



ASX CLEAR (FUTURES) OPERATING RULES

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PROCEDURES DETERMINATIONS AND PRACTICE NOTES RELATING TO THE ASX CLEAR (FUTURES) OPERATING RULES

Rule 1.1 Definitions

Approved Clearing and Settlement Facility – ASX Clear (Futures) approves ASX Clear Pty Ltd as an Approved Clearing and Settlement Facility.

Introduced 02/08/13

Approved Market Operator – ASX Clear (Futures) approves the Exchange as an Approved Market Operator.

Introduced 02/08/13

Rule 4.2(a) Becoming a Clearing Participant

Application Form – Please contact the Exchange for a copy of the Clearing Participant Application Form.

Rule 4.14(aa) Becoming a Clearing Participant

If a Clearing Participant is an AFS licensee, a copy of the FS 71 audit report is prescribed. Clearing Participants which are foreign ADIs and who are exempted by ASIC Class Order CO 03/823 from the requirement to prepare FS71 audit reports, may lodge the equivalent audit report that they lodge with ASIC. Exceptions to the above require the approval of ASX Clear (Futures). An FS71 or equivalent audit report should be forwarded to Compliance@asx.com.au.

Amended 11/02/14

Rule 4.14(a) Becoming a Clearing Participant

The prescribed form of annual audit certificate as required under Rule 4.14(a) is Form 1 and Form 2, along with the director's declaration as set out in the Appendix hereto. These are to be submitted via email to CRAteam@asx.com.au within 3 months of the Clearing Participant's financial year end.

Foreign Participants can choose to have their internal controls and return audited according to Australian auditing standards and code of ethics or auditing standards and code of ethics of their home jurisdiction. The appropriate selection should be made in the Form 1 and Form

2. Notwithstanding this selection, ASX Clear (Futures) reserves the right to require an auditor to provide a report based on the Australian auditing standards and/or code of ethics.

KEY:

* delete as applicable

Note:

Where it may be necessary to make a deletion, the words to be deleted have been highlighted in bold and as noted above are followed by an asterisk (i.e. *). Any other deletions, amendments or omissions other than those listed above will deem the auditor's report as incorrect or incomplete.

Amended 01/07/13, 11/02/14

Form 1 – Independent Auditor’s Report on Net Tangible Assets Rules

Independent Auditor’s Report to the Directors of [Participant Name]

We have audited the internal control policies and procedures (“internal controls”) of [Participant Name] (the “Participant”) designed to ensure compliance with the requirements of:

ASX Clear (Futures) Pty Limited’s (“ASX Clear (Futures)”) **Operating Rule 8.1/OTC Rule 3.3(a)(ii)*** in relation to the maintenance of net tangible assets (the “Net Tangible Assets Rules”)

in order to express an opinion about their effectiveness for the [period/year] ended [date].

The Responsibility of the Directors for Internal Controls

The directors of the Participant are responsible for maintaining an effective internal control structure, including establishing and maintaining accounting records and effective internal controls designed to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Net Tangible Assets Rules. We have conducted an independent audit of the internal controls designed to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Net Tangible Assets Rules in order to express an opinion on them to the directors of the Participant for the [period/year] ended [date].

Auditor’s Responsibility

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with **Australian Auditing Standard AUS810 “Special Purpose Reports on the Effectiveness of Control Procedures”/[insert auditing standards applicable to Participant’s home jurisdiction]*** and accordingly included such tests and procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether in all material aspects, the Participant maintained suitably designed and effective internal controls to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Net Tangible Assets Rules for the [period/year] ended [date].

INHERENT LIMITATIONS

Because of the inherent limitations of any internal control structure it is possible that fraud, errors or non-compliance with laws and regulations may occur and not be detected. Further, the overall internal control structure, within which the internal controls designed to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Net Tangible Assets Rules operate, has not been audited, and no opinion is expressed as to its effectiveness.

An audit is not designed to detect all weaknesses in internal controls or all instances of non-compliance with the requirements of the Net Tangible Assets Rules as it is not performed continuously throughout the period/year and the tests performed over the internal controls are on a sample basis having regard to the nature and size of the Participant.

Any projection of the evaluation of internal controls to future periods is subject to the risk that the internal controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with them may deteriorate.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

BASIS FOR QUALIFIED OPINION (IF APPLICABLE)

[QUALIFIED] AUDITOR’S OPINION

In our opinion, [except for the matters referred to in the qualification below,] [Participant Name]:

maintained, in all material respects, during the [period] ended [date] suitably designed and effective internal controls to comply with the requirements of ASX Clear (Futures) Pty Limited’s **Operating Rule 8.1/OTC Rule 3.3(a)(ii)*** in relation to the maintenance of net tangible assets.

RESTRICTION ON DISTRIBUTION AND USE

This report has been prepared for the Participant in order to meet its obligations to lodge this report with ASX Clear (Futures) Pty Limited. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for reliance on this report to any person other than the Participant and ASX Clear (Futures) Pty Limited or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Audit Firm Signature

Name of Audit Firm

Partner’s Signature

Name of Partner

Address of Audit Firm

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Date

Amended 24/12/10, 01/12/11, 09/11/12, 01/07/13

Form 2 – Auditor's Report on Audited NTA Return

Independent Auditor's Report to the Directors of [Participant_name]

We have audited the financial information set out in the attached Audited NTA Return, excluding the:

- Directors Statement Relating to Net Tangible Assets and
- Financial information set out in the “Prior Period”, “Movement \$” and “Movement %” columns, (the “Return”) of [Participant_name] (the “Participant”) for the [period] ended [date].

The Responsibility of the Directors for the Return

The **directors** of the Participant are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial information set out in the Return in accordance with the requirements of the **ASX Clear (Futures) Pty Limited (“ASX Clear (Futures)”) Operating Rules**. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial information set out in the Return to ensure that the Return is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial information set out in the Return based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with **Australian Auditing Standards/[insert auditing standards applicable to Participant's home jurisdiction]**. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance, whether the financial information set out in the attached Return, is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures of the financial information set out in the Return. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial information set out in the Return whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal controls relevant to the Participant's preparation and fair presentation of the financial information set out in the Return in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Participant's internal controls. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors of the Participant, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial information set out in the Return.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

INDEPENDENCE

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of **APES 110: Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants/[code of conduct legislation applicable to Participant's home jurisdiction]**.

BASIS FOR QUALIFIED OPINION (IF APPLICABLE)

[QUALIFIED] AUDITOR’S OPINION

In our opinion, [except for the matters referred to in the qualification below], the Return of [Participant_name] for the [period] ended [date] presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial information of the Participant for the [period] ended [date] as required by **ASX Clear (Futures) in accordance with the ASX Clear (Futures) Operating Rules** that are relevant to the preparation and presentation of the Return.

BASIS OF PREPARATION AND RESTRICTION ON DISTRIBUTION AND USE

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to the basis of preparation of the Return. The Return has been prepared in accordance with **ASX Clear (Futures) Pty Limited Operating Rule 8.5(b)/OTC Rule 3.3(b)(ii)***.

This report has been prepared for the Participant in order to meet its obligations to lodge this report with ASX Clear (Futures) Pty Limited. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for reliance on this report to any person other than the Participant and ASX Clear (Futures) Pty Limited or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Dated this day of

Audit Firm “Signature”

Name of Audit Firm

Address of Audit Firm

Partner’s Signature

Name of Partner

If an auditor is not satisfied as to any matter a qualified audit opinion should be expressed.

Introduced 24/12/10 Amended 01/12/11, 01/07/13, 11/02/14

Appendix – Director's Declaration

As directors of [Entity Name] (“the Participant”), we are responsible for maintaining an effective internal control structure, including establishing and maintaining effective internal controls designed to ensure compliance with the requirements of:

- ASX Clear (Futures) Pty Limited’s (“ASX Clear (Futures)”) **Operating Rule 8.1/OTC Rule 3.3(a)(ii)*** in relation to the maintenance of net tangible assets.

In carrying out this responsibility, we have had regard to the interests of the clients and owners of the Participant, and to the general effectiveness and efficiency of the operations of the Participant.

In the opinion of the directors, the Participant:

- (a) maintained, in all material respects, during the [period] ended [date] suitably designed and effective internal controls to comply with the requirements of ASX Clear (Futures) Pty Limited’s **Operating Rule 8.1/OTC Rule 3.3(a)(ii)*** in relation to the maintenance of net tangible assets.

