



CFE to Update Duration of Trading Halts Following Market Wide Circuit Breaker Events

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Overview

Applicable Cboe Exchange: CFE

Effective November 2, 2020, Cboe Futures Exchange, LLC ("CFE") will update the duration of trading halts for standard-sized Cboe Volatility Index ("VX") futures, Mini Cboe Volatility Index ("VXM") futures, and S&P 500 Variance ("VA") futures following a Level 1 or Level 2 Market Wide Circuit Breaker (MWCB) event. The current duration for such halts is 15 minutes. On the effective date, this halt duration will be updated to be **10 minutes**, *subject to regulatory review*.

Technical Details

A Level 1 market decline is a 7% decline in the price of the S&P 500 Index between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. CT on a trading day as compared to the closing price for the preceding trading day.

A Level 2 market decline is a 13% decline in that price from the preceding trading day.

Both Level 1 and Level 2 market declines trigger MWCB halts if the levels are breached prior to or at 2:25 p.m. CT on a trading day (11:25 a.m. CT on half days).

On the effective date, following a Level 1 or Level 2 market decline, CFE will automatically halt trading of VX, VXM, and VA futures for a **period of 10 minutes**. This is a change from the current halt duration of 15 minutes. This change will also apply to VX and VXM trade at settlement ("TAS") contracts (VXT and VXMT) and to VA stub positions (VAO).

The halt duration for other CFE products subject to MWCB halts and for Cboe's equity and options markets will remain 15 minutes for Level 1 and Level 2 MWCB events. Additionally, trading in all CFE products subject to MWCB halts and trading in Cboe's equity and options markets will continue to be halted until the next trading day following a Level 3 market decline (which is a 20% decline in the S&P 500 Index from the prior trading day).

Additional Information

For additional information, refer to CFE rule filing [CFE-2020-029](#).

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