



TO: Clearing Member Firms; Back Office Managers
 FROM: CME Clearing
 SUBJECT: **OTC Holiday Advisory – Christmas and New Year’s Day**

CME Clearing will be open for clearing of all cleared OTC financial products on Monday, December 25 (Christmas Day) and Monday, January 1 (New Year’s Day).

Please note that for all currencies, except Japanese Yen, CME Clearing will follow normal holiday processing procedures. This means that trades will still clear real time, but will clear for the next clearing business day. For trades denominated in Japanese Yen, since it is a normal yen business day CME Clearing will report and clear all Yen denominated trades as per normal procedure.

On Monday, January 1, since all currencies are on holiday, CME Clearing will not produce any of the normal end of day reporting.

For specific information on how this will impact CME Clearing’s processing and trade submission timelines, please refer to the information below.

Trade Submission, Variation Margin Settlement, and Price Alignment Interest:

Christmas Holiday						
Currencies		Bank Holiday	For trades submitted on Bank Holiday		PAI	
			Clear Date	Upfront Fee Settlement Date	Close Of Business Date	Days
T+1 Currencies	CAD, GBP, EUR	Monday, 12/25 & Tuesday, 12/26	Wednesday, 12/27	Thursday, 12/28	Friday, 12/22	5
	BRL, MXN, USD	Monday, 12/26	Tuesday, 12/27	Wednesday, 12/30	Friday, 12/22	4
T+2 Currencies	AUD, NZD, CZK, DKK, HUF, NOK, SEK, CHF, HKD, PLN, ZAR	Monday, 12/25 & Tuesday, 12/26	Wednesday, 12/27	Friday, 12/29	Friday, 12/22	5
	SGD	Monday, 12/25	Tuesday, 12/26	Thursday, 12/28	Friday, 12/22	4

New Year's Holiday						
Currencies		Bank Holiday	For trades submitted on Bank Holiday		PAI	
			Clear Date	Upfront Fee Settlement Date	Close Of Business Date	Days
T+1 Currencies	BRL, CAD, EUR, GBP, MXN, USD	Monday, 1/1	Tuesday 1/2	Wednesday, 1/3	Friday, 12/30	4
T+2 Currencies	AUD, HKD, HUF, NOK, SGD, ZAR, CZK	Monday, 1/1	Tuesday 1/2	Thursday, 1/4	Friday, 12/30	4
	NZD, CHF	Monday, 1/1 Tuesday 1/2	Wednesday, 1/3	Friday, 1/5	Friday, 12/30	5
	JPY	Monday, 1/1 Tuesday, 1/2 Wednesday, 1/3 Monday, 1/8	Thursday, 1/4	Tuesday, 1/9	Friday, 12/30	3

For example, for CAD and GBP swaps submitted for clearing on Monday, December 25, 2017, will clear on December 25, 2017 but the cleared date will be Tuesday, December 26, 2017. This means that the variation margin and upfront fees for these trades will settle on Wednesday, December 27, 2017.

Swaps submitted for clearing on Monday, January 1, 2018 will clear on January 2, 2018, but the cleared date will be the next valid business day in that currency.

OTC FX holiday information will be sourced from COPP CLARK.

****Special Case for JPY settlement on Tuesday, December 26****

As the settlement banks are closed on the Christmas day, the value date for all JPY-denominated variation amounts in the end-of-day clearing cycle on Friday, December 22, will be Wednesday, December 27 (to allow banks in the US and Europe to confirm settlements on Tuesday, December 26). This means that any cash flow, including upfront fees scheduled to settle on Tuesday, December 26 will instead settle on Wednesday, December 27th.

Payment Calculation Date	Currency	Adjusted Settlement Date
Friday, December 22 rd	JPY	Wednesday, December 27 th

Initial Margin Calculations:

Close of Business Date	Product	Currencies	Will CME generate new IM requirements
Monday, December 25, 2017	IRS	All Currency Pairs	Yes
	CDS	USD-CDX EUR-iTraxx	No No
	OTC FX	All Currency Pairs	No

Close of Business Date	Product	Currencies	Will CME generate new IM requirements
Monday, January 1, 2018	IRS	All Currency Pairs	No
	CDS	USD-CDX EUR-iTraxx	No No
	OTC FX	All Currency Pairs	No

EOD Reporting:

Date	Asset Class	Environment	EOD Reports Produced
Monday, December 25, 2017	CDS	Production	Yes
	CDS	New Release	Yes
	IRS	Production	Yes
	IRS	New Release	Yes
	OTC FX	Production	Yes
	OTC FX	New Release	Yes
Monday, January 1, 2018	CDS	Production	No
	CDS	New Release	No
	IRS	Production	No
	IRS	New Release	No
	OTC FX	Production	No
	OTC FX	New Release	No

CDS Price Submission:

CDS Price Submission Schedule			
Date		Early Close	Price Submission required
Friday, December 22, 2017	USD-CDX	Yes	Yes
	EUR-iTraxx	No	Yes
Monday, December 25, 2017	USD-CDX	No	No
	EUR-iTraxx	No	No
Tuesday, December 26, 2017	USD-CDX	No	Yes
	EUR-iTraxx	No	No
Friday, December 29, 2017	USD-CDX	Yes	Yes
	EUR-iTraxx	No	Yes
Monday, January 1, 2018	USD-CDX	No	No
	EUR-iTraxx	No	No

On Friday, December 22 and Friday, December 29 CME Clearing will be following the schedule outlined below –

- **Publication of early CDS settlement price file:** 12:30 p.m. ET (11:30 a.m. CT)
- **Publication of Preliminary Dealer Feedback Files:** 2:05pm ET (1:05pm CT)
- **Dealer Price Submission Deadline:** 2:35 p.m. ET (1:35 p.m. CT)
- **Publication of Final PQA Dealer Feedback Files:** 2:45 p.m. ET (1:45 p.m. CT)

If you have questions, please contact the CME Client Services Team at onboarding_clearing@cmegroup.com.