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Director / Authorised Signatory	Director / Authorised Signatory
Name:	Name:
Date:	Date:

Date of Board Resolution (if applicable)

INSTRUCTIONS:

This Director’s Declaration is to be signed by two signatories (where both signatories must be either a director or an authorised signatory) or alternatively, in accordance with a resolution of the board of directors (where the date of the resolution must be specified), by a single director (or authorised signatory).

If a Participant considers it necessary to qualify this standard statement, the reasons should be explained in full in an accompanying statement.

This statement is required to be completed and lodged annually by each Participant within three months of the Participant’s financial year end.

Amended 24/12/10, 01/12/11, 09/11/12, 01/07/13

Rule 7.1 Satisfaction of Obligations of ASX Clear (Futures)

- (a) For the purposes of Rule 7.1(c), the designated assets are:
- (i) the proceeds of a subordinated loan to ASX Clear (Futures) by ASX Clearing Corporation Limited, under an agreement dated 27 April 2009 (as amended or replaced from time to time), up to a maximum amount of A\$90,000,000; and
 - (ii) share capital invested in ASX Clear (Futures) by ASX Clearing Corporation Limited up to a maximum amount of A\$30,000,000.
- (b) For the purposes of Rule 7.1(e), the designated assets are share capital invested in ASX Clear (Futures) by ASX Clearing Corporation Limited (excluding share capital that is from time to time designated for the purposes of Rule 7.1(c)) up to a maximum amount of A\$150,000,000.
- (c) For the purposes of Rule 7.1(h), the designated assets are other monies or assets available to ASX Clear (Futures) ~~include including~~ share capital invested in ASX Clear (Futures) by ASX Clearing Corporation Limited (excluding share capital that is from time to time designated for the purposes of Rules 7.1(c) and (e)) up to a maximum amount of A\$180,000,000.

Introduced 01/07/13 Amended 16/08/13: **/**/**

Rule 16 Use of Exchange Systems

Rule 16 applies to all Clearing Participants in relation to all systems of ASX Clear (Futures) provided those systems have been approved by ASX Clear (Futures) pursuant to the Rule.

The approvals given to date are in respect of:

- GENIUM INET Clearing software and supporting equipment provided for use by or on behalf of ASX Clear (Futures).
- Calypso software provided for use by Calypso Technology Inc.

Where, in future, new systems are developed necessitating the granting of software licences and supply of equipment to Clearing Participants, this software and equipment will be approved by ASX Clear (Futures) pursuant to this Rule for application to all Clearing Participants. Details will be set out here and by means of a notice.

Amended 01/07/13, 19/05/14

Rule 19.1 Notice, Notification and Service of Documents

Notice and Notification

For the purposes of Rule 19.1(b), unless otherwise specified in correspondence with a Clearing Participant, documents addressed to ASX Clear (Futures) should be addressed to the person holding the following position:

General Manager – Clearing and Settlement Operations
 ASX Limited
 Level 4, Exchange Centre
 20 Bridge Street
 SYDNEY NSW 2000
 Telephone: 1800 814 051
 Facsimile: 02 9235 1857

Notice to ASX Clear (Futures)

Notice to ASX Clear (Futures) may be given by:

1. Delivering it personally to the person specified above or otherwise specified in correspondence with the Clearing Participant;
2. Leaving it at or by sending it by courier or post to the address specified above or otherwise specified in correspondence with the Clearing Participant;
3. Sending it by facsimile to the facsimile number specified above or otherwise specified in correspondence with the Clearing Participant;
4. Updating the Clearing Participant's corporate details on asxonline where applicable, unless otherwise directed by ASX Clear (Futures);
5. Submitting it via the web-based system interface known as ASX Compliance Monitor ("ACM") where applicable, unless otherwise directed by ASX Clear (Futures); or
6. Specific email by any method which identifies an ASX Clear (Futures) department or an ASX Clear (Futures) employee's name or title as addressee and no notice of non-delivery has been received.

Notice by ASX Clear (Futures)

ASX Clear (Futures) may give notice to any person, firm or corporation by any of the following methods:

1. Delivering it to the recipient personally;
2. Leaving it at or by sending it by courier or post to the address of the recipient last notified to ASX Clear (Futures);
3. Sending it by facsimile to the recipient's facsimile number last notified to ASX Clear (Futures);
4. A circular or bulletin addressed to a class of persons and delivered or communicated by any means permitted under this Procedure;
5. Specific email by any method which identifies a person or person's title as addressee and no notice of non-delivery has been received;
6. Broadcast email by any method which identifies the addressee and which, having regard to all the relevant circumstances at the time, was as reliable as appropriate for the purposes for which the information was communicated; or

7. Sending it via the web-based system known as ACM.

Service of Documents

For the purposes of any Rule that requires or permits a document to be given to a person, whether the expression 'serve', 'give' or 'send' or any other expression is used, the document may be given, and will be taken to have been received, at the time and in the manner set out in the Procedures.

Nothing in Rule 19.1(c) or the Procedures prevents documents being sent or given to, or served on, a person in any other manner required or permitted by law.

For the purpose of Rule 19.1(c) the time and manner in which a notice may be given is as follows:

Notice by:

1. Post is taken to be given on the second Business Day after the document is put in the post, in a stamped envelope or other covering addressed to the recipient;
2. Courier is taken to be given at the time of delivery to the address referred to in this Procedure 19.1;
3. Facsimile is taken to be given when the sender's facsimile machine indicates a successful transmission to the facsimile number referred to in this Procedure 19.1;
4. Email, under this Procedure 19.1 is taken to be given 2 hours after the time the email enters the recipient's information system, unless a response to the contrary is received (e.g. an out of office notification); and
5. The web-based system known as ACM is taken to be given at the time which that system records the transmission.

For the purposes of the Rules, a notice given in accordance with this Procedure 19.1 to a person is received by that person at the time it is taken to be given to that person under this Procedure 19.1.

Introduced 01/01/12 Amended 11/02/14

Rule 20 Procedures for the Risk Committee

1 Scope of Application and Definitions

The following procedures (referred to as the Risk Committee Procedures) will apply to the Risk Committee (referred to as the Risk Committee).

Terms used and not otherwise defined in these Risk Committee Procedures will have the meanings given to them in the Rules.

Paragraphs of these Risk Committee Procedures are referred to as Paragraphs.

Introduced 11/02/14

2 Risk Committee Members

2.1 Risk Committee Members

(a) Clearing Participant Representatives

Each Clearing Participant may nominate a single representative for the Risk Committee (each referred to as a Risk Committee Member).

However, a person may not be nominated to be a Risk Committee Member unless that person:

- (a) has appropriate expertise and experience in relation to the matters to be considered by the Risk Committee; and
- (b) is acceptable to ASX Clear (Futures) in its reasonable discretion.

If ASX Clear (Futures) rejects a Risk Committee Member nominated by a Clearing Participant then the Clearing Participant may nominate a replacement for consideration by ASX Clear (Futures).

(b) Client Representatives

Clients do not participate in the Risk Committee at this time.

Introduced 11/02/14

2.2 ASX appointees

ASX Clear (Futures) may select and appoint any number of further Risk Committee Members in its sole discretion, where this is necessary in order for ASX Clear (Futures) to meet requirements under applicable law with respect to the composition of the Risk Committee.

Introduced 11/02/14

2.3 Change of Risk Committee Members

A Clearing Participant may, at any time, notify ASX Clear (Futures), that it intends to change its nominated Risk Committee Member by nominating a replacement nominee in accordance with Paragraph 2.1 (Risk Committee Members). Once accepted by ASX Clear (Futures), the replacement nominee replaces the previous nominee on the Risk Committee.

Introduced 11/02/14

2.4 Related bodies corporate

If two or more Clearing Participants are or become related bodies corporate, as determined by ASX Clear (Futures), such Clearing Participants are entitled to appoint only one single Risk Committee Member. If at any time Clearing Participants (which are related bodies corporate) have appointed more than one Risk Committee Member, such Clearing Participants will promptly notify ASX Clear (Futures) of the single Risk Committee Member who will represent them in the future.

Introduced 11/02/14

2.5 Chairman

From time to time the Risk Committee will appoint a Risk Committee Member by majority vote to serve as chairman (referred to as the Risk Committee Chairman). Such appointment will be for a period determined by ASX Clear (Futures). If the Risk Committee Chairman ceases to be a Risk Committee Member or resigns, a new Risk Committee Chairman will be appointed by the Risk Committee.

