

## Chapter 269A

### Options on Israeli Shekel Futures

#### 269A00. SCOPE OF CHAPTER

This chapter is limited in application to trading in put and call options on Israeli Shekel futures contracts. The procedures for trading, clearing, inspection, delivery and settlement and any other matters not specifically covered herein shall be governed by the rules of the Exchange.

#### 269A01. OPTION CHARACTERISTICS

##### 269A01.A. Contract Months, Trading Hours, and Trading Halts

Options contracts shall be listed for such contract months (i.e., expirations) and scheduled for trading during such hours, except as indicated below, as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

There shall be no trading in any Israeli Shekel option contract when the primary futures contract for that currency is limit bid or offered.

For purposes of this rule, the primary futures contract shall be defined as the futures contract trading in the lead month configuration in the pit.

For purposes of this rule, Exchange staff for the Israeli Shekel shall have the responsibility of determining during RTH whether the primary futures contract is limit bid or offered. During Electronic Trading Hours (ETH), the determination shall be made by the GLOBEX Control Center.

##### 269A01.B. Trading Unit

The trading unit shall be an option to buy, in the case of the call, or to sell, in the case of the put, one Israeli Shekel futures contract as specified in Chapter 269.

##### 269A01.C. Price Increments

The price of an option shall be quoted in U.S. dollars per Israeli Shekel. Each \$.00001 per Israeli Shekel (one point) shall represent \$10.00. For example, a quote of .00075 represents an option price of \$750.00 (75 points x \$10.00 per point). The minimum fluctuation shall be one point (also known as one tick). A trade may also occur at a price of \$.000005 (\$5.00, also known as one-half tick), \$.000015 (\$15.00, also known as one and one-half ticks), \$.000025 (\$25.00, also known as two and one-half ticks), \$.000035 (\$35.00, also known as three and one-half ticks), and \$.000045 (\$45.00, also known as four and one-half ticks).

##### 269A01.D. Underlying Futures Contract

The underlying futures contract is the nearest futures contract in the March quarterly cycle (i.e., March, June, September and December) whose termination of trading follows the option's last day of trading by more than two Exchange business days. This rule applies to March quarterly, serial, and weekly options on Israeli Shekel futures contracts.

##### 269A01.E. Position Limits and Accountability

A person owning or controlling a combination of options and underlying futures contracts that exceeds 6,000 futures-equivalent contracts net on the same side of the market in all contract months combined for Israeli shekel futures and options shall provide, in a timely fashion, upon request by the Exchange, information regarding the nature of the position, trading strategy, and hedging information if applicable. In addition, the Exchange President or his designee or the Business Conduct Committee may require, at their discretion, that such positions not be further increased. However, in no event shall a person own or control more than 2,000 futures-equivalent contracts in the spot month on or after the day one week prior to the underlying futures termination of trading day for the Israeli shekel.

For the purpose of this rule, the futures equivalent of an option contract is 1 times the previous business day's IOM risk factor for the option series. Also for purposes of this rule, a long call option, a short put option and a long underlying futures contract are on the same side of the market; similarly, a short call option, a long put option and a short underlying futures contract are on the same side of the market.

**269A01.F. Accumulation of Positions**

For the purposes of this rule, the positions of all accounts directly or indirectly owned or controlled by a person or persons, and the positions of all accounts of a person or persons acting pursuant to an expressed or implied agreement or understanding, and the positions of all accounts in which a person or persons have a proprietary or beneficial interest, shall be cumulated.

**269A01.G. Exemptions**

The foregoing position limits shall not apply to commercially appropriate risk reducing option positions defined in accordance with Regulation 1.3(z)(1) of the CFTC and meeting the requirements of Rule 543 and shall not apply to other option positions exempted pursuant to Rule 543.

**269A01.H. Termination of Trading****1. Monthly Options in the March Quarterly Cycle ("Quarterly Options")**

Trading in monthly options in the March quarterly cycle (i.e., March, June, September and December) shall terminate at the close of trading on the second Thursday immediately preceding the third Wednesday of the contract month. If the foregoing date for termination is a scheduled Exchange holiday, trading in monthly options shall terminate on the immediately preceding business day. In the event that the underlying futures market does not open on the scheduled expiration day, the option expiration shall be extended to the next day on which the underlying futures market is open for trading.

**2. Monthly Options Not in the March Quarterly Cycle ("Serial Options")**

Trading in monthly options not in the March quarterly cycle (i.e., January, February, April, May, July, August, October and November) shall terminate at the close of trading on the second Thursday immediately preceding the third Wednesday of the contract month. If the foregoing date for termination is a scheduled Exchange holiday, trading in monthly options shall terminate on the immediately preceding business day. In the event that the underlying futures market does not open on the scheduled expiration day, the option expiration shall be extended to the next day on which the underlying futures market is open for trading.

