



Regulatory Circular RG00-47

DATE: March 28, 2000

TO: Members and Member Firms

FROM: Market Operations Department

RE: Restrictions on Transactions in
Agribiotech Incorporated (QXQ) Options

Trading in Agribiotech Incorporated (ABTX) stock on the NASDAQ and trading in QXQ options on CBOE was halted on January 24, 2000, and the NASD subsequently delisted ABTX stock.

Trading on CBOE in existing series of QXQ options will reopen on March 30, 2000, subject to the following restrictions. Only closing transactions may be effected in any series of QXQ options, except for (i) opening transactions by market-makers executed to accommodate closing transactions of other market participants and (ii) opening transactions by CBOE member organizations to facilitate the closing transactions of public customers executed as crosses pursuant to and in accordance with CBOE Rule 6.74(b).

The execution of opening transactions in QXQ options, except as permitted above, and/or the misrepresentation as to whether an order is opening or closing, will constitute a violation of CBOE rules, and may result in disciplinary action.

There are no restrictions in place with respect to the exercise of QXQ options and the Options Clearing Corporation (OCC) has advised the CBOE that the expiration of QXQ options will remain subject to OCC's Exercise-by-Exception Procedures.

Any questions regarding this circular may directed to Kerry Winters at (312) 786-7312 or Patricia Cerny at (312) 786-7722.