Introduced 11/02/14

2.6 Risk Committee Secretary

ASX Clear (Futures) will serve as the secretary of the Risk Committee (referred to as the Risk Committee Secretary) and will perform administrative duties.

Introduced 11/02/14

2.7 Suspension of Membership

A Risk Committee Member will be suspended from its capacity as Risk Committee Member upon the occurrence of a Default in relation to the Clearing Participant which has nominated such Risk Committee Member.

Introduced 11/02/14

3 Convening the Risk Committee

3.1 Meeting and Notice

The Risk Committee Secretary will convene a meeting of the Risk Committee (referred to as a Risk Committee Meeting):

- (a) at the request of the Risk Committee Chairman or any two Risk Committee Members (provided such request is accompanied by a draft Agenda (as defined below) for such Risk Committee Meeting); and
- (b) at its own discretion,

by delivering notice (referred to as a Notice) in accordance with this Paragraph 3. Risk Committee Meetings will be held at a location as determined by the Risk Committee Secretary. Any Risk Committee Members who do not attend in person may participate by telephone or video conference.

Introduced 11/02/14

3.2 Urgent Matters

The Risk Committee Secretary may convene a Risk Committee Meeting upon such notice and in such manner as it determines, in order to consider any matter which it determines requires the urgent attention of the Risk Committee.

Introduced 11/02/14

3.3 Participating Risk Committee Member

The Risk Committee Members attending a respective Risk Committee Meeting (either in person or by telephone or video conference) are each referred to as a Participating Risk Committee Member.

Introduced 11/02/14

3.4 Proxies

The Risk Chairman may make such arrangements for the appointment of proxies (including setting out the terms on which such proxies may vote or constitute a quorum) as it in its discretion determines.

Introduced 11/02/14

4 Quorum

The quorum for a valid Risk Committee Meeting will be one third of all Risk Committee Members (referred to as the Quorum).

In the event that a Quorum is not present at the start of and throughout a duly convened Risk Committee Meeting, such Risk Committee Meeting will be adjourned by the Risk Committee Chairman to the next following Business Day or such other day as is agreed with the Risk Committee Secretary. A Quorum at such adjourned Risk Committee Meeting will consist of the Participating Risk Committee Members provided that notice of the Risk Committee Meeting has been given to all Risk Committee Members in accordance with Paragraph 3 (Convening the Risk Committee).

Introduced 11/02/14

5 Voting

All decisions and recommendations made by the Risk Committee will be made at a Meeting by majority vote of the Participating Risk Committee Members.

For the purpose of all voting procedures each Participating Risk Committee Member will have one single vote. In the event that any vote is tied, the Risk Committee Chairman will have the casting vote.

Introduced 11/02/14

6 Participation of Employees

A Risk Committee Member may invite one employee of the Clearing Participant which it is representing (or of a related bodies corporate) to participate in a Risk Committee Meeting in respect of which such employee has particular expertise. The Risk Committee Member may, by notice to the Risk Committee Chairman, delegate the authority to vote on its behalf on a particular issue to any such employee.

ASX Clear (Futures) will send employees to Risk Committee Meetings in order to perform its function as Risk Committee Secretary. The Risk Committee may invite further employees and members of corporate bodies of ASX Clear (Futures) to Risk Committee Meetings.

Introduced 11/02/14

7 Minutes and Statements

7.1 Risk Committee Minutes

Minutes will be taken of all Risk Committee Meetings (referred to as the Risk Committee Minutes) by the Risk Committee Secretary.

Introduced 11/02/14

7.2 Risk Committee Statements

The Risk Committee may appoint one or more Risk Committee Members to prepare, on behalf of the Risk Committee, any proposal, response, statement or other document setting out the views of the Risk Committee with respect to any relevant matter (referred to as a Risk Committee Statement). The Risk Committee Chairman may refer the Risk Committee Statement to a Meeting for approval or may, if the Risk Committee Chairman is satisfied that the Risk Committee Statement represents the views of the majority of Risk Committee Members after circulating such Statement to the Risk Committee Members, deliver such Risk Committee Statement to ASX Clear (Futures) for incorporation into the Risk Committee Minutes and will be taken to set out the view of the Risk Committee.

Introduced 11/02/14

8 Compensation

Each Clearing Participant will be responsible for the costs associated with its Risk Committee Member's participation in the Risk Committee and will not be entitled to demand or receive any fee or compensation from ASX Clear (Futures) for such participation.

Introduced 11/02/14

9 Confidentiality

Except as expressly contemplated in these Risk Committee Procedures or as required by applicable law or court order or by a regulatory, self-regulatory or

supervising authority having appropriate jurisdiction, each Clearing Participant agrees and procures that its relevant Risk Committee Member agrees:

- (a) to maintain confidentiality as to all aspects of the Risk Committee, including any discussions, deliberations, proceedings or results of any vote, or any determinations produced by these proceedings (referred to as the Confidential Information); and
- (b) not to use any Confidential Information for its own benefit, the benefit of any of its related bodies corporate or a third person. Each Clearing Participant will conclude and maintain a corresponding confidentiality agreement with its Risk Committee Member.

Introduced 11/02/14

10 Fiduciary Duties; Limitation of Liability

10.1 Protected Persons

Neither any Risk Committee Member nor any other person invited to participate in a Meeting (each referred to as a **Protected Person**) will, to the extent legally possible, have any fiduciary duties or other duties to protect third parties in relation to ASX Clear (Futures), any directors, managers or officers of it, the Clearing Participants or any other person (each referred to as a **Non-protected Person**) by reason of such service on the Risk Committee or the appointment of a Risk Committee Member to the Risk Committee.

Introduced 11/02/14

10.2 No Liability

Despite anything to the contrary in the Rules, to the extent that, for any reason, a Protected Person has any such duties and liabilities relating to its membership of the Risk Committee to a Non-protected Person, such Protected Person acting under the Risk Committee Procedures will not be liable to such Non-protected Person for breach of any such duty if they relied in good faith on the Risk Committee Procedures, the Rules or other provisions of ASX Clear (Futures).

Introduced 11/02/14

11 Governing Law

These Risk Committee Procedures, and all rights and obligations under them will be governed by and construed in accordance with the law in force in New South Wales.

Introduced 11/02/14

12 Amendments

These Risk Committee Procedures may be amended by ASX Clear (Futures), provided that the Risk Committee Secretary will present details of any such amendment to a Risk Committee Meeting held no later than 30 days after such amendment comes into effect.

Introduced 11/02/14

Rule 21 Procedures for the Product Committee

1 Scope of Application and Definitions

The following procedures (referred to as the **Product Committee Procedures**) will apply to the Product Committee (referred to as the **Product Committee**).

Terms used and not otherwise defined in these Product Committee Procedures will have the meanings given to them in the Rules.

Paragraphs of these Product Committee Procedures are referred to as Paragraphs.

Introduced 11/02/14

2 Product Committee Members

2.1 Product Committee Members

(a) Clearing Participant Representatives

Each Clearing Participant may nominate a single representative for the Product Committee (each referred to as a **Product Committee Member**).

However, a person may not be nominated to be a Product Committee Member unless that person:

- (a) has appropriate expertise and experience in relation to the matters to be considered by the Product Committee; and
- (b) is acceptable to ASX Clear (Futures) in its reasonable discretion.

If ASX Clear (Futures) rejects a Product Committee Member nominated by a Clearing Participant then the Clearing Participant may nominate a replacement for consideration by ASX Clear (Futures).

(b) Client Representatives

Clients do not participate in the Product Committee at this time.

Introduced 11/02/14

2.2 ASX Appointees

ASX Clear (Futures) may select and appoint any number of further Product Committee Members in its sole discretion, where this is necessary in order for ASX Clear (Futures) to meet requirements under applicable law with respect to the composition of the Product Committee.

Introduced 11/02/14

2.3 Change of Product Committee Members

A Clearing Participant may, at any time, notify ASX Clear (Futures) that it intends to change its nominated Product Committee Member by nominating a replacement nominee in accordance with Paragraph 2.1 (Product Committee Members). Once accepted by ASX Clear (Futures), the replacement nominee replaces the previous nominee on the Product Committee.

Introduced 11/02/14

2.4 Related bodies corporate

If two or more Clearing Participants are or become related bodies corporate, as determined by ASX Clear (Futures), such Clearing Participants are entitled to appoint only one single Product Committee Member. If at any time Clearing Participants (which are related bodies corporate) have appointed more than one Product Committee Member, such Clearing Participants will promptly notify ASX Clear (Futures) of the single Product Committee Member who will represent them in the future.