**3. Weekly Options**

Trading in weekly options shall terminate at the close of trading on those Thursdays that are not also the termination of trading of a monthly option as described in the preceding sections 1 and 2. If the foregoing date for termination is a scheduled Exchange holiday, trading in weekly options shall terminate on the immediately preceding business day. In the event that the underlying futures market does not open on the scheduled expiration day, the option expiration shall be extended to the next day on which the underlying futures market is open for trading.

**269A01.I. Contract Modification**

Specifications shall be fixed as of the first day of trading of a contract except that all options must conform to government regulations in force at the time of exercise. If the U.S. government, an agency, or duly constituted body thereof issues an order, ruling, directive, or law inconsistent with these rules, such order, ruling, directive, or law shall be construed to become part of these rules and all open and new options contracts shall be subject to such governmental orders.

**269A01.J. Exercise Prices**

Regular exercise prices shall be stated in terms of U.S. dollars per Israeli Shekel at intervals of \$.001, e.g., \$.213, \$.214, \$.215, etc.

**269A02. LISTING OF EXERCISE PRICES****1. Monthly Options in the March Quarterly Cycle ("Quarterly Options")**

At the commencement of trading in a contract month, the Exchange shall list put and call options at the regular exercise price that is nearest the previous day's settlement price of the underlying futures contract. For options on Israeli Shekel futures, the Exchange shall list put and call options at the next twenty-one higher and next twenty-one lower regular exercise prices.

When a sale, bid, offer, or settlement price in the underlying futures occurs within half a regular exercise price interval of the twenty-first highest or twenty-first lowest existing regular exercise price for options on Israeli Shekel futures, put and call options at the next higher or next lower regular

exercise price shall be listed for trading on the next trading day. New options may be listed for trading up to and including the termination of trading.

The Board may modify the provisions governing the establishment of exercise prices as it deems appropriate.

2. Options Not in the March Quarterly Cycle ("Serial" and "Weekly Options")

Upon demand, the Exchange shall list put and call options at any regular exercise price listed for trading in the next March quarterly cycle futures option that is nearest the expiration of the option. New options may be listed for trading up to and including the termination of trading.

### 269A03. EXERCISE

In addition to the applicable procedures and requirements of Chapter 7, the following shall apply to the exercise of option contracts on Israeli Shekel futures.

#### 269A03.A. Exercise of Option by Buyer<sup>1</sup>

An option may be exercised by the buyer on any business day that the option is traded. To exercise an option the clearing member representing the buyer shall present an exercise notice to the Clearing House by 7:00 p.m. on any day of exercise except on the termination of trading day.

All Israeli shekel options that are in the money<sup>2</sup> and have not been liquidated or exercised prior to the termination of trading, shall be exercised automatically.

#### 269A03.B. Assignment

Exercise notices accepted by the Clearing House shall be assigned through a process of random selection to clearing members with open short positions in the same series. A clearing member to which an exercise notice is assigned shall be notified thereof as soon as practicable after such notice is assigned by the Clearing House, but not later than 45 minutes before the opening of Regular Trading Hours in the underlying futures contract on the following business day.

The clearing member assigned an exercise notice shall be assigned a short position in the underlying futures contract if a call is exercised or a long position if a put is exercised. The clearing member representing the option buyer shall be assigned a long position in the underlying futures contract if a call is exercised and a short position if a put is exercised.

All such futures positions shall be assigned at a price equal to the exercise price of the option and shall be marked to market in accordance with Rule 814 on the trading day of acceptance by the Clearing House of the exercise notice.

### 269A04. ACTS OF GOVERNMENT, ACTS OF GOD AND OTHER EMERGENCIES

(Refer to Rule 701. – ACTS OF GOVERNMENT, ACTS OF GOD AND OTHER EMERGENCIES)

(End Chapter 269A)

## INTERPRETATIONS & SPECIAL NOTICES RELATING TO CHAPTER 269A

### CLARIFICATION OF NEW NON-AGRICULTURAL OPTION SPECULATIVE POSITION LIMIT RULE

(Special Executive Report S-1618, March 31, 1986)

Please note that the new non-agricultural option speculative position limit rule supersedes the speculative position rule for the underlying futures contract. Therefore, for example, a trader may hold a gross futures position that exceeds the futures position limit rule if that gross position is part of a spread with options, such that the net position across options and futures is less than the applicable limit set in the option rule.

<sup>1</sup> Revised March 2008.

<sup>2</sup> An option is in the money if the settlement price of the underlying futures contract at termination lies above the exercise price in the case of a call, or lies below the exercise price in the case of a put.