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Dear Members & Rulebook Recipients:

The following Chapters have been amended:

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Rule/Regulation/Resolution</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
1 Definitions		To add clarifications.
2 Government	222.01., 236.00., 237.00.	To reflect current business and operational practices of the Exchange.
7 Futures and Options Trading	718.00.	To update MGEX procedures for the transfer of customer positions.
72 Resolutions	2101.00. C.	To reflect current business and operational practices of the Exchange.

You can view these changes by visiting the MGEX website at <http://www.mgex.com>:

1. On the top, go to "RESOURCES" and click "Rules and Regulations"
2. In the middle of the page, click "Click here to download changes to MGEX RULES AND REGULATIONS"

If you have any questions or problems accessing the Rules and Regulations, please contact Jesse Marie Bartz at (612) 321-7122 or jbartz@mgex.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Layne G. Carlson' followed by a large, stylized flourish.

Layne G. Carlson
Corporate Secretary

as "Corporation" or "Exchange."

MGEXPRESS®: The name of the electronic trading platform or system utilized by the Exchange, market participants, customers, Members, nonmembers and Clearing Members to place orders and execute trades. Also known as or referred to as CME Globex®.

MGEX RULES AND REGULATIONS: Includes the Charter, Bylaws, Rules, Regulations, Resolutions, Interpretations, procedures, customs and usages.

ON THE EXCHANGE ("on Change"): On the Exchange Room during the hours of trading.

OPEN ORDER: An order which will remain in effect until canceled.

OPENING ORDER: An order to be executed at the opening of the Market.

OPTIONS: See Chapter 15.

PENALTY: Any restriction, limitation, censure, fine, expulsion, suspension, revocation, reprimand, cease and desist order, sanction or any other disciplinary action for any amount or of any definite or indefinite period imposed upon any person by within the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Exchange upon finding that a violation has been committed or pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreement.

PIT: That portion of the Exchange Room designated and customarily used for trading in Futures or Options Contracts.

PRESIDENT: The salaried Chief Executive Officer of the Exchange.

PUBLIC DIRECTOR: An individual meeting the qualifications as described in Core Principle 15, Appendix B to Part 38 of CFTC Regulations and in other Regulations promulgated by the CFTC and adopted by the Board.

PUT OPTION: See Chapter 15.

RECORD HOLDER (of a Membership): The adult natural person in whose name a Certificate of Membership has been issued. Each Record Owner shall be required to designate in accordance with these Rules a Record Holder for each membership owned by the Record Owner (which in the case of an adult natural person may be the Record Owner) and may change the Record Holder at any time in accordance with these Rules. Record Owners with more than one membership may elect to designate the same or different Record Holders for the memberships owned by the Record Owner. The Corporation shall be entitled for all purposes to rely on the Record Owner's designation of its Record Holder until the Record Holder is changed in accordance with these Rules.

RECORD OWNER or OWNER (of a Membership): The natural person or entity who is recorded on the records of the Corporation as having paid the purchase price of a Membership, and as being the owner thereof. The Record Owner's rights and obligations shall include the duty to appoint and the right to change an Authorized Voter and Record Holder in accordance with these Rules for each membership owned by the Record Owner, to receive distributions, if any, by the Corporation in accordance with its membership and to transfer its membership in accordance with these Rules.

REGISTERED FIRM OR CORPORATION: A firm or corporation that is registered with the Corporation, as defined in [Rules 350.00](#) and [350.01](#).

REGULATIONS: The Regulations of the Corporation duly adopted by the Board of Directors.

RULES: The Rules and Bylaws of the Corporation duly adopted by the Members.

SECRETARY: The Secretary of the Corporation.

SINGULAR: Shall import the plural, and vice versa, when the sense requires.

SPREAD ORDER: Instructions to buy one commodity and sell another. Intra-Market is to buy one delivery month and sell another delivery month of the same commodity. Inter-Market is to buy a commodity in one market and sell the same commodity in another market. e.g. Minneapolis vs Kansas City. An example of an Inter-Commodity spread might be wheat vs corn or corn vs oats.

SPOT: A "spot" car or truck is one that has already been loaded and is offered for sale for immediate shipment. The "Spot Market" refers to grain that is traded on this basis.

STOP-LOSS ORDER: Normally, when entered, these are orders to sell at a specified price which is below the current market or to buy at a specified price which is above the current market. These orders become market orders when the market trades at the trigger price or, in the case of a buying order, when the market is bid at the trigger price or, in the case of a selling order, when the market is offered at the trigger price. Stop orders entered into MGEXpress[®] are activated when an outright trade occurs at the trigger price or better within the outright market which the stop is resting.

STOP-LOSS LIMIT ORDER: An order that is similar to a Stop-Loss order except that, when triggered, it becomes a limit order at the specified limit.

