

Merged Category	Designation in Agreement	Conversion Factor to SME	Unit
345 and 845	345/845	30.80	dozen
347, 348 and 847	347/348/847	14.90	dozen
350 and 650	350/650	42.60	dozen
351 and 651	351/651	43.50	dozen
352 and 652	352/652	11.30	dozen
359-C and 659-C	359-C/659-C	10.10	kilograms
638, 639 and 838	638/639/838	13.00	dozen
645 and 646	645/646	30.80	dozen
647 and 648	647/648	14.90	dozen

Part Category	Description
359-C	Cotton Coveralls and Overalls
359-O	Other Cotton Apparel
369-D	Cotton Dishtowels
369-O	Other Cotton Manufactures
369-S	Cotton Shop Towels
659-C	Man-Made Fiber Overalls and Coveralls
659-O	Other Man-Made Fiber Apparel

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Proposed Amendments to the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Oriented Strand Board Futures Contract

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed amendments to contract terms and conditions.

SUMMARY: The Chicago Mercantile (CME or Exchange) has proposed amendments to its oriented strand board (OSB) futures contract. The primary proposed amendments would allow delivery of OSB from storage facilities and allow shipments via truck. The proposal was submitted under the Commission's 45-day Fast Track procedures. The Acting Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division) of the Commission, acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that publication of the proposals for comment is in the public interest, will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons, and is consistent with the purpose of the Commodity Exchange Act.

DATES: Comment must be received on or before January 4, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW,

Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521, or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be made to the CME oriented strand board futures contract rule amendments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact John Forkkio of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581, telephone (202) 418-5281. Facsimile number: (202) 418-5527. Electronic mail: jforkkio@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed amendments include two substantive revisions to the delivery procedures as well as several minor revisions.

One substantive change is to allow delivery from a storage facility. The amended rules would provide that a delivery unit must be delivered from a single mill or storage facility and must be produced by only one manufacturer. According to the CME, "this is a normal cash market practice that gives some assurance of product integrity and uniformity to the buyer.

Another significant proposed change is to allow delivery via truck. According to the Exchange.

Truck shipment is possible by mutual agreement between buyer and seller. Although the buyer is responsible for arranging shipment, the seller may provide the trucks under terms acceptable to the buyer. These terms would include a shipping schedule. If the buyer provides the trucks, however, a shipping interval must be specified by the seller using the dates required by the futures contract. A delivery unit of panels would consist of 3 truckloads. The seller must pick an interval of 4 consecutive business days that may start as soon as the fifth day, and must start no later than the eighth day, after delivery instructions have been received from the buyer.

In addition, the CME is proposing to add the phrase "wood-based structural-use" to the commodity specifications for futures contract deliveries. This would clarify the type of panel allowed in deliveries on the futures contract. According to the CME, "[t]he phrase

matches the title of U.S. Department of Commerce product standard PS2-92 that governs the performance standards of OSB panels, as noted in current Rule 7304.A.1.

The Exchange also is proposing to require the buyer who chooses rail shipment to provide a routing to destination that is acceptable to the originating carrier. The CME stated that "[t]his is necessary to ensure that rail shipment is possible along the entire route chosen by the buyer and matches a provision of the delivery procedures in the current Random Length Lumber futures contract. In the absence of instructions from the buyer, delivery will be made via rail to Chicago."

The CME stated that current contract calls for the seller to prepay rail freight from the mill to the buyer's destination and then bill the buyer for any excess charges over the freight cost incurred if the shipment were to have been made from the mill to Chicago, using the lowest published freight rate. The CME indicated that, since this language is hard to follow, it proposes to amend the rules to add "explicit language to detail how the calculation of any excess charges is to be made."

Another proposed amendment provides that shipping the charges are to be based on the rate for 52-foot 8-inch boxcars. The CME stated that "this provision means only that the rate charged to the buyer must be for that size boxcar; however, any size boxcar can be used to actually ship the panels." According to the Exchange, in cash market transactions, this size of boxcar is commonly used for shipping panels of the amounts, thickness and dimension specified by the OSB futures contract.

The CME also proposes to require that deliverable OSB panels may not be older than 18 months, dated from the transfer of title. According to the Exchange, "an 18-month span was considered by industry representatives to be long enough to allow for storage programs to be meaningful yet short enough so that panels would retain their fresh appearance and condition."

Finally, rule 7305 is proposed to be amended by adding a clause allowing

reinspection requests to be made regardless of when the panels were first received. The CME stated that this provision reflects a normal cash market practice "under PS2-92 for reinspection requests to be honored free of charge by the grading agency if they are made within 6 months of first receipt of the panels."

The proposed amendments were submitted pursuant to the Commission's Fast Track procedures for streamlining the review of futures contract rule amendments and new contract approvals (62 FR 10434). Under those procedures, the proposals, absent any contrary action by the Commission, may be deemed approved at the close of business on January 21, 2000, 45 days after receipt of the proposals. In view of the limited review period under the Fast Track procedures, the Commission has determined to publish for public comment notice of the availability of the terms and conditions for 15 days, rather than 30 days as provided for proposals submitted under the regular review procedures.

Copies of the proposed amendments will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. Copies of the proposed amendments can be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address, by phone at (202) 418-5100.

Other materials submitted by the CME in support of the proposed amendments may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 CFR part 145 (1997)), except to the extent they are entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in 17 CFR 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials should be made to the FOL, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of Secretariat at the Commission's headquarters in accordance with 17 CFR 145.7 and 145.8.

Any person interested in submitting written data, views, or arguments on the proposed amendments, or with respect to other materials submitted by the CME, should send such comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.

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John R. Mielke,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title, Form Number, and OMB Number: Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP) Application; DD Form 2749; OMB Number 0704-0392.

Type of Request: Extension.
Number of Respondents: 265.
Responses Per Respondent: 1.
Annual Responses: 265.
Average Burden Per Response: 4 hours.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,060.
Needs and Uses: The collection of information is necessary to identify products or services requested by community members of restoration advisory boards or technical review committees to aid in their participation in the Department of Defense's environmental restoration program, and to meet Congressional reporting requirements. Respondents are community members of restoration advisory boards or technical review committees requesting technical assistance to interpret scientific and engineering issues regarding the nature of environmental hazards at an installation. This assistance will aid communities in participating in the cleanup process. The information, directed by 10 U.S.C. 2705, will be used to determine the eligibility of the proposed project, begin the procurement process to obtain the requested products or services, and determine the satisfaction of community members of restoration advisory boards and technical review committees receiving the products and services.

Affected public: Not-for-profit Institutions.

Frequency: On occasion.
Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.
OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Edward C. Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: December 14, 1999.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Notice Of Availability Of The National Missile Defense Deployment Draft Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Ballistic Missile Defense Organization.

ACTION: Notice of Availability; Extension of Comment Period.

SUMMARY: The Ballistic Missile Defense Organization (BMDO) announced the availability of the National Missile Defense Deployment Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on Friday, October 1, 1999 (64 FR 53364). This notice extends the public comment period. All other information remains unchanged.

COMMENTS: Written comments have been extended to [insert 30 days from date of publication]. Inquiries on the DEIS should be directed to: SMDC-N-V (Ms. Julia Hudson), U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, PO Box 1500, Huntsville, AL 35807-3801. Public reading copies of the DEIS will be available for review at the public libraries within the communities where the public hearings will be held and at the BMDO internet site at www.acq.osd.mil/bmdo/bmdolink/html/nmd.html.

Dated: December 13, 1999.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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