



Regulatory Circular RG16-024

Date: February 1, 2016

To: Trading Permit Holders

From: Business Development Division

RE: Operational System Settings for Wednesday-expiring Weeklys Options in Class SPXW

Commencing February 23, 2016, Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated (“CBOE”) will list for trading weekly options on the CBOE Standard & Poor’s 500 Index which expire on Wednesday (“Wednesday-expiring Weeklys”). This circular announces certain operational systems settings for Wednesday-expiring Weeklys.

Trading Hours

- Extended and Regular Trading Hours currently in place for the existing SPX/SPXW options will be followed.

Ticker Symbol

- SPX Wednesday-expiring Weeklys series will be available for trading under option symbol SPXW.

Expiration and Final Trading Day

- SPX Wednesday-expiring Weeklys options are PM-settled.
- The expiration date (usually a Wednesday) will be identified explicitly in the expiration date of the product. If the Wednesday of the week in which the options expire coincides with an Exchange holiday, the expiration date will be on the preceding Tuesday. The expiration date for each series is also the last trading day.
- SPX Wednesday-expiring Weeklys may expire on any Wednesday of the month, other than a Wednesday that coincides with an End-of-Month (“EOM”) expiration date.
- Expiring SPX Wednesday-expiring Weeklys options will cease trading at 3:00 p.m. Central time on their last trading day. All non-expiring SPX Wednesday-expiring Weeklys options will continue to trade until 3:15 p.m. Central time.
- SPX Wednesday-expiring Weeklys option series will not be included in the strip of option series that will be used to calculate the CBOE Volatility Index (“VIX”) spot value or the exercise or final settlement value of VIX options and futures.

Number of Weekly Expirations and Listing Day for New Contracts

- On February 23, 2016, CBOE anticipates listing SPX Wednesday-expiring Weeklys options with the following expiration dates:

Wednesday Expirations
March 2, 2016
March 9, 2016

- Additional Wednesday-expiring Weeklys expirations will typically be listed to begin trading on Tuesdays. The next listing date after the initial listings will be March 1, 2016. On that date, the Exchange will additionally list options with an expiration date of March 16, 2016.

Other Operational Items

- The Complex Order Auction (“COA”) and Complex Order Book (“COB”) will support eligible orders for any combination of SPXW option series, including those with Wednesday Weekly, End-of-Week, End-of-Month and/or End-of-Quarter legs. Complex orders that contain both SPX and SPXW legs will continue to be eligible for manual processing in open outcry during the regular trading hours (“RTH”) session but will be rejected during the extended trading hours (“ETH”) session.
- AIM is not available in SPX or SPXW options during the RTH session but is available during the ETH session and will support Wednesday-expiring Weeklys options.
- 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 SPXW are reminded that the additional Wednesday Weekly options may impact the number of series the Market-Maker is required to electronically quote to meet its continuous quoting obligations.

Additional Information:

Operational questions regarding this circular may be directed to the CBOE Market Services Department at 312-786-7950 or marketservices@cboe.com.