

Regulatory Circular RG97-24

DATE: February 26, 1997

TO: Members and Member Firms

FROM: CBOE Executive Committee

RE: Restrictions on Transactions in
Centennial Technology Inc. (CTN) Options

The CBOE has been notified that trading in Centennial Technology Inc. (CTN) stock on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. (NYSE) will be suspended effective as of the close of trading on Friday, February 28, 1997 and that the NYSE will seek to delist CTN following the suspension. CTN stock is traded on the NYSE, and CTN options are traded on the American Stock Exchange (AMEX) and CBOE.

The CBOE Executive Committee has determined, pursuant to CBOE Rule 4.16, to impose the following restrictions on transactions in Centennial Technology Inc. (CTN) options which shall take effect if and when a determination is made to open CTN options for trading on the CBOE. Only closing transactions may be effected in any series of CTN options, except for opening transactions by market-makers executed to accommodate closing transactions of other market participants. However, members will be permitted to effect opening transactions in CTN options in order to facilitate closing transactions of customers pursuant to CBOE Rule 6.74(b), provided that members of the trading crowd do not elect to accommodate a customer's closing order. Members are cautioned not to accept or enter opening orders for any CTN option series. The execution of opening transactions, 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. These restrictions shall be in effect until further notice. The AMEX has determined to impose substantively the same restrictions. No determination has been made at this time to restrict exercises in CTN options.

The Executive Committee deems this action to be advisable in the interests of maintaining a fair and orderly market in CTN options, to be advisable in the public interest, and to be in the interest of the protection of investors. Further, this action does not preclude the CBOE from taking further action with respect to CTN options as permitted by CBOE rules.

Any questions regarding this circular may directed to Thomas Brady at (312) 786-7775, Gregory Rich at (312) 786-7847, or Barbara Casey at (312) 786-7712.