

INTER-EXCHANGE PROCEDURES IN VOLATILE MARKETS
For Second Quarter 2012
Monday, April 02, 2012

INITIAL LIMIT 10%,

CME Group - 130 points down

Limit comes into Effect: On CME opening, 8:30 a.m.

When the lead month E-mini S&P 500 futures is declared limit offered a ten-minute timer starts. During this ten minutes both lead month S&P 500 futures contracts, the Big and the Mini, may trade above this limit. If the market is limit offered after 10 minutes the Mini and Big lead month S&P 500 future will halt for 2 minutes. If the Mini is trading above the limit after 10 minutes no halt will occur. (The Big Contract could be limit offered for more or less than 10 minutes depending on when the Big Contract hits the limit). In either case the next limit is 20% down.

If the NYSE halts trading in all stocks due to a Circuit Breaker, NYSE Rule 80B, all CME domestic Stock index futures will halt trading whether there is a limit in effect or not. They will re-open when the stock market re-opens. When the CME markets reopen the next CME limit will be in effect.

Effective Sunday, January 11, 2009 if the ETH market is locked-limit as of 8:15 and remains so at 8:25 the ETH session will be halted and put into pre-open state. This will provide an Indicative Opening Price in anticipation of a re-open on RTH, with the RTH limits in place and effectively re-establish the market's price discovery capability.

CBOE- No CBOE Action is required. Discretionary actions include delayed openings and trading halts. Except on the last business day before expiration, CBOE normally will restrict exercise of American style, cash settled index options during any trading halt that occurs prior to 3:00 p.m. CBOE may restrict exercise in equity options (other than during the 10 business days before their expiration), but it normally will not do so because of trading halts.

NYSE 1300 point decline in the DJIA

Trading in all stocks will halt for the following time periods when the DJIA reaches the value at the following times (Chicago Time):

Before 1:00 All NYSE products halt for one hour

From 1:00 but before 1:30 All NYSE products halt for ½ hour

After 1:30 No NYSE Halt After 1:30. The 10% NYSE limit is no longer in effect.

CBOE- Trading in all CBOE securities halted during NYSE circuit breaker halt. Exercise restriction described above.

SECOND LIMIT 20%,

CME- 260 points down

In effect- After the 10% limit.

When the front month e-mini S&P future is declared limit offered, the 20% down limit is in effect. The futures contract may trade above this limit. If the market is limit offered after 10 minutes the mini and big front month future will halt for 2 minutes. If the mini is trading above the limit after 10 minutes no halt will occur. (The Big Contract could be limit offered for more or less than 10 minutes depending on when the Big contract hit the limit). In either case the next limit is 30% down.

If the NYSE halts trading in all stocks due to a Circuit Breaker, NYSE Rule 80B, all CME domestic Stock index futures will halt trading whether there is a limit in effect or not. They will re-open when the stock market re-opens. These include the S&P 500, MidCap400, NASDAQ 100, E-Mini NASDAQ Composite Index, E-Mini NASDAQ Biotechnology, Russell 2000 & E-mini, S&P Small Cap 600 and E-mini. S&P Citigroup Growth, S&P 500 Financial and S&P 500 Technologies.

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NYSE 20%, 2600 point decline in the DJIA

Trading in all stocks will halt for the following time periods when the DJIA reaches the value at the following times (Chicago Time):

Before 12:00 All NYSE products halt for two hours.

From 12:00 but before 1:00 All NYSE products halt for one hour.

After 1:00 NYSE halted for the remainder of the day.

CBOE- Trading in all CBOE securities halted during NYSE circuit breaker halt. Exercise restriction described above.

MAXIMUM DAILY LIMIT 30%,

CME Group- 390 points down

In effect after the 20% limit has expired.

When the front month e-mini S&P future is declared limit offered the 30% down limit is in effect. The futures contract may trade above this limit. This limit will be in effect for the remainder of the regular trading day.

If the NYSE halts trading in all stocks due to a Circuit Breaker, NYSE Rule 80B, all CME domestic Stock index futures will halt trading whether there is a limit in effect or not. They will re-open when the stock market re-opens. These include the S&P 500, MidCap400, NASDAQ 100, E-Mini NASDAQ Composite Index, E-Mini NASDAQ Biotechnology, Russell 2000 & E-mini, S&P Small Cap 600 and E-mini. S&P Citigroup Growth, S&P 500 Financial and S&P 500 Technologies.

CBOE- No CBOE Action is required. Discretionary actions include delayed openings and trading halts. Except on the last business day before expiration, CBOE normally will restrict exercise of American style, cash settled index options during any trading halt that occurs prior to 3:00 p.m. CBOE may restrict exercise in equity options (other than during the 10 business days before their expiration), but it normally will not do so because of trading halts.

NYSE 3900 point decline in the DJIA

Trading in all stocks will halt for the remainder of the day.

CBOE- Trading in all CBOE securities halted during NYSE circuit breaker halt. Exercise restriction described above.