SUSPENSION: "Suspended" or "Under Suspension" shall mean the withdrawal during some period of time of all of the rights, benefits, and privileges conferred by Membership or by registration (except rights of ownership, if any), but including and not being limited to, the right to enter the Exchange Room during the hours of trading, the right to vote, the right to sell any Memberships, and trading privileges, if any.

TIME, COMPUTATION OF: Wherever in the Rules or Regulations any act is required to be performed within a certain number of days (or business days), the Rule for computing time shall be to exclude the day on which notice pertaining to such act is given, and to include the day on which such act shall take place.

TRADES: Purchases, or sales, or contracts for the purchase or sale, of commodities.

TRADING PRIVILEGES: The privilege of making trades as a principal on the Exchange.

"TRANSFER" OR "OFFICE" TRADES: See [Rule 718.00](#).

TREASURER: The Treasurer of the Corporation.

TWENTY-FOUR HOURS--FORTY-EIGHT HOURS: Shall mean consecutive hours on business days.

UNEVENLY LOADED CAR: One in which the quality of the grain requires at least two (2) grades to describe the contents, sometimes referred to as a split grade.

VICE CHAIRMAN: A Member of the Exchange serving on the Board of Directors duly elected by the Directors to the Office of Vice Chairman.

WITH THE SECRETARY: Shall mean with the Corporation at the office of the Secretary.

221.03. FINANCING.

The Board of Directors shall have the authority to establish, by Regulation, fees and charges necessary to meet the financial obligations of the Corporation. Fees and charges shall be remitted at such times and in such manner as the Board of Directors may prescribe. This Rule shall not supersede in any way **Rules 221.00.** and **221.01.** of the Corporation.

222.00. FUNDS AND SECURITIES OF THE CORPORATION.

The funds of the Corporation shall be deposited in the name of the Corporation in a bank or banks, as designated from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Securities and other valuable papers belonging to the Corporation shall be kept in a safe deposit box designated by the Board of Directors. Access to such box shall be had only in the manner authorized by the Board.

222.01. EXPENDITURE OF THE FUNDS OF THE CORPORATION.

The funds of MGEX shall be under the management and control of the Exchange, and no funds belonging to MGEX shall be expended unless such expenditure has been authorized by the Exchange or the Board of Directors.

222.02. INVESTMENT OF FUNDS.

The Board of Directors may invest funds belonging to the Corporation in accordance with the most recent investment policy as recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

223.00. BORROWING OF MONEY.

The Board of Directors, on the affirmative vote of at least one half (1/2) of the total number of Directors of the Corporation, permitted under **Rule 210.00.**, may borrow money for and on behalf of the Corporation, for any period of time and on such terms and with such security or mortgage, all as the Board may determine for any event that represents an emergency business purpose, including an actual or potential default to the Clearing House in such amount as may be necessary.

Additionally, the Board may borrow up to and including the amount of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for ordinary purposes when the Board is of the opinion that such borrowings are necessary in connection with the uses and purposes of the Corporation; and PROVIDED that notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this **Rule 223.00.**, the Board of Directors in its discretion, may borrow money for and on behalf of the Corporation for any period of time and for any amount in excess of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for ordinary purposes on such terms and with such security or mortgage as the Board may deem appropriate, PROVIDED FURTHER that such borrowing in excess of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for ordinary purposes is authorized by an affirmative vote of at least one half (1/2) of the total number of Directors permitted under **Rule 210.00.** and such authorization is submitted to and ratified by the Record Owners.

as may pertain directly to the business on account of which admission to the Exchange Room was granted; and,

PROVIDED FURTHER, that no person in default, on account of any business transacted with or through a Member or Members of the Grain Exchange, shall be entitled to admission to the Exchange Room as a visitor while such transaction remains unsettled, and the President is hereby empowered to enforce this Rule upon the complaint, in writing, of any Member of the Corporation.

236.00. CONTROL OF THE USE OF THE BUILDINGS.

The Exchange shall have power to prescribe the purposes for which all offices, halls, rooms, corridors, entrances and other parts of the buildings belonging to or leased by MGEX shall be used, and to make all necessary Regulations governing the use of and admittance to the same, and shall have full power to enforce such Regulations and to inflict penalties for the violation thereof. The Exchange shall have the power to let space in the buildings belonging to or leased by MGEX to such tenants, for such purposes, at such rentals, and on such terms and conditions as it deems desirable.

237.00. MANAGEMENT OF REAL ESTATE.

The Board of Directors shall have the power from time to time to purchase real estate PROVIDED, however, that any borrowing of money to finance such purchases is subject to the provisions of Rule 223.00. The Exchange shall have the power to make changes, alterations, repairs, replacements or additions to the fixtures, equipment and machinery of the buildings of the Exchange, and to make such enlargements or additions to the present buildings to maintain said buildings, equipment or machinery in proper and suitable condition for the uses and purposes of MGEX and its Members and tenants.

