

**RULE SELF-CERTIFICATION**

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August 5, 2010

Office of the Secretary  
Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
Three Lafayette Center  
1155 21<sup>st</sup> St., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20581

Re: International Derivatives Clearinghouse, LLC  
Reference File: SR-IDCH-2010-07

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Sections 40.2 and 40.6 of the regulations promulgated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "CFTC Rules") under the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended (the "Act"), International Derivatives Clearinghouse, LLC ("IDCH"), a derivatives clearing organization registered under the Act, hereby submits this self-certification for the following:

1. To clear the following two new futures contracts:
  - the IDEX USD Defined Roll Interest Rate Swap Futures Contract; and
  - the IDEX USD Forward Start Defined Roll Interest Rate Swap Futures Contract.
2. To add Rules 908 and 909 to the IDCH Rules to incorporate the contract specifications for each of the new products listed above.

The text of the proposed amendments (showing deletions and additions) are attached hereto. The intended date of implementation of these amendments is August 10, 2010. There were no opposing views among IDCH's Board of Directors, Clearing Members or market participants. IDCH hereby certifies that the new futures contracts and the amendments to the IDCH rules comply with the Act and the CFTC Rules.

Regards,



Michael Dundon  
Chief Risk Officer

Attachment

cc: Ananda Radhakrishnan  
Nancy Schnabel  
Robert Wasserman

**Rules**  
**of**  
**International Derivatives Clearinghouse, LLC**  
**As of August 10~~July 26~~, 2010**

## Chapter 9 Contract Specifications

### **Rule 908. IDEX USD Defined Roll Interest Rate Swap Futures**

**Description:** The IDEX USD Defined Roll Interest Rate Swap Futures are futures on United States dollar-denominated interest rate swaps with a notional value of \$100,000 and requiring the exchange of periodic payments of semi-annual fixed rate payments based on the futures price in exchange for quarterly floating rate payments based on the 3-month US Dollar London Interbank Offered Rate (the "USD LIBOR"). The periodic Interest Payment Dates will only fall on the third Wednesday of March, June, September or December.

**Ticker Symbols:** Base Example = QISYYYYMMDD. YYYYMMDD refers to the unadjusted Maturity Date of the series.

**Contract Listings:** The Participating Trading Facility at any given time may list for trading IDEX USD Defined Roll Interest Rate Swap Futures having annual maturities from one to thirty years (with one year comprising 365 days, or 366 days for leap years), with one contract of IDEX USD Defined Roll Interest Rate Swap Futures maturing on the third Wednesday of March, June, September, and December. The Effective Date and Maturity Date of each individual IDEX USD Defined Roll Interest Rate Swaps Futures shall be established by the Participating Trading Facility on the date each such contract is listed by the Participating Trading Facility. The Participating Trading Facility shall make known the listing of any contract on its website or the Clearinghouse website ([www.idcg.com](http://www.idcg.com)) prior to the commencement of trading.

**Trading Hours:** 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM Eastern Time ("ET") Monday – Friday.

**Trading Platform:** IDEX XT Trade Match Engine.

**Effective Date:** Will be the third Wednesday of March, June, September or December, adjusted by the Modified Following Business Day Convention for London and New York as specified on the listing of any individual IDEX USD Defined Roll Interest Rate Swap Futures by the Participating Trading Facility.

**Maturity Date:** Will be the third Wednesday of the month of the Effective Date a whole number of years after the Effective Date, adjusted by the Modified Following Business Day Convention for London and New York.

**Reset Date:** Will be 2 London Business Days preceding the start of the floating rate interest accrual period.

**Periodic Payments:** Periodic payments on the IDEX USD Defined Roll Interest Rate Swap Futures will be made on a semi-annual basis for the fixed rate payments, and on a quarterly basis for the floating rate payments. Each Interest Payment Date in the IDEX USD Defined Roll Interest Rate Swap Futures will be defined by the Effective Date, the Maturity Date, and the payment frequency of the fixed or floating side as appropriate, adjusted by the Modified Following Business Day convention for New York and London.

The Start Date of the first fixed rate interest accrual period will be the Effective Date for the series, subsequent interest accrual period Start Dates will be the third Wednesday of the month which is six months after the previous interest accrual period Start Date.