Introduced 11/02/14

2.5 Product Committee Chairman

From time to time the Product Committee will appoint a Product Committee Member by majority vote to serve as chairman (referred to as the **Product Committee Chairman**). Such appointment will be for a period determined by ASX Clear

(Futures). If the Product Committee Chairman ceases to be a Product Committee Member or resigns, a new Product Committee Chairman will be appointed by the Product Committee.

Introduced 11/02/14

2.6 Product Committee Secretary

ASX Clear (Futures) will serve as the secretary of the Product Committee (referred to as the **Product Committee Secretary**) and will perform administrative duties.

Introduced 11/02/14

2.7 Suspension of Membership

A Product Committee Member will be suspended from its capacity as Product Committee Member upon the occurrence of a Default in relation to the Clearing Participant which has nominated such Product Committee Member.

Introduced 11/02/14

3 Convening the Product Committee

3.1 Meeting and Notice

The Product Committee Secretary will convene a meeting of the Product Committee (referred to as a **Product Committee Meeting**):

- (a) at the request of the Product Committee Chairman or any two Product Committee Members (provided such request is accompanied by a draft Agenda (as defined below) for such Product Committee Meeting); and
- (b) at its own discretion,

by delivering notice (referred to as a **Notice**) in accordance with this Paragraph 3 (Convening the Product Committee). Product Committee Meetings will be held at a location as determined by the Product Committee Secretary. Any Product Committee Members who do not attend in person may participate by telephone or video conference.

Introduced 11/02/14

3.2 Urgent Matters

The Product Committee Secretary may convene a Product Committee Meeting upon such notice and in such manner as it determines, in order to consider any matter which it determines requires the urgent attention of the Product Committee.

Introduced 11/02/14

3.3 Participating Product Committee Member

The Product Committee Members attending a respective Product Committee Meeting (either in person or by telephone or video conference) are each referred to as a **Participating Product Committee Member**.

Introduced 11/02/14

3.4 Proxies

The Product Committee Chairman may make such arrangements for the appointment of proxies (including setting out the terms on which such proxies may vote or constitute a quorum) as it in its discretion determines.

Introduced 11/02/14

4 Quorum

The quorum for a valid Product Committee Meeting will be one third of all Product Committee Members (referred to as the **Quorum**).

In the event that a Quorum is not present at the start of and throughout a duly convened Meeting, such Product Committee Meeting will be adjourned by the Product Committee Chairman to the next following Business Day or such other day as is agreed with the Product Committee Secretary. A Quorum at such adjourned Product Committee Meeting will consist of the Participating Product Committee Members provided that notice of the Product Committee Meeting has been given to all Product Committee Members in accordance with Paragraph 3 (Convening the Product Committee).

Introduced 11/02/14

5 Voting

All decisions and recommendations made by the Product Committee will be made at a Product Committee Meeting by majority vote of the Participating Product Committee Members.

For the purpose of all voting procedures each Participating Product Committee Member will have one single vote. In the event that any vote is tied, the Product Committee Chairman will have the casting vote.

Introduced 11/02/14

6 Participation of Employees

A Product Committee Member may invite one employee of the Clearing Participant which it is representing (or of a related bodies corporate) to participate in a Product Committee Meeting in respect of which such employee has particular expertise. The Product Committee Member may, by notice to the Product Committee Chairman, delegate the authority to vote on its behalf on a particular issue to any such employee.

ASX Clear (Futures) will send employees to Product Committee Meetings in order to perform its function as Product Committee Secretary. The Product Committee may invite further employees and members of corporate bodies of ASX Clear (Futures) to Product Committee Meetings.

Introduced 11/02/14

7 Minutes and Statements

7.1 Product Committee Minutes

Minutes will be taken of all Product Committee Meetings (referred to as the **Product Committee Minutes**) by the Product Committee Secretary.

Introduced 11/02/14

7.2 Product Committee Statements

The Product Committee may appoint one or more Product Committee Members to prepare, on behalf of the Product Committee, any proposal, response, statement or other document setting out the views of the Product Committee with respect to any relevant matter (referred to as a **Product Committee Statement**). The Product Committee Chairman may refer the Product Committee Statement to a Product Committee Meeting for approval or may, if the Product Committee Chairman is satisfied that the Product Committee Statement represents the views of the majority of Product Committee Members after circulating such Product Committee Statement to the Product Committee Members, deliver such Product Committee Statement to

ASX Clear (Futures) for incorporation into the Product Committee Minutes and will be taken to set out the view of the Product Committee.

Introduced 11/02/14

8 Compensation

Each Clearing Participant will be responsible for the costs associated with its Product Committee Member's participation in the Product Committee and will not be entitled to demand or receive any fee or compensation from ASX Clear (Futures) for such participation.

Introduced 11/02/14

9 Confidentiality

Except as expressly contemplated in these Product Committee Procedures or as required by applicable law or court order or by a regulatory, self-regulatory or supervising authority having appropriate jurisdiction, each OTC Participant agrees and procures that its relevant Product Committee Member agrees:

- (a) to maintain confidentiality as to all aspects of the Product Committee, including any discussions, deliberations, proceedings or results of any vote, or any determinations produced by these proceedings (referred to as the **Confidential Information**); and
- (b) not to use any Confidential Information for its own benefit, the benefit of any of its related bodies corporate or a third person. Each Clearing Participant will conclude and maintain a corresponding confidentiality agreement with its Product Committee Member.

Introduced 11/02/14

10 Fiduciary Duties; Limitation of Liability

10.1 Protected Persons

Neither any Product Committee Member nor any other person invited to participate in a Product Committee Meeting (each referred to as a **Protected Person**) will, to the extent legally possible, have any fiduciary duties or other duties to protect third parties in relation to ASX Clear (Futures), any directors, managers or officers of it, the Clearing Participants or any other person (each referred to as a **Non-protected Person**) by reason of such service on the Product Committee or the appointment of a Product Committee Member to the Product Committee.

Introduced 11/02/14

10.2 No Liability

Despite anything to the contrary in the Rules or the Procedures, to the extent that, for any reason, a Protected Person has any such duties and liabilities relating to its membership of the Product Committee to a Non-protected Person, such Protected Person acting under the Product Committee Procedures will not be liable to such Non-protected Person for breach of any such duty if they relied in good faith on the Product Committee Procedures, the Rules, the Procedures or other provisions of ASX Clear (Futures).

Introduced 11/02/14

11 Governing Law

These Product Committee Procedures, and all rights and obligations under them will be governed by and construed in accordance with the law in force in New South Wales.

Introduced 11/02/14

12 Amendments

These Product Committee Procedures may be amended by ASX Clear (Futures), provided that the Product Committee Secretary will present details of any such amendment to a Product Committee Meeting held no later than 30 days after such amendment comes into effect.

Introduced 11/02/14

Rule 41 Accounts

- 41.1 A single House Clearing Account will be established in respect of a Clearing Participant's House Positions, which may include both the OTC Open Positions and other Open Positions of the Clearing Participant.

Introduced 11/02/14

- 41.2 A single Client Clearing Account will be established in respect of a Clearing Participant's Client Positions, which may include both the OTC Open Positions and other Open Positions of the Clearing Participant's Clients.

Separate sub-accounts of the Client Clearing Account will be established in respect of each of:

- (a) Client Positions comprising OTC Open Positions; and
- (b) Client Positions comprising Open Positions that are not OTC Open Positions.

Introduced 11/02/14

Rule 46.1 Daily Close-Out of Matched Positions

An Open Position in a CFD contract cannot be closed out under Rule 46.1 unless the Open Position is for the same beneficial client for the same CFD Contract. The definition of client for the reporting of Open Positions for the Open Interest Charge calculation means;

"Any person, firm or corporation (including a Related Body Corporate) on behalf of whom a Participant or a client of a Participant provides instructions to enter, acquire or dispose of a CFD".

Amended 11/02/14

Rule 46.3 Close-Out of Open Contracts in error

Where a Clearing Participant reinstates Open Contracts that were matched out in error, the Clearing Participant must be able to provide to ASX Clear (Futures), on request, appropriate evidence or an explanation to substantiate that the close out of Open Contracts was in error. ASX Clear (Futures) reserves the right to issue Market Notices clarifying the reinstatement of Open Contracts if deemed necessary to do so.

