

## **MEMO**

**TO:** Clearing Members

**FROM:** Burton Hamer, Supervisor A&I Market Surveillance

**DATE:** December 21, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Offsets and Positions Reporting

This memo is being issued as a reminder to all clearing members of the deadline to report offsets of <u>January 2018</u> Apple Juice Concentrate futures, and Hard Red Spring Wheat Index, Hard Red Winter Wheat Index, Soft Red Winter Wheat Index, National Corn Index and National Soybean Index futures and options. The deadline is 8:00 a.m. Thursday, December 28, 2017 for the Wednesday, December 27, 2017 trade date. Clearing members may wish to remind customers of the deadline and closely monitor accounts, particularly omnibus accounts.

MGEX Rules and Regulations prohibit offsetting existing futures and options positions two business days prior to the delivery or settlement month except by same day trade activity, and during the delivery or settlement month when the date of execution or exercise of the position being transferred is not the same as the transfer date. Therefore, offsets during the prohibition period can only be done by trading, or bona fide EFP or EFR transactions.

In order to help prevent improper offsets from occurring, accurate position information must be timely reported to the MGEX Clearing House via the Positions Reporting System.

Please be aware that inaccurate position reporting and inaccurate Long Positions reports, as well as improper offsets occurring during the prohibition period, are violations of MGEX Rules and Regulations. Such violations, whether intentional or not, may be forwarded to the Disciplinary Committee for potential disciplinary action.

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