The End Date of the first fixed rate interest accrual period will be the third Wednesday of the month which is six months after the Effective Date, subsequent interest accrual period End Dates will be the third Wednesday of the month which is six months after the previous interest accrual period End Date up until the Maturity Date of the series.

All dates will be adjusted by the Modified Following Business Day convention for New York and London.

The Interest Payment Date of any interest accrual period is the End Date of the same interest accrual period.

The Start Date of the first floating rate interest accrual period will be the Effective Date for the series, subsequent interest accrual period Start Dates will be the third Wednesday of the month which is three months after the previous interest accrual period Start Date.

The End Date of the first floating rate interest accrual period will be the third Wednesday of the month which is three months after the Effective Date, subsequent interest accrual period End Dates will be the third Wednesday of the month which is three months after the previous interest accrual period End Date up until the Maturity Date of the series.

All dates will be adjusted by the Modified Following Business Day convention for New York and London.

**Floating Rate Payment:** The floating rate payment for a given interest accrual period shall be an amount equal to the Notional Value multiplied by the USD LIBOR setting multiplied by the Actual/360 Interest accrual Year Fraction.

**Fixed Rate Payment:** The fixed rate payment for a given interest accrual period shall be equal to the notional value multiplied by the fixed rate multiplied by the 30/360 Interest accrual Year Fraction.

**Minimum Price Increments:** The price of the IDEX USD Defined Roll Interest Rate Swap Futures contract is the traded yield of the fixed rate portion of the swap. Minimum price intervals are expressed in terms of the interest rate on the fixed rate portion of the IDEX USD Defined Roll Interest Rate Swap Futures contracts. The minimum price interval is .001 for contracts traded on the IDEX XT trading system and .00001 for contracts established by means of EFS through the SwapDrop Portal.

**Daily Settlement Price:** The Net Present Value of each open position is valued by the Clearinghouse at the end of each trading day by valuing each leg of the cash flows of the contract (fixed and floating) according to discount factors generated by the IDEX Curve. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the Clearinghouse may, in its sole discretion, establish a Daily Settlement Price that is a fair and appropriate reflection of the market.

**Last Trading Day:** The Last Trading Day for any individual IDEX USD Defined Roll Interest Rate Swap Futures contract is the business day preceding that contract's Maturity Date. For purposes of this

rule, a business day is any day on which the Participating Trading Facility is open for the trading of IDEX USD Swap Futures contracts.

Position Accountability: A person owning or controlling more than 3,000 contracts net long or net short in all contract series combined shall provide, in a timely fashion, upon request by the Participating Trading Facility, information regarding the nature of the position, trading strategy, and hedging information, if applicable.

Large Trader Reporting: Pursuant to Commission Regulation Section 15.03 and Part 17 of the Commission's Regulations, the position level that is required to be reported to the Participating Trading Facility and Commission is any open position in a particular IDEX USD Defined Roll Interest Rate Swap Futures contract series at the close of trading on any trading day equal to or in excess of twenty-five on either side of the market.

Contract Modifications: Specifications are fixed as of the first day of trading of a contract. If any U.S. government agency or body with authority issues an order, ruling, directive or law that conflicts with the requirements of these rules, such order, ruling, directive or law shall be construed to take precedence and become part of these rules, and all open and new contracts shall be subject to such government orders.

No-Break Range: Pursuant to Rule F26, The "No Break Range" for any contract shall be any price within a range bounded by the "fair market value" of such contract at the time the transaction occurred plus or minus the market movement covered by one-third of the initial margin required for such contract. For these purposes fair market value shall be determined by the Participating Trading Facility based on trading activity in the contract at the time of the dispute or by surveying at least three market participants not involved in the transaction in question.

Final Settlement Date: The Final Settlement Date shall be the Final Payment Date of each individual IDEX USD Defined Roll Interest Rate Swap Future. Clearing Members holding open positions in an IDEX USD Defined Roll Interest Rate Swap Future at the termination of trading in that contract shall make payment to or receive payment from the Clearinghouse in accordance with normal variation and performance bond procedures based on the net of the fixed and floating rate interest payment of the last interest accrual period.