Introduced 24/02/14

Rule 46.5 Daily Close-Out of Matched Positions (including Back to Back Open Positions)

In accordance with Rule 46.5, ASX Clear (Futures) directs Clearing Participants as to the correct treatment of Back to Back Open Positions in this Direction. Where a Clearing Participant fails to comply with this Direction, such a failure will constitute a breach of the Rules and the Clearing Participant will be subject to the disciplinary process associated with such a breach.

Specifically, ASX Clear (Futures) directs Clearing Participants as follows:

- Clearing Participants must Close Out Back-to-Back Open Positions within each Individual Account no later than the time prescribed for the purposes of Rule 46.1 on the Business Day following the creation of those Back-to-Back Open Positions;
- Except as specified below in so far as it relates to Open Positions across multiple Individual Accounts of a single legal entity, Open Positions held within an Individual Account, whether or not it is a sub-account of an Affiliated Account, must not at any time be settled or offset against Open Positions held within another Individual Account or sub-account, unless these positions are formally transferred on market into the same Individual Account; and
- If a Clearing Participant wishes to Close Out Open Positions across multiple Individual Accounts of a single legal entity, the Clearing Participant must ensure legal advice is obtained that such activity does not constitute a breach of the Rules or the law.

Amended 01/07/10

Introduction

Open Interest (OI) is one of a number of indicators of a market's depth of liquidity. Exchange's OI is derived from the summing of Open Positions held by all Clearing Participants in their House Clearing Accounts and Client Clearing Accounts (collectively referred to as "Clearing Accounts") at the end of each trading day. These figures are submitted daily by the relevant Clearing Participant into the Exchange System in accordance with Rule 46.1¹.

A Clearing Participant would derive the figures to be submitted into the Exchange System from the summing in its back office of Open Positions held in Individual House Accounts² and Individual Client Accounts³ (collectively referred to as "Individual Accounts").⁴ Accordingly, the fundamental level at which market liquidity is held is at the level of the Individual Account.

It has come to ASX Clear (Futures)'s attention that not all Clearing Participants have been netting Individual Accounts in their back offices in a manner which enables the most accurate OI to be derived. In particular, ASX Clear (Futures) is concerned with the failure of certain Clearing Participants to consistently Close Out in their back offices Back-to-Back Open Positions⁵ within Individual Accounts. If submitted into the Exchange System, such Back-to-Back Open Positions may inflate the OI figure without actually indicating an increase in the true liquidity of the market.

To enhance the integrity of OI, ASX Clear (Futures) now requires that, in fulfilling their obligations under Rule 46.1, Clearing Participants must (as outlined in this Direction) Close Out Back-to-Back Open Positions within each Individual Account no later than the time prescribed for the purposes of Rule 46.1 on the Business Day following the creation of those Back-to-Back Open Positions in their back offices in order that such positions do not form

¹ Rule 46.1 requires a Clearing Participant to advise ASX Clear (Futures) on a daily basis of the number of Open Positions which it wishes to remain open. This advice is effected through the Clearing Participant submitting that information into the Exchange System.

² An 'Individual House Account' is an individual account established by an Exchange Participant on its own behalf for the purposes of Trading on the Exchange.

³ An 'Individual Client Account' is an individual account established by an Exchange Participant for a Client for the purposes of Trading on the Exchange.

⁴ The total Open Positions held in a particular Clearing Participant's House Clearing Account should be derived in that Clearing Participant's back office from summing the number of Open Positions held in each of its Individual House Accounts. The total Open Positions held in a particular Clearing Participant's Client Clearing Account should be derived in that Clearing Participant's back office from summing the number of Open Positions held in each of its Individual Client Accounts.

⁵ 'Back-to-Back Open Positions' are Open Positions within an Individual Account which can be matched and settled against each other.

part of the total number of Open Positions submitted into the Exchange System towards the relevant Clearing Account.⁶

The Tables below illustrate how Clearing Participants must comply with this Direction.

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Application of this Direction

In Table 1 below, assume that a Client Clearing Account of a Clearing Participant contains Individual Client Accounts which hold the following Open Positions in a particular futures contract⁷:

Table 1 – Example of a Client Clearing Account

<u>Client Clearing Account</u>	<u>Short</u>	<u>Long</u>	<u>Net (to be submitted into the Exchange System)</u>
Individual Client Account 1	-400	+50	-350
Individual Client Account 2	0	+500	+500
Individual Client Account 3	-300	+500	+200
<i>Total</i>	<i>-700</i>	<i>+1050</i>	<i>-350, +700</i>

Closing Out Back-to-Back Open Positions in Individual Accounts

In the above table, Individual Client Account 1 holds Back-to-Back Open Positions of 50 lots and Individual Client Account 3 holds Back-to-Back Open Positions of 300 lots. Individual Client Account 2 does not contain any Back-to-Back Open Positions. Before determining each Individual Client Account's contribution to the Client Clearing Account, Back-to-Back Open Positions are to be eliminated from each Individual Client Account in the Clearing Participant's back office. As shown in the 'Net' column of the above table, the resulting net positions to form part of the total to be submitted into the Exchange System would be -350 short in Individual Client Account 1 and +200 long in Individual Client Account 3. As no Back-to-Back Open Positions are held in Individual Client Account 2, the entire +500 long positions held would form part of the total to be submitted into the Exchange System as part of the Client Clearing Account total.

Therefore, for the purposes of submitting the most accurate representation of the Open Positions within the above Client Clearing Account into the Exchange System, the Clearing Participant must submit the gross sum of the individual net positions of each Individual Client Account, -350/+700.

⁶ Such a practice would also reduce the risk of incorrect settlements being made in error.

⁷ The same principle would apply to a House Clearing Account and Individual House Accounts.

Affiliated Accounts

Individual Accounts may be grouped together as an “Affiliated Account.”⁸ Within an Affiliated Account, there may be a mix of long and short positions in a given contract in separate Individual Accounts (sub-accounts). In order to provide an accurate representation of the holdings within an Affiliated Account, Clearing Participants are required to submit the gross sum of the net holdings of each sub-account into the Exchange System. That is, each sub-account within the Affiliated Account, as opposed to the Affiliated Account as a whole, is considered to be an Individual Account for the purposes of calculating and Closing Out Back-to-Back Open Positions.

By way of illustration in the table below, assume that an Affiliated Account of a Clearing Participant contains sub-accounts which hold the following Open Positions in a particular futures contract:

Table 2 – Example of a Client Clearing Account

<u>Client Clearing Account</u>	<u>Short</u>	<u>Long</u>	<u>Net (to be submitted into the Exchange System)</u>
Affiliated Account			
Sub-account 1	0	+100	+100
Sub-account 2	-600	+150	-450
Sub-account 3	-500	+700	+200
<i>Total</i>	<i>-1100</i>	<i>+950</i>	<i>-450, +300</i>

Closing Out Back-to-Back Positions in Affiliated Accounts

For the example in the above table, it would not be appropriate for a Clearing Participant to Close Out positions within the Affiliated Account as though the Affiliated Account were one Individual Account (i.e. by netting –1100 short against +950 long, resulting in a net position of –150 short). Rather, each separate sub-account would be netted individually and the resulting net positions form part of the total to be submitted into the Exchange System. In the above table, Sub-account 2 in the Affiliated Account holds Back-to-Back Open Positions of 150 lots and Sub-account 3 holds Back-to-Back Open Positions of 500 lots. Sub-account 1 does not contain any Back-to-Back Open Positions. Before determining each sub-account’s contribution to the Client Clearing Account, these Back-to-Back Open Positions must be eliminated from calculation in the Clearing Participant’s back office.

⁸ An Affiliated Account is defined in the ASX 24 Operating Rules and is also known as an “omnibus account” (but is distinct from a Clearing Account). Affiliated Accounts are often held on behalf of fund management entities and trading desks which run a number of books for different purposes. In addition, ASX Clear (Futures) is aware that some Clients mandate use of a single account to trade multiple strategies (for example, long trades for funding, short trades for hedging). ASX Clear (Futures) considers that such an account is in fact a number of Individual Accounts comprising an Affiliated Account and should be treated by Clearing Participants as such for the purposes of submitting Open Positions into the Exchange System.

As shown in the 'Net' column of the above table, the resulting net positions to form part of the total to be submitted into the Exchange System would be –450 short in Sub-account 2 and +200 long in Sub-account 3. As no Back-to-Back Open Positions are held in Sub-account 1, the entire +100 long positions held would form part of the total to be submitted into the Exchange System as part of the Client Clearing Account total.

Thus for the above Affiliated Account, a –450/+300 holding (which has been derived from a sum of the individual net position figures in each sub-account within the Affiliated Account) would be submitted to the Exchange System as the most accurate representation of the holdings in that Client Clearing Account.

