

NOTICE

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Summary of Content:

Rule amendments regarding Cocoa and Coffee Licensed Sampler application and selection.

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Amendments Re: Licensed Coffee and Cocoa Sampler Application and Selection Process

Effective with the start of trading on Monday, January 9, 2012, the Exchange is implementing amendments to Coffee Rule 8 Appendix I(j) and Cocoa Rule 9.14 to prohibit master samplers and samplers from sampling Exchange coffee or cocoa if the sampler or an immediate family member (i) directly or indirectly has an ownership interest in the product submitted for Exchange sampling; (ii) directly or indirectly, is a Deliverer or Receiver of such product tendered under an Exchange Futures Contract; (iii) directly or indirectly has an ownership interest in, or is an employee of, the warehouse operator where the product submitted for Exchange sampling is stored or (iv) has any other business or personal relationship that poses a conflict of interest with respect to the sampling of the subject commodity.

At the same time the Exchange is also implementing amendments to Licensing Rule 7.06 to require applicants who wish to become master samplers to provide certain background information which the Exchange will then use to identify potential conflicts of interest when samplers are selected by the Exchange to sample particular lots of certified stock.

For a copy of the amended Rules showing additions and deletions, please contact Madeline Meketa at 212 748-4082.

The foregoing amendments to the Rules are the subject of a pending submission to the CFTC filed by the Exchange. A copy of the filing may be found on the Exchange's website.