**Glossary:**

30/360 Interest accrual Year Fraction means the number of days in the interest accrual period in respect of which payment is being made (assuming 30 day months) divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\frac{\{[360 \times (Y2-Y1)] + [30 \times (M2-M1)] + (D2-D1)\}}{360}$$

Where:

Y1 is the year, expressed as a number, in which the start date of the interest accrual period falls.

Y2 is the year, expressed as a number, in which the end date of the interest accrual period falls.

M1 is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the start date of the interest accrual period falls.

M2 is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the end date of the interest accrual period falls.

D1 is the first calendar day expressed as a number, of the interest accrual period, unless such a number would be 31, in which case D1 will be 30.

D2 is the last calendar day, expressed as a number, of the interest accrual period, unless such a number would be 31 and D1 is greater than 29, in which case D2 will be 30.

Actual/360 Interest accrual Year Fraction means the actual number of days in the interest accrual period in respect of which payment is being made divided by 360.

Business Day means a day in which the banking system is open to settle payments in the locations listed.

Effective Date means the date on which interest begins to accrue in the first interest accrual period.

End Date means the date on which an interest accrual period ends.

Interest Payment Date means a day on which interest is paid.

Maturity Date means the day the final net coupon is paid. The accumulated unrealized Profit and Loss (P/L) that is attributable to the accruing coupon moves from unrealized Open Trade Equity (OTE) to realized Profit and Loss (Cash).

Modified Following Business Day Convention means the date will be adjusted to be the first following day that is a Business Day in the locations listed unless that day falls in the next calendar month, in which case that date will be the first preceding day that is a Business Day in the locations listed.

Reset Date means the day on which the value of 3 Month Libor is observed so that it can be applied to the next floating interest accrual period.

Start Date means the date on which an interest accrual period begins.

Week Day means any calendar day which is not a Saturday or Sunday.

**Rule 909. IDEX USD Forward Start Defined Roll Interest Rate Swap Futures**

**Description:** The IDEX USD Forward Start Defined Roll Interest Rate Swap Futures are futures on United States dollar-denominated interest rate swaps with a notional value of \$100,000, and a deferred Effective Date, requiring the exchange of periodic payments of semi-annual fixed rate payments based on the futures price in exchange for quarterly floating rate payments based on the 3-month US Dollar London Interbank Offered Rate (the "USD LIBOR"). The periodic Interest Payment Dates will only fall on the third Wednesday of March, June, September or December.

**Ticker Symbols:** Base Example = QFSYYYYMMDDyNN. YYYYYMMDD refers to the unadjusted Maturity Date of the series. yNN refers to contract duration in years.

**Contract Listings:** The Participating Trading Facility at any given time may list for trading IDEX USD Forward Start Defined Roll Interest Rate Swap Futures having terms from one to twenty nine years and a Maturity Date not longer than thirty years (with one year comprising 365 days, or 366 days for leap years), with one contract of IDEX USD Forward Start Defined Roll Interest Rate Swap Futures maturing on the third Wednesday of March, June, September, and December. The Effective Date and Maturity Date of each individual IDEX USD Forward Start Defined Roll Interest Rate Swap Futures shall be established by the Participating Trading Facility on the date each such contract is listed by the Participating Trading Facility. The Participating Trading Facility shall make known the listing of any contract on its website or the Clearinghouse website (www.idcg.com) prior to the commencement of trading.

**Trading Hours:** 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM Eastern Time ("ET") Monday – Friday.

**Trading Platform:** IDEX XT Trade Match Engine.

**Effective Date:** Will be the third Wednesday of March, June, September or December, adjusted by the Modified Following Business Day Convention for London and New York as specified on the listing of any individual IDEX USD Forward Start Defined Roll Interest Rate Swap Futures by the Participating Trading Facility.

**Maturity Date:** Will be the third Wednesday of the month of the Effective Date a whole number of years after the Effective Date, adjusted by the Modified Following Business Day Convention for London and New York.

