercise account updates |

11:30 a.m. Intraday variation payment

~~2:45~~2:15 p.m. Last submission of trades
Auto-Exercise Cancellation Notices
Hard Red Spring Wheat Options position reports on expiration day

~~3:30~~3:00 p.m. Give-up transfer trades
Unmatched trade fixes

~~4:00~~3:30 p.m. Long position lists for delivery
Delivery Notices
Exercise Notices
~~Auto-Exercise Cancellation Notices~~
~~Spring Wheat Options Form 200's on expiration day~~
~~Verbal Notification to the Clearing House is necessary if reports are going to be later than 3:30 p.m. Deadline for receipt of notices is 4:00 p.m.~~

Trading activity after five o'clock (5:00) p.m. to two o'clock (2:00) p.m. the following day will be cleared with said following day's trading activity.

~~Evening trading activity will clear as part of the next business day's activity.~~

Submissions that are late will be charged with fines as follows: the first ten (10) minutes late will incur a charge of \$10; succeeding ten (10) minute periods will add additional \$25 charges each. (For example, eleven (11) minutes late will be \$35; twenty-five (25) minutes late will be \$60).

Trades must be entered in "TEMS" within forty-five (45) minutes of the conclusion of each half (½) hour trading bracket.

Any unresolved unmatched trades may be suspended pending possible resolution the following business day as an "as of" trade. "As of" trades can be carried no longer than one business day.

The ~~Minneapolis Grain Exchange Clearing House Committee~~ has adopted a fine of \$100 for position reporting~~Form 200~~ errors in excess of two per month.

Spring Wheat Options position reports~~Form 200's~~ for the last trading day will incur the following fines:

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| <u>Position reports</u> Form 200's not received by 2:45 <u>5:00</u> p.m. expiration day | \$1,000 |
| Errors not corrected by 6:00 p.m. expiration day | \$1,000 |
| Errors not corrected by 8:00 a.m. next business day an additional | \$1,000 |

All give-up trades properly ~~entered~~received in accordance with **Regulation 2106.00**. by the ~~executing~~carrying Clearing Member by two-forty five o'clock (2:45)~~2:15~~ p.m. and not accepted by the carrying Clearing Member by three-thirty o'clock (3:30)~~3:00~~ p.m. shall result in the following fines:

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| First offense | \$1,000 |
| Second offense | \$2,000 |
| Third offense | as determined by the Exchange |

Amended by the ~~Board of Directors~~Exchange ~~November 11~~May 17, 2004~~2012~~, effective ~~January 4~~May 20, 2005~~2012~~.