



**Regulatory Circular RG09-119**

**DATE:** October 26, 2009  
**TO:** Members and Member Firms  
**FROM:** Market Operations Department  
**RE:** Restrictions on Transactions in  
Alianz SE ("AZ")

Effective October 26, 2009, the NYSE suspended trading in Alianz SE ("AZ").

Trading on the CBOE in existing series of AZ options is subject to the following restrictions. Only closing transactions may be effected in any series of AZ 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) or (d).

The execution of opening transactions in AZ 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. Member organizations should ensure that they have appropriate procedures in place to prevent their customers from entering opening orders in this restricted option class. In addition, transactions in contravention of this restriction may be subject to nullification pursuant to Exchange Rule 6.25.

There are no restrictions in place with respect to the exercise of AZ options. The provisions of this circular apply to any options on AZ traded on CBOE.

Any questions regarding this circular may be directed to Kerry Winters at (312) 786-7312 or Ji Min Kim at (312) 786-7043.

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<http://www.cboe.org/Restrictions>