**Reset Date:** Will be 2 London Business Days preceding the start of the floating rate interest accrual period.

**Periodic Payments:** Periodic payments on the IDEX USD Forward Start Defined Roll Interest Rate Swap Futures will be made on a semi-annual basis for the fixed rate payments, and on a quarterly basis for the floating rate payments. Each Interest Payment Date in the IDEX USD Forward Start Defined Roll Interest Rate Swap Futures will be defined by the Effective Date, the Maturity Date, and the payment frequency of the fixed or floating side as appropriate, adjusted by the Modified Following Business Day convention for New York and London.

The Start Date of the first fixed rate interest accrual period will be the Effective Date for the series, subsequent interest accrual period Start Dates will be the third Wednesday of the month which is six months after the previous interest accrual period Start Date.

The End Date of the first fixed rate interest accrual period will be the third Wednesday of the month which is six months after the Effective Date, subsequent interest accrual period End Dates will be the third Wednesday of the month which is six months after the previous interest accrual period End Date up until the Maturity Date of the series.

All dates will be adjusted by the Modified Following Business Day convention for New York and London.

The Interest Payment Date of any interest accrual period is the End Date of the same interest accrual period.

The Start Date of the first floating rate interest accrual period will be the Effective Date for the series, subsequent interest accrual period Start Dates will be the third Wednesday of the month which is three months after the previous interest accrual period Start Date.

The End Date of the first floating rate interest accrual period will be the third Wednesday of the month which is three months after the Effective Date, subsequent interest accrual period End Dates will be the third Wednesday of the month which is three months after the previous interest accrual period End Date up until the Maturity Date of the series.

All dates will be adjusted by the Modified Following Business Day convention for New York and London.

**Floating Rate Payment:** The floating rate payment for a given interest accrual period shall be an amount equal to the Notional Value multiplied by the USD LIBOR setting multiplied by the Actual/360 Interest accrual Year Fraction.

**Fixed Rate Payment:** The fixed rate payment for a given interest accrual period shall be equal to the notional value multiplied by the fixed rate multiplied by the 30/360 Interest accrual Year Fraction.

**Minimum Price Increments:** The price of the IDEX USD Forward Start Defined Roll Interest Rate Swap Futures contract is the traded yield of the fixed rate portion of the swap. Minimum price intervals are expressed in terms of the interest rate on the fixed rate portion of the IDEX USD Forward Start Defined Roll Interest Rate Swap Futures contracts. The minimum price interval is .001 for contracts traded on the IDEX XT trading system and .00001 for contracts established by means of BFS through the SwapDrop Portal.

**Daily Settlement Price:** The Net Present Value of each open position is valued by the Clearinghouse at the end of each trading day by valuing each leg of the cash flows of the contract (fixed and floating) according to discount factors generated by the IDEX Curve. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the Clearinghouse may, in its sole discretion, establish a Daily Settlement Price that is a fair and appropriate reflection of the market.



**Last Trading Day:** The Last Trading Day for any individual IDEX USD Forward Start Defined Roll Interest Rate Swap Futures contract is the business day preceding that contract's Maturity Date. For purposes of this rule, a business day is any day on which the Participating Trading Facility is open for the trading of IDEX USD Forward Start Swap Futures contracts.

**Position Accountability:** A person owning or controlling more than 3,000 contracts net long or net short in all contract series combined shall provide, in a timely fashion, upon request by the Participating Trading Facility, information regarding the nature of the position, trading strategy, and hedging information, if applicable.

**Large Trader Reporting:** Pursuant to Commission Regulation Section 15.03 and Part 17 of the Commission's Regulations, the position level that is required to be reported to the Participating Trading Facility and Commission is any open position in a particular IDEX USD Forward Start Defined Roll Interest Rate Swap Futures contract series at the close of trading on any trading day equal to or in excess of twenty-five on either side of the market.

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**Final Settlement Date:** The Final Settlement Date shall be the Final Payment Date of each individual IDEX USD Forward Start Defined Roll Interest Rate Swap Future. Clearing Members holding open positions in a IDEX USD Forward Start Defined Roll Interest Rate Swap Future at the termination of trading in that contract shall make payment to or receive payment from the Clearinghouse in accordance with normal variation and performance bond procedures based on the net of the fixed and floating rate interest payment of the last interest accrual period.

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