

Regulatory Circular RG15-176 C2 Regulatory Circular RG15-050

Date: December 4, 2015

To: Trading Permit Holders

From: Business Development Division

RE: Symbol Change and New PM-settled Expirations in Russell 2000 Index Options

In January 2016, Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated (CBOE) and C2 Options Exchange, Incorporated (C2) (collectively the “Exchanges”) will affect three changes related to series of Russell 2000 Index options (RUT). First, effective January 5, 2016, the options symbol for the existing RUT Quarterly option series will be changed from RUTQ to RUTW. In addition, RUT End-of-Quarter option series will become part of the Quarterly Index Expiration¹ program. Under this program, expiring End-of-Quarter options will cease trading at 3:00 PM CT on their last trading day.

Second, effective January 21, 2016, the Exchange will introduce PM-settled End-of-Week option series under the ticker symbol RUTW. Expiring End-of-Week PM-settled RUTW options will cease trading at 3:00 PM CT on their last trading day. In addition, the Exchange will cease trading AM-settled RUT Weekly option series which currently trade under the ticker symbol RUT. The last available AM-settled Weekly RUT option series will be the January 22, 2016 expiration. The last trading day for these AM-settled Weekly option series will be January 21, 2016.

Third, and also effective January 21, 2016, the Exchange will introduce PM-settled End-of-Month options that will expire on the last trading day of the applicable month. Expiring PM-settled End-of-Month RUTW options will cease trading at 3:00 PM CT on their last trading day.

Upon completion of these changes, all PM-settled RUT option series, including those that expire at the End-of-Week, End-of-Month and End-of-Quarter, will transact on the Hybrid trading platform under symbol RUTW and close at 3:00 PM CT on their final trading day. AM-settled RUT option series that expire on the third Friday of the month will continue to trade under the RUT symbol and are not impacted by this change.

In addition to open outcry processing, electronic processing, including the Complex Order Auction (COA), the Complex Order Book (COB) and the Automated Improvement Mechanism (AIM) will support eligible orders for any combination of RUT and/or RUTW option series, including those with standard third-Friday, End-of-Week, End-of-Month and/or End-of-Quarter legs.

¹ End-Of-Quarter series on the Russell 2000 Index will be listed pursuant to CBOE Rule 24.9(c) (Quarterly Index Expirations) and will be PM-settled commencing with the above changes.

Symbol Change for RUT End-Of-Quarter Options: Effective January 5, 2016, the option symbol for RUT End-of-Quarter options will change from RUTQ to RUTW and will trade on the Hybrid platform. Any open GTC orders in RUTQ will be cancelled by the Exchange after the close of business on January 4, 2016. As a result of this symbol change, the below End-of-Quarter expirations will be available for trading under symbol RUTW effective January 5, 2016.

End of Quarter Expirations
March 31, 2016
June 30, 2016
September 30, 2016
December 30, 2016

RUT End-of-Week and End-of-Month Option Series: Effective January 21, 2016, PM-settled End-of-Week and End-of-Month option series will begin trading under symbol RUTW. The initial End-of-Week and End-of-Month expirations being introduced on January 21, 2016 are below.

Initial End of Week Expirations
February 5, 2016
February 12, 2016
February 26, 2016
March 4, 2016

Initial End of Month Expirations
January 29, 2016
February 29, 2016
April 29, 2016
May 31, 2016

IMPORTANT: The continuous electronic quoting obligation requires a Market-Maker to maintain continuous electronic quotes in 60% of the series of its appointed class that have a time to expiration of less than nine months for 90% of the time when the Market-Maker is quoting in that class. Market-Makers who provide electronic quotes in RUTW are reminded that the additional End-of-Week and End-of-Month options may impact the number of series the Market-Maker is required to electronically quote to meet its continuous quoting obligations.

Additional Information:

For additional information, please contact the CBOE Market Services department at marketservices@cboe.com or (312) 786-7950.