In order that an account can be treated as an Affiliated Account (and be entitled to hold Back-to-Back Open Positions), Participants must request explicit instructions in this regard (as well as the rationale for it) from their clients (which may include entities related to the Participant) and must retain these instructions on file. Further, Participants must instruct their clients to provide them with daily instructions as to the number of Back-to-Back Positions required to be left open in order to report their Affiliated Account in accordance with this Direction.

If a Participant does not receive instructions from its client that an account is being operated as an Affiliate Account, this Direction must be followed and Back-to-Back Open Positions must be closed out of the account. If the Client wishes to operate an account as an Affiliated Account, they must commit to informing the Participant daily of how many open positions are to be maintained (or how many back-to-back positions are to be closed out) in line with this Direction.

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Exception to this Direction

Differentiated Deliverable Commodities

This Direction to Close Out Back-to-Back Open Positions outlined above applies to cash-settled contracts (e.g. SPI 200™ futures contracts, Commonwealth Treasury Bond futures contracts etc) and deliverable contracts where all deliverable commodities are functionally identical (e.g. Individual Share Future contracts, currency future contracts etc), as Back-to-Back Open Positions in such contracts do not contribute to market liquidity.

However, Back-to-Back Open Positions (concurrent long and short positions in the same Futures Contract and Settlement Month on behalf of a Clearing Account) which are held in physically deliverable contracts where the deliverable commodities may vary in quality, location, nature or some other means (e.g. ASX Grain Futures Contracts and Greasy Wool) may represent a contribution to market liquidity, where there is intent or likelihood to both take and make a delivery at a single expiry. Accordingly, such Back-to-Back Open Positions may be maintained and included as part of the number of Open Positions submitted into the Exchange System but must be managed in accordance with the procedures set forth below.

A. The last day Clearing Participants holding Back-to Back Open Positions can Close Out (net off) Open Positions is the Close Out Day immediately preceding the Settlement Month in which the Open Positions are held. The Close Out Day is the Business Day immediately following the Declaration Date for the applicable Option Expiry Month. For example, Open Positions held in January that the client does not wish to either trade out of or make or take delivery against, must be Closed Out (netted off) by the Business Day immediately after the Declaration Date for December options. The Applicable Close Out Days for:

- Grain – are listed at <http://www.asx.com.au/about/grain-maturity-calendar.htm>; and

- Wool – are listed at <http://www.asx.com.au/about/wool-maturity-calendar.htm>.

<i>ASX Grain Settlement Month:</i>	<i>January</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>September</i>	<i>November</i>
Applicable Close Out Day is the Business Day immediately following the Declaration Date for the applicable Option Expiry Month:	December	February	April	June	August	October
<i>ASX Wool Settlement Month</i>	<i>February</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>August</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>December</i>
Applicable Close Out Day is the Business Day immediately following the Declaration Date for the applicable Option Expiry Month:	February	April	June	August	October	December

- B. Clearing Participants with Back-to-Back Open Positions which are held beyond the applicable Close Out Day must either:
- Trade out of the Open Positions and Close Out resultant Back-to-Back Open Positions created within each Clearing Account no later than the time prescribed for the purposes of Rule 46.1 on the Business Day following the creation of those Back-to-Back Open Positions; or
 - Make and take delivery for the Open Positions held within each Clearing Account during the Delivery Period.
- C. Open Positions transferred after the Close Out Day can only be Closed Out if:
- the trade date of the position being transferred is the same as the transfer date; and
 - it is Closed Out no later than the time prescribed for the purposes of Rule 46.1 on the Business Day following the creation of those Back-to-Back Open Positions.
- D. Open Positions Closed Out in error between the Close Out Day and Final Trading Day can be reinstated so long as it is in accordance with Rule 46.3.

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Inappropriate Practices

Except as specified below in so far as it relates to Open Positions across multiple Individual Accounts of a single legal entity, Open Positions held within an Individual Account, whether or not it is a sub-account of an Affiliated Account, must not at any time be settled or offset against Open Positions held within another Individual Account or sub-account, unless these positions are formally transferred on market into the same Individual Account.

Any such activity may represent inappropriate off-market trading and may constitute a breach of the Rules or the law.

If a Clearing Participant wishes to Close Out Open Positions across multiple Individual Accounts of a single legal entity, the Clearing Participant must ensure legal advice is obtained that such activity does not constitute a breach of the Rules or the law.

For example, in Table 1 above, if the Open Positions within Individual Client Account 1 are inappropriately offset against the Open Positions within Individual Client Account 3 the resulting net position would be –150 short. However, the correct number of Open Positions

to be included in the total to be submitted to the Exchange System are –350 short for Individual Client Account 1 and +200 long for Individual Client Account 3.

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Implementation

Clearing Participants are required to follow this Direction in their treatment of Back-to-Back Open Positions.

Where a Clearing Participant fails to comply with this Direction, such a failure will constitute a breach of the Rules and the Clearing Participant will be subject to the disciplinary process associated with such a breach.

Clearing Participants are also reminded of the importance of maintaining appropriate Close Out procedures and audit trails. Documentation held in this regard may be reviewed as part of a Clearing Participant compliance inspection or operational review and must be made available to ASX Clear (Futures) on request.

Amended 01/07/10

Rule 63A.6 BRC Delivery Procedures (Compensation Policy)

Under Rule 63A.6 (*to take effect 11 March 2004*), in the event of a failure to settle a BRC transaction by the due time, ASX Clear (Futures) may direct that compensation be payable in accordance with a calculation methodology determined by ASX Clear (Futures).

Determination

ASX Clear (Futures) has determined the calculation methodology for the purpose of Rule 63A.6 is the Standard Inter-Organisation Compensation Rules published by Australian Payments Clearing Association Limited (APCA) from time to time, subject to the following modifications:

APCA Rule	ASX Clear (Futures) modification
Makes provision for non-failing party to be reimbursed for administration fee.	ASX Clear (Futures) may, in its absolute discretion, determine that the administration fee will be waived.
Claims must be in writing and received within 90 days.	ASX Clear (Futures) will determine at its absolute discretion whether compensation is payable without formal claim.
Compensation events.	The only compensation event will be Delayed Payment under Rule 6.
None	BRC Participants responsible for a settlement failure will be informed of a claim against them within 7 days.
None	BRC Participants receiving a claim against them must pay the calculated compensation within 14 days of demand.

None	BRC Participants validly requiring compensation will be paid at the month end 21 days after the incident.
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Rule 111 Application of Client Protection Model Provisions

Upon making a determination for the purpose of Rule 111, ASX Clear (Futures) will provide notice of this to all Clearing Participants by circular or bulletin as soon as reasonably practicable. ASX Clear (Futures) will also publish notice of the determination on www.asx.com.au as soon as reasonably practicable.

Introduced 11/02/14

Rule 112 Client Protection Model Client Fact Sheet

Upon the commencement of the Client Protection Model Provisions with respect to classes of Market Contracts, Open Contracts, Clearing Participants or Clients, as applicable, a Clearing Participant must:

- (a) in respect of each of its existing Clients for which it holds an Open Position to which the Client Protection Model Provisions apply; and
- (b) in respect of each of its other existing Clients not covered by (a), before, or if not practicable, as soon as practicable after it next holds an Open Position to which the Client Protection Model Provisions apply,

provide the Client Protection Model Client Fact Sheet to such Person or direct such Person to a copy of the Client Protection Model Client Fact Sheet, to the extent that such Person has not previously received the Client Protection Model Client Fact Sheet.

Once the Client Protection Model Provisions have commenced, a Clearing Participant must provide each new Client with the Client Protection Model Client Fact Sheet or direct such Person to a copy of the Client Protection Model Client Fact Sheet, before the Clearing Participant holds an Open Position for that Client.

ASX Clear (Futures) may require a Clearing Participant to attest annually that it has provided the Client Protection Model Client Fact Sheet to its Clients in accordance with the Rules and Procedures.

For the purpose of Rule 112 and this Procedure, the term "Client Protection Model Client Fact Sheet" refers to the document entitled "ASX Client Clearing Service for derivatives – Fact Sheet" as amended by ASX Clear (Futures) from time to time.

