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The equivalent of this Notice will be issued to Members of each Liffe market.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

Executive Summary

This Notice sets out amendments to the Exchange's membership application process, including the introduction of a "Membership Option" for all Applicants and existing Members of all Liffe markets.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Following a review of Liffe's internal procedures for processing membership applications, this Notice sets out a refinement to the membership application process.

2. Introduction of a "Membership Option"

- 2.1 The current membership process requires an Applicant to undergo various checks instigated by Liffe's Membership department to ensure that each Applicant meets the requirements for membership set out in Rule 2201. These checks are tailored to each Liffe market with the result that when an Applicant wishes to extend its membership to another Liffe market it may be subject to further checks, potentially delaying its ability to access other Liffe markets.
- 2.2 In reviewing the membership process Liffe has concluded that the checks on an Applicant's controls and procedures need only to be undertaken once, at the time of the initial application. Once approved, a Member then has a "Membership Option" which allows it, at its absolute discretion, to extend its membership to other Liffe markets as and when it chooses. Upon exercising this option, the Member will only be required to provide evidence that it has, where relevant, the relevant regulatory authorisations to carry out its desired activities in the additional location(s). Once this has been provided, the Member will receive written confirmation that it has been formally accepted as a Member of the additional market(s).
- 2.3 The "Membership Option" will automatically be granted to all existing Members of Liffe's markets.
- 2.4 In relation to any Member wishing to extend market access, whether it first became a Liffe Member before the Membership Option was introduced or afterwards, the Exchange will not seek to duplicate checks made previously and additional due diligence will be undertaken only where it is deemed to be necessary. e.g. where the initial application was made some years before and therefore the checks that were undertaken would not necessarily reflect the current business practices of the Member.

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- 2.5 Prior to a Member extending its trading or clearing activities, the Member will simply be required to fulfil any market specific *operational* needs (e.g. confirm contracts to be traded, put clearing arrangements in place etc).

3. Effective Date

- 3.1 The revised membership process enters into effect immediately.

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