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CIRCULAR 18/069 MEMBERS' OBLIGATIONS WHEN PARTICIPATING IN BLOCK, EFP, EFS, EFRP AND BASIS TRADES

CATEGORY

Trading

ATTACHMENTS

None

During the course of post-trade review, ICE Futures Europe ("the Exchange") has become aware of recent failures by a number of Members to adhere to the Exchange Regulations, Policies and Guidance documents when participating in Block, Exchange for Physicals ("EFP"), Exchange for Swaps ("EFS"), Soft Commodity Exchange for Related Positions ("EFRP") and Basis trades. In particular, the Exchange has noticed a common theme within these recent failures, whereby Members have failed to provide sufficient supporting documentation and a complete audit trail in relation to the transactions concerned.

The Exchange would like to remind Members that all appropriate staff should be aware of and adhere to the Exchange's requirements with respect to these trade types.

The Exchange Rules with respect to the above mentioned trade types can be found in Section F of the **Exchange Regulations**. Members are also advised to review the Exchange Trading Procedures which can be found **here**. In particular, the Exchange wishes to draw Members' attention to the following provisions of the Trading Procedures:

- Section 1, Trading, Part 3.1 Order Slips and Records of Trades,
- Section 3, Exchange for Physicals and Exchange for Swaps; and
- Section 4, Block Trade Procedures.

The Exchange recently published its updated Block Policy with Circular 18/026 on the 19 February 2018. The ICE Futures Europe Block Policy can be found at the following location. In addition, the Exchange's policy document concerning EFP, EFS, Soft Commodity EFRP and Basis Trades can be found here.

Failure to comply with the requirements set out above may be subject to investigation and disciplinary proceedings under Section E of the Exchange's Regulations.

Please ensure that the appropriate members of staff within your organisation and customers are advised of the content of this Circular.

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