



## **Regulatory Circular RG01-72**

**DATE:** May 21, 2001

**TO:** Members and Member Firms

**FROM:** Market Operations Department

**RE:** Restrictions on Transactions in  
Friede Goldman Halter Inc. (FGH)

Trading in Friede Goldman Halter Inc. (FGH) common stock on the New York Stock Exchange and trading in FGH options on CBOE was halted on April 19, 2001 and the NYSE subsequently delisted FGH common stock.

Trading on CBOE in existing series of FGH options will reopen on May 23, 2001, subject to the following restrictions. Only closing transactions may be effected in any series of FGH 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 firm quotation provisions under Rule 8.51 will be suspended in FGH options and the options will not be traded on RAES.

The execution of opening transactions in FGH 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 FGH options and the Options Clearing Corporation (OCC) has advised CBOE that the expiration of FGH options will remain subject to OCC's Exercise-by-Exception Procedures.

The provisions of this circular apply to any options on Friede Goldman Halter Inc. traded on CBOE, including any Friede Goldman Halter Inc. option series with a different option symbol than FGH.

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