Introduced 11/02/14 Amended 07/07/14

Rule 115 Client Sub-Accounts

In respect of each CPM Client for which ASX Clear (Futures) maintains an Individual Sub-Account, ASX Clear (Futures) will request data including:

- (a) Client Name;
- (b) if applicable, Client LEI or ABN;
- (c) Client Address;
- (d) Segregation Code (Individual Sub-Account);

- (e) Clearing Participant ID;
- (f) Clearing Participant Name;
- (g) Contact Details (name, phone, email) for Legal Contacts, Operations Contacts and CP Default Contacts;
- (h) Details of any Alternate Clearing Participant and any order of preference and confirmation of documentation in place with Alternate Clearing Participant; and
- (i) Client Standard Settlement Instructions (per currency).

ASX Clear (Futures) may reasonably request any other data in respect of each CPM Client, as published or notified by ASX Clear (Futures) to the relevant CPM Client and the CPM Client's relevant Clearing Participant.

Where there is a Nominated Person in respect of an Individual Sub-Account, ASX will also require data that relates to the Nominated Person including:

- (a) Nominated Person Name;
- (b) if applicable, Nominated Person LEI or ABN;
- (c) Nominated Person Address;
- (d) Contact Details (name, phone, email) for Legal Contacts, Operations Contacts and CP Default Contacts; and
- (e) Standard Settlement Instructions (per currency).

Introduced 11/02/14

Rule 115.4 Client Sub-Account (Nominated Person)

Until such time as its Clearing Participant is in Default, a CPM Client may notify ASX Clear (Futures) of the details of a Nominated Person in respect of an Individual Sub-Account held by the Clearing Participant for that CPM Client using such methods as ASX Clear (Futures) may from time to time designate.

The CPM Client may also amend these details from time to time prior to the Default of its Clearing Participant. If these details are amended, ASX Clear (Futures) may notify the Nominated Person by using the contact details recorded prior to the amendment, to inform the Nominated Person of the relevant amendment.

Introduced 11/02/14

Rule 117 Transfer

The transfer of eligible Open Positions of a CPM Client recorded in a Client Sub-Account of a Clearing Participant (**Transferring Clearing Participant**) to another Client Sub-Account for that CPM Client with another Clearing Participant (**Receiving Clearing Participant**) in accordance with Rule 117 (each a **Transferring Open Position**) will be effected by ASX Clear (Futures) in accordance with the following procedures:

- (a) the CPM Client, Transferring Clearing Participant and Receiving Clearing Participant must consent to the transfer of the relevant eligible Open Positions from the Transferring Clearing Participant to the Receiving Clearing Participant. ASX Clear (Futures) will treat the consent of the Transferring Clearing Participant as also constituting consent provided on behalf of the CPM Client;
- (b) the Receiving Clearing Participant must submit the details of each Transferring Open Position to ASX Clear (Futures);

- (c) ASX Clear (Futures) will run a series of eligibility and other checks in connection with the Transferring Open Positions in accordance with its internal processes;
- (d) following the successful completion of the eligibility and other checks, ASX Clear (Futures) will effect the transfer of the Transferring Open Positions:
 - (i) in respect of Transferring Open Positions which are OTC Open Positions, during its usual end-of-day process prior to the calculation of any Variation Margin; or
 - (ii) in respect of Transferring Open Positions which are held in relation to Futures Contracts, immediately following the successful completion of the eligibility and other checks; and
- (e) provided that ASX Clear (Futures) has received any additional margin (if required) from the Receiving Clearing Participant, each Transferring Open Position will be recorded in the relevant Client Sub-Account for the CPM Client with the Receiving Clearing Participant.

Following completion of the transfer process ASX Clear (Futures) will provide the details of each Transferring Open Position which has been transferred to the Receiving Clearing Participant to the Transferring Clearing Participant and the Receiving Clearing Participant.

If a CPM Client and its Clearing Participant have agreed that Open Positions recorded in a Client Sub-Account (which may be an Individual Sub-Account or an Omnibus Sub-Account as agreed between the parties) for that CPM Client with that Clearing Participant will be transferred by ASX Clear (Futures) to another Client Sub-Account for that CPM Client with that Clearing Participant then transfer will be effected in accordance with the procedures set out above as if the Clearing Participant was both Transferring Clearing Participant and Receiving Clearing Participant.

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Rule 118 CPM Client Default

If a Clearing Participant which has not Defaulted applies a "Hold" status in the Exchange System to an Individual Sub-Account of a CPM Client of such Clearing Participant, ASX Clear (Futures) may treat such action as notification that such CPM Client has defaulted.

The Clearing Participant may request ASX Clear (Futures) to transfer Open Positions recorded for a CPM Client in a Client Sub-Account to its House Clearing Account in accordance with the procedures described in paragraphs (a) to (e) above for Rule 117 (Transfer) in respect of which the Clearing Participant is to be regarded as both the Transferring Clearing Participant and the Receiving Clearing Participant and the consent of the CPM Client is not required. In such circumstances ASX Clear (Futures) will treat such request by the Clearing Participant as notification that such CPM Client has defaulted.

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Rule 119 Clearing Participant Default (Application to Individual Sub-Accounts)

A CPM Client of a Clearing Participant may notify ASX Clear (Futures) of the following information using such methods as ASX Clear (Futures) may from time to time designate:

- (A) the details of up to three Alternate Clearing Participants to which details of Open Positions recorded in an Individual Sub-Account for that CPM Client should be disseminated if the CPM Client's Clearing Participant Defaults; and

- (B) whether, upon the Default of its Clearing Participant, ASX Clear (Futures) should disseminate information in connection with the Open Positions in the Individual Sub-Account held by the Clearing Participant for that CPM Client to all of its nominated Alternate Clearing Participants simultaneously or if the information should be disseminated to the Alternate Clearing Participants in a particular order nominated by the CPM Client.

If a Clearing Participant Defaults, then:

- (a) each CPM Client of the Defaulting Clearing Participant for which that Clearing Participant records Open Positions in an Individual Sub-Account may, but is not required to, confirm to ASX Clear (Futures) by telephone (and confirmed in writing) or by email whether the Open Positions recorded for it by the Defaulted Clearing Participant in its Individual Sub-Account(s) should be transferred to an Alternate Clearing Participant it has nominated, or terminated or Closed Out;
- (b) unless each CPM Client has already confirmed the following information to ASX Clear (Futures), ASX Clear (Futures) will take reasonable steps to seek information from that Clearing Participant's CPM Clients for which that Clearing Participant records Open Positions in an Individual Sub-Account by using the telephone or email contact details provided to ASX Clear (Futures) by such CPM Clients in accordance with these Procedures as to the following:
- (i) the details of up to three Alternate Clearing Participants; and
 - (ii) whether ASX Clear (Futures) should disseminate information in respect of the Open Positions in the Individual Sub-Account held by the Defaulted Clearing Participant for that CPM Client to all of its nominated Alternate Clearing Participants or if the information should be disseminated to the Alternate Clearing Participants in a particular order nominated by the CPM Client,

and if ASX Clear (Futures) is unable to obtain such instructions from the CPM Client ASX Clear (Futures) may terminate the CPM Client's Open Positions in its sole discretion; and

- (c) for the purposes of Rules 119.4 and Rule 119.5 the time specified for an Alternate Clearing Participant nominated by a particular CPM Client to confirm that it is prepared to accept the transfer of all of the Open Positions recorded in an Individual Sub-Account for that CPM Client held by the Defaulted Clearing Participant, is 48 hours for OTC Open Positions or Open Positions relating to OTC Allocated Futures Contracts, and 24 hours for all other Open Positions after the relevant Default. If such confirmation is received from the Alternate Clearing Participant then, pursuant to Rule 119.4, those Open Positions will be transferred to the Alternate Clearing Participant in accordance with paragraphs (a) to (e) of Procedure 117 (Transfer) above (except that the Transferring Clearing Participant's consent is not required since the Transferring Clearing Participant is the defaulted Clearing Participant). This transfer may occur even if there is a cashflow due to be paid on the day of the transfer.

ASX Clear (Futures) may, in its sole discretion, change the specified time by which an Alternate Clearing Participant must provide confirmation for the purposes of Rule 119.4 and Rule 119.5. If ASX Clear (Futures) does change the specified time, it will notify the affected Alternate Clearing Participants and CPM Clients as soon as reasonably practicable.

If a Person is a Nominated Person in respect of the Individual Sub-Account then:

- (a) any communication described in this Procedure which is conducted after the CPM Client's Clearing Participant has Defaulted will be conducted between that Person and ASX Clear (Futures) only; and

- (b) that Person may request that the Open Positions recorded in that Individual Sub-Account be transferred to any Individual Sub-Account in respect of which the Person is a Nominated Person or CPM Client held by the Alternate Clearing Participant.