240.00. FISCAL YEAR.

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall begin on September 1 of each year and end on August 31 of the succeeding calendar year.

242.00. HOUSEKEEPING.

The Board of Directors shall have the authority to make changes in any Rule without formal approval of the Ownership when such changes do not alter the intent of the Rule or when Rule modification is dictated by change in business organizational structure or name. "Changes" are limited to the modification or elimination of letters, numbers, words, phrases or sentences necessary to maintain an accurate and current Rulebook or are necessary to comply with any change in law, statute or governing legal authority.

243.00. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND OTHERS.

The Corporation shall indemnify its directors, officers and committee members against such expenses and liabilities, in such manner, under such circumstances, and to such extent, as required or permitted by Section 145 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware,

717.00. FUTURES AND OPTIONS CONTRACTS: ACCEPTANCE OF OFFERS.

All offers to purchase or sell commodity futures or options in this market shall be open for immediate acceptance by any Member (but only in the name of a Clearing Member), and such offers shall not be restricted to or specified for any particular Member as against any other Member.

An offer to buy or sell any commodity for future delivery shall be deemed an offer to buy or sell all or any part of the quantity specified in the offer and shall be subject to total or partial acceptance up to the total quantity bid for or offered.

Offers to buy or sell commodities for future delivery in quantities equal to two or more contracts with a limitation requiring the party accepting such offer to accept the entire amount bid for or offered, shall not be allowed.

718.00. "TRANSFER" OR "OFFICE" TRADES: DEFINITIONS.

"Transfer" trades and "Office" trades shall be limited to the following transactions:

- A. Transactions made for the purpose of (1) transferring open Futures or Options Contracts from one account to another on the books of the same Clearing Member where no change in ownership is involved; or (2) transferring open Futures or Options Contracts from an account on the books of one Clearing Member to another Clearing Member where no change of ownership is involved; PROVIDED, however, that no such transfer shall be made after receipt from the Exchange of a delivery Notice on such contracts if such transfer is for the apparent purpose of avoiding delivery on such contract;
- B. Transactions consisting of the exchange or transfer of Futures Contracts in connection with cash commodity transactions or transactions consisting of the exchange of Futures for cash commodities.
- C. Transactions consisting of the exchange or transfer of Futures Contracts in connection with risk transactions or transactions consisting of the exchange of Futures for risks.

All records and memoranda pertaining to "Transfer" and "Office" trades shall be marked or identified by appropriate symbols or designations. All "Office" trades, where such trades remain on the books of one and the same Clearing Member and where no change in ownership is involved, may or may not be cleared at the discretion of the Clearing Member. All "Transfer" trades, which involve two Clearing Members in which no change of ownership is involved, shall be included and identified in daily reports to the Exchange. "Transfer" trades involving the transfer of a customer's positions and related collateral from an account on the books of one Clearing Member to another Clearing Member shall not require the close-out and re-booking of the positions prior to the requested transfer; PROVIDED, the following conditions are met: (1) The customer instructed the carrying Clearing Member to make the transfer, and (2) the receiving Clearing Member has consented to the transfer.

718.01. TRANSFER TRADES IN A DELIVERY MONTH.

During the delivery month and two (2) business days prior to the first delivery day, transfer trades for the purpose of offsetting existing positions where no change in ownership is involved are prohibited

when the date of execution of the position being transferred is not the same as the transfer date. Such positions are required to be offset by trade activity or through the normal delivery process. If such positions are carried on the books of different Clearing Members, the receiving firm is responsible for compliance with this Rule.

719.00. EXCHANGE OF FUTURES FOR, OR IN CONNECTION WITH, PHYSICAL AND RISK TRANSACTIONS.

A. Exchange for Physical Transaction

An exchange of futures for, or in connection with, a physical ("EFP") consists of a cash commodity transaction and a futures transaction.

B. Exchange for Risk Transaction

An exchange of futures for, or in connection with, a risk (an over-the counter (OTC) derivative or a swap agreement) ("EFR") consists of two separate, but related, transactions; a risk transaction and a futures transaction. At the time such transaction is effected, the buyer and the seller of the futures transaction must be the seller and the buyer of the risk transaction. The risk component shall involve the commodity underlying the futures contract (or any derivative, by-product or related product of such commodity). The quantity or economic value covered by the risk transaction must be approximately equivalent to or bear a relationship to the quantity or economic value covered by the futures contracts. The risk component of an EFR transaction must comply with Part 35 of Commission Regulations and the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended.

