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Rule 707. [Clearing Member] Authorization to Give Up

[A Member must give up the name of the Clearing Member through whom the transaction will be cleared. If there is a subsequent change in identity of the Clearing Member through whom a transaction will be cleared, the Member must, as promptly as possible, report such change to the Exchange.]

(a) General. For each transaction in which a Member participates, the Member may indicate, at the time of the trade or through post-trade allocation, any Options Clearing Corporation (“OCC”) number of a Clearing Member through which a transaction will be cleared (“Give Up”), provided the Clearing Member has not elected to Opt In, as defined and described in paragraph (b) below, and restrict one or more of its OCC number(s) (“Restricted OCC Number”). A Member may Give Up a Restricted OCC Number provided the Member has written authorization as described in paragraph (b)(ii) below (“Authorized Member”).

(b) Opt In. Clearing Members may request the Exchange restrict one or more of their OCC clearing numbers (“Opt In”) as described in subparagraph (i) below. If a Clearing Member Opts In, the Exchange will require written authorization from the Clearing Member permitting a Member to Give Up a Clearing Member’s Restricted OCC Number. An Opt In would remain in effect until the Clearing Member terminates the Opt In as described in subparagraph (iii) below. If a Clearing Member does not Opt In, that Clearing Member’s OCC number would be subject to Give Up by any Member.

(i) Clearing Member Process to Opt In. A Clearing Member may Opt In by sending a completed “Clearing Member Restriction Form” listing all Restricted OCC Numbers and Authorized Members. A Clearing Member may elect to restrict one or more OCC clearing numbers that are registered in its name at OCC. The Clearing Member would be required to submit the Clearing Member Restriction Form to the Exchange’s Membership Department as described on the form. Once submitted, the Exchange requires ninety days before a Restricted OCC Number is effective within the System.

(ii) Member Give Up Process for Restricted OCC Numbers. A Member desiring to Give Up a Restricted OCC Number must become an Authorized Member. The Clearing Member will be required to authorize a Member as described in subparagraph (i) or (iii), unless the Restricted OCC Number is already subject to a
(iii) Amendments to Authorized Members or Restricted OCC Numbers. A Clearing Member may amend its Authorized Members or Restricted OCC Numbers by submitting a new Clearing Member Restriction Form to the Exchange’s Membership Department indicating the amendment as described on the form. Once a Restricted OCC Number is effective within the System pursuant to paragraph (i) above, the Exchange may permit the Clearing Member to authorize, or remove authorization for, a Member to Give Up the Restricted OCC Number intra-day only in unusual circumstances, and on the next business day in all regular circumstances. The Exchange will promptly notify Members if they are no longer authorized to Give Up a Clearing Member’s Restricted OCC Number. If a Clearing Member removes a Restricted OCC Number, any Member may Give Up that OCC clearing number once the removal has become effective on or before the next business day.

(c) System. The System will not allow an unauthorized Member to Give Up a Restricted OCC Number. If an unauthorized Give Up with a Restricted OCC Number is submitted to the System, the System will process that transaction using the Member’s default OCC clearing number.

(d) Letter of Guarantee. A clearing arrangement subject to a Letter of Guarantee would immediately permit the Give Up of a Restricted OCC Number by the Member that is party to the arrangement.

(e) An intentional misuse of this Rule is impermissible, and may be treated as a violation of Rule 400 or Rule 401.

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Rule 712. Submission of Orders and Clearance of Transactions

(a) Order Identification. When entering orders on the Exchange, each Member shall submit trade information in such form as may be prescribed by the Exchange in order to allow the Exchange to properly prioritize and match orders and quotations pursuant to Rule 713 and report resulting transactions to the Clearing Corporation.

(b) All transactions made on the Exchange shall be submitted for clearance to the Clearing Corporation, and all such transactions shall be subject to the rules of the Clearing Corporation. Every Clearing Member shall be responsible for the clearance of the Exchange transactions of such Clearing Member and of each Member who gives up such Clearing Member's name pursuant to a [written letter of clearing authorization or] written [l]Letter of [g]Guarantee or written authorization to become an Authorized Member under Rule 707, which [letter of clearing authorization or letter of guarantee] authorization must be submitted to the Exchange.
(c) On each business day at or prior to such time as may be prescribed by the Clearing Corporation, the Exchange shall furnish the Clearing Corporation a report of each Clearing Member's matched trades.

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