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Rule 123 Application of Security Interest Provisions

Upon making a determination for the purpose of Rule 123, ASX Clear (Futures) will provide notice of this to all Clearing Participants by circular or bulletin as soon as reasonably practicable. ASX Clear (Futures) will also publish notice of the determination on www.asx.com.au as soon as reasonably practicable.

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Recovery Rules

Nothing in these Procedures limits the Recovery Rules. These Procedures do not prevail over the Recovery Rules.

Explanatory Note:

The Recovery Rules may affect the operation of the Procedures.

Introduced XX/XX/XX

[Explanatory Note: this amendment clarifies that no power in the Recovery Rules is intended to be limited by the Procedures]

Schedule 3 Prescribed Times

Rule	Description	Time
43.1 and 44.4	Time for payment of Initial margins and Daily Settlement Amounts	<p>SFE AUD denominated contracts – 10:30 am (Sydney time), to be pending RTGS.</p> <p>SFE AUD denominated contracts – 11:00 am (Sydney Time), funds to be cleared.</p> <p>SFE NZD denominated Contracts – 10:30 am (Sydney Time), to be pending RTGS.</p> <p>SFE NZD denominated Contracts – 11:00 am (Sydney Time), funds to be cleared.</p> <p>SFE US denominated contracts – 12:00 pm (Sydney time), payment to be confirmed via authenticated SWIFT message to Exchange USD Bank.</p> <p>SFE US denominated contracts – 5:00 pm (New York time), funds to be received by Exchange US Correspondent Bank.</p> <p>EUR denominated contracts – 12pm (Sydney time), Payment to be confirmed via authenticated SWIFT message to Exchange EUR Bank.</p>

		<p>EUR denominated contracts – Funds to be received by Exchange EUR Correspondent Bank by local cutoff for same day value.</p> <p>GBP denominated contracts – 12pm (Sydney time), Payment to be confirmed via authenticated SWIFT message to Exchange GBP Bank.</p> <p>GBP denominated contracts – Funds to be received by Exchange GBP Correspondent Bank by local cutoff for same day value.</p> <p>JPY denominated contracts – 10am (Sydney time), Payment to be confirmed via authenticated SWIFT message to Exchange JPY Bank.</p> <p>JPY denominated contracts – Funds to be received by Exchange JPY Correspondent Bank by local cutoff for same day value.</p>
43A.1	Time for payment of Initial Margins	<p>SFE – 10:30 am (Sydney Time), to be pending RTGS</p> <p>SFE – 11:00 am (Sydney Time), Funds to be cleared</p>

Schedule 9 MISCELLANEOUS PRESCRIPTIONS BY BOARD

4 ASX Clear (Futures) reports

In accordance with Rule 97.2 ASX Clear (Futures) will provide:

- (a) each CPM Client for whom ASX Clear (Futures) maintains an Individual Sub Account within a Clearing Participant's Client Clearing Account; or
- (b) if a Nominated Person has been notified to ASX Clear (Futures) in relation to that CPM Client, such Nominated Person,

and the relevant Clearing Participant for such CPM Client with the following reports:

Client Clearing

- Client Trade – Open Report
- Rate Reset Report
- Curve – Discount Factor Report
- Curve – Underlying Quotes Report
- Curve – Curve Points Report
- Curve – Zero Points Report
- Curve – Par Rates Report
- Client Static Data Report

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Schedule 14 Grains Contracts

Note: Tender Documentation in relation to this Schedule 14 can be obtained from the Exchange by contacting Clearing and Settlement Operations via email at: ClearingandSettlementOperations@asx.com.au.

SETTLEMENT OF DELIVERABLE DERIVATIVE CONTRACTS OVER A COMMODITY WHICH IS GRAIN.

Bulk Handlers

For the purpose of this schedule, the following companies have entered into arrangements with ASX Clear (Futures) to act as Bulk Handlers for the storage and handling of the Underlying Commodity:

- Australian Bulk Alliance Pty Ltd
- AWB Grainflow Pty Ltd
- Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited
- GrainCorp Operations Limited
- Viterro Operations Ltd

14.2.1 ELECTION TO TENDER BY SELLER

When a Seller elects to effect delivery during the Delivery Period, the Participant is required to lodge the following tender documentation with ASX Clear (Futures):

- (a) Grain Futures Tender/Redemption Notice.

The Tender Notice is submitted to ASX Clear (Futures) in the following manner:

- (a) The Participant completes the Tender Notice section of the Grain Futures Tender/Redemption Notice and lodges with ASX Clear (Futures). A Tender Notice may only be lodged with ASX Clear (Futures) where the Confirmed Lodgement Status relating to the specified quantity of Underlying Commodity that is the subject of the tender, is aged two days; and
- (b) The Tender Notice must be submitted to ASX Clear (Futures) by 12:00 noon on any Notice Day other than the last Notice Day (the Maturity Date). On the Last Notice Day, the Tender Notice must be lodged by 3:00 pm, unless otherwise notified by ASX Clear (Futures).

Note: The Seller may elect to settle a Deliverable Contract which is Grain by either closing out the position in the market or by effecting delivery against the contract. A Participant is required to submit a Tender Notice to ASX Clear (Futures) to indicate their intention to deliver against an open sold position in the Delivery Period.

14.2.2 ACCEPTANCE OF TENDER DOCUMENTATION

Rejection of Tender Documentation

If ASX Clear (Futures) rejects a Tender Notice, the Participant will be informed of the rejection and the reasons for the rejection, before the commencement of the end-of-day processing on the day the Tender Notice is received.

14.2.5 PROCEDURES FOR ALLOCATION

The allocation of tenders in the Delivery Month is done by random selection against the gross bought position.

14.2.6 ASX CLEAR (FUTURES) TO CONFIRM ACCEPTANCE OF TENDER DOCUMENTATION AND ALLOCATION

Seller's Delivery Advice

If ASX Clear (Futures) accepts the Tender Documentation, the Participant will receive a Seller's Advice prior to 6:30pm on the Business Day the Tender Documentation is lodged.

On the day the Tender Documentation is received, the Seller's Advice, incorporating the current Business Day's settlement price, is sent to the Seller. This will be sent prior to the commencement of end-of-day processing. The Seller's Advice details the Settlement Amount to be received by the Seller on the following Business Day.

Buyer's Delivery Advice

ASX Clear (Futures) will notify a Buyer they have been allocated a tender by issuing a Buyer's Advice prior to 6:30pm on the Business Day the buyer is allocated the tender.

Prior to the commencement of end-of-day processing on the day the Buyer is allocated a tender, the Buyer's Advice, incorporating the current Business Day's settlement price, is sent to the Buyer. The Buyer's Advice details the Settlement Amount to be paid by the Buyer on the following Business Day.

14.4.2 HOLDING OF INTEREST FOR BUYER FOLLOWING SETTLEMENT OF FUTURES CCP CONTRACT

ASX Clear (Futures) will continue to hold the interest in the Underlying Commodity for the benefit of a Participant unless the Participant instructs ASX Clear (Futures) to transfer the interest to their account or a nominated account at the Bulk Handler. The procedure for doing this is:

- (a) the Participant must complete the Redemption section of the Grain Futures Tender/Redemption Notice and send to ASX Clear (Futures). A Redemption Notice must be received by the ASX Clear (Futures) before 3:00pm (Sydney time). Redemption Notices received after this time will be processed the following Business Day.
- (b) ASX Clear (Futures) will initiate and send a signed TTF Form to the Participant. The Participant will sign and send to the Bulk Handler for processing or alternatively ASX Clear (Futures) will process an Electronic Title Transfer to a nominated account as specified by the Participant;

- (c) the Bulk Handler will confirm the details on the Title Transfer and, if they accord with the Bulk Handler's records, transfer the specified quantity in the Underlying Commodity from the account of ASX Clear (Futures) to the nominated account;
- (d) the Bulk Handler will confirm to both ASX Clear (Futures) and the Bulk Handler's client advising the transfer has been completed by the Bulk Handler; and
- (e) ASX Clear (Futures) will adjust its records accordingly and this will confirm the following:
 - (i) the transfer of the specified quantity of the Underlying Commodity has been successful;
 - (ii) the specified quantity in the Underlying Commodity is no longer held in ASX Clear (Futures) account and thus is no longer deliverable stock; and
 - (iii) the specified quantity in the Underlying Commodity has been transferred by the Bulk Handler to the nominated account.

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Schedule 15 – Procedures for the Risk Committee

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End of Section.