C. Each buyer and seller must satisfy the Department of Audits and Investigations, at its request, that the transaction is a bona fide EFP or EFR transaction. Upon request of the Department of Audits and Investigations, all documentary evidence relating to the EFP or EFR, including, but not limited to, contracts, confirmations, invoices, warehouse receipts, documents of title, a master swap agreement and any supplements thereto, or any other document that demonstrates the existence and nature of the over-the-counter or derivative transaction shall be obtained by the Clearing Members from the buyer or seller and submitted to the Department of Audits and Investigations.

D. An EFP or EFR may be made at such prices as are mutually agreed upon by the two parties to the transaction. If the price of an EFP cannot be mutually agreed upon by the date of shipment, the cash commodity buyer has the option to set the price within that day's trading range.

E. An EFP or EFR executed during trading hours of the underlying futures contract must be submitted the same day for clearing. An EFP or EFR executed after the close of trading of the underlying futures contract must be submitted for clearing no later than the next business day.

F. The futures contracts that may be exchanged for a physical or a risk transaction, and the last day and time for executing an EFP or EFR shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

(See [Resolution 719.00.](#))

for delivery or cash settled, or for each contract of Minneapolis Grain Exchange Options bought, sold, transferred, exercised or assigned.

First 15,000 Contracts per month

Member rate	\$0.80
Delegate rate	\$1.20
Non-Member rate	\$1.60

Next 15,000 Contracts per month

Member rate	\$0.60
Delegate rate	\$1.00
Non-Member rate	\$1.40

Each Additional Contract per month

Member rate	\$0.45
Delegate rate	\$0.85
Non-Member rate	\$1.25

Exchange service fees will be charged per account.

For purposes of computing fees, a “member” is the individual listed as the record holder of a membership and trades Exchange contracts for their own account. Further, member rates apply to a firm or corporation which is a record owner of a membership. Member rates do not apply to employees, associated persons, affiliate companies, subsidiary corporations or parent corporations of a member firm or corporation unless they also are a record owner of a membership.

A “delegate” is the individual listed as the record holder of a leased membership and trades Exchange contracts for their own account.

Approved by the Board April 19, 2011, effective May 1, 2011.

RESOLUTION 2024.00.

The Minneapolis Grain Exchange Board of Directors has adopted the following schedule of Exchange regulatory fees to be paid to the Corporation annually. The fee shall be prorated over the Corporation’s fiscal year for each month the entity is registered.

A fee of \$10,000 shall be paid by registered futures commission merchant members for which the Exchange is the self-regulatory organization responsible for monitoring and auditing for compliance with the minimum financial, segregation and related reporting and recordkeeping requirements. Such fee shall also apply if the Exchange has delegated its responsibilities to another designated self-regulatory organization. However, the fee shall be waived if the registered futures commission merchant member clears 50,000 contracts annually.

Approved by the Board on January 18, 2001.

RESOLUTION 2101.00.C.

The Minneapolis Grain Exchange Clearing House Committee has adopted the following schedule of deadlines for reporting trading session activity to the Clearing House:

8:00 a.m.	Form 200's
9:00 a.m.	Settlement and margin payment Offset requests
11:15 a.m.	Weekly account position updates Daily Delivery/Exercise account updates
2:15 p.m.	Last submission of trades
3:00 p.m.	Give-up transfer trades Unmatched trade fixes
3:30 p.m.	Long position lists for delivery Delivery Notices Exercise Notices Auto-Exercise Cancellation Notices Spring Wheat Options Form 200's on expiration day Verbal Notification to the Clearing House is necessary if reports are going to be later than 3:30 p.m. Deadline for receipt of notices is 4:00 p.m.

Evening trading activity will clear as part of the next business day's activity.

Submissions that are late will be charged with fines as follows: the first ten (10) minutes late will incur a charge of \$10; succeeding ten (10) minute periods will add additional \$25 charges each. (For example, eleven (11) minutes late will be \$35; twenty-five (25) minutes late will be \$60).

Trades must be entered in "TEMS" within forty-five (45) minutes of the conclusion of each half (½) hour trading bracket.

Any unresolved unmatched trades may be suspended pending possible resolution the following business day as an "as of" trade. "As of" trades can be carried no longer than one business day.

The Minneapolis Grain Exchange Clearing House Committee has adopted a fine of \$100 for Form 200 errors in excess of two per month.

Spring Wheat Options Form 200's for the last trading day will incur the following fines:

Form 200's not received by 5:00 p.m. expiration day	\$1,000
Errors not corrected by 6:00 p.m. expiration day	\$1,000
Errors not corrected by 8:00 a.m. next business day an additional	\$1,000

All give-up trades properly received in accordance with [Regulation 2106.00](#) by the carrying Clearing Member by 2:15 p.m. and not accepted by the carrying Clearing Member by 3:00 p.m. shall result in the following fines:

First offense	\$1,000
Second offense	\$2,000
Third offense	as determined by the Exchange