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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Amended 17 December 2015, 03 December 2018, 01 July 2019

# NNNN1. DEFINITIONS<sup>6</sup>

- (a) Save as otherwise specified herein, words and phrases defined in the Regulations shall have the same meanings in these Contract Rules and in the Administrative Procedures.
- (b) In these Contract Rules and the Administrative Procedures:

"Administrative Procedures"	means the administrative procedures at Rule OOOO implemented by the Exchange for the purposes of these Contract Rules.		
"business day"	means a day on which the Market, the Clearing House and banks in London are open for business.		
"Contract"	means a contract made expressly or impliedly under these Contract Rules for the sale and purchase of one or more lots in respect of a Rate Index in a currency, specified by the Exchange in the Table, and "registered Contract" means a Contract registered by the Clearing House.		
"Contract Multiplier"	means the factor which, when multiplied by the Rate Index determines the Unit of Trading for a Contract.		
"delivery month"	means each month specified by the Exchange in the Table pursuant to the Regulations in respect of a Rate Index in the relevant currency specified by the Exchange in the Table.		
"EDSP"	means the Exchange Delivery Settlement Price and has the meaning attributed to it in Rule NNNN.5.		
"EDSPRate"	has the meaning attributed to it in Rule NNNN.5(b).		
"First quarterly delivery month"	means the quarterly delivery month which is next to mature, whereby a quarterly delivery month shall become the first quarterly delivery month on the business day following the Last Trading Day of the previous first quarterly delivery month.		
"Last Trading Day"	means, in respect of a delivery month, the day specified by the Exchange in the Table (subject to Rule NNNN.7).		
"LIBOR Transition Date"	means the transition date nominated by the Exchange and communicated by Circular.		
"lot"	means the unit of trading in respect of a Contract.		
"£"	denotes the lawful currency of the United Kingdom, known, at the date of the issue of these Contract Rules, as "Sterling".		
"quarterly delivery month"	means March, June, September or December.		
"Rate Index"	means $100$ minus the numerical value of the published rate of interest.		
"serial delivery month"	means a delivery month other than a quarterly delivery month.		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Amended 17 December 2015, 01 July 2019

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"Settlement Day"	means in respect of a delivery month the first business day after the Last Trading Day.
"SFr"	denotes the lawful currency of Switzerland known at the date of the

denotes the la wful currency of Switzerland, known, at the date of t issue of these Contract Rules, as "Swiss Franc".

- (c) [Not used]
- (d) References to "specified by the Exchange in the Table" means as specified in the column in the Table applicable to the relevant currency and period. The Table attached hereto forms part of these Contract Rules. Footnotes other than the footnote to Rule NNNN.5(d) do not form part of these Contract Rules and do not have legal effect except where the context implies otherwise.

# NNNN.2 CONTRACT SPECIFICATION

(a) Each Contract shall be for one or more lots for the delivery month specified.

### NNNN.3 PRICE<sup>7</sup>

- (a) Bids and offers shall be quoted as a "Rate Index" with a minimum price movement that is specified by the Exchange in the Table.
- (b) One "Rate Index" point shall have a value equal to the Contract Multiplier value as specified by the Exchange in the Table.

# NNNN.4 LAST TRADING DAY

- (a) On the Last Trading Day:
  - (i) trading in Contracts for the current delivery month for such Contracts shall cease at such time as may be specified in the Administrative Procedures; and
  - (ii) the Exchange will calculate the EDSP for such Contracts in accordance with Rule NNNN.5.

# NNNN.5 EXCHANGE DELIVERY SETTLEMENT PRICE ("EDSP")8

- (a) [Not used]
- (b) The EDSP shall be calculated by reference to a rate (the "EDSP Rate"), specified in or pursuant to this Rule NNNN.5, which shall be calculated by reference to the interest rate in the relevant currency and for the relevant period specified by the Exchange in the Table being generally available:
  - (i) in respect of Contracts to which Section A of the Table applies, in the London interbank market at 11 a.m. London time on the Last Trading Day; and
  - (ii) in respect of Contracts to which Section B of the Table applies, in the European interbank market generally at 11 a.m. Brussels time on the Last Trading Day.
- (c) In the event that an interest rate in the relevant currency, and for the relevant period, specified by the Exchange in the Table used for the purposes of calculating the EDSP Rate, is unavailable from the benchmark administrator then the Exchange at its discretion can use industry accepted fall-back provisions or any other means to generate an interest rate for the relevant period.
- (d) Subject to Rules NNNN.5(c) and NNNN.5(e), the EDSP Rate shall be:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Amended 01 July 2019, 15 November 2019



- (i) in respect of Contracts to which Section A of the Table applies, ICE LIBOR (formerly known as BBALIBOR)<sup>9</sup>; and
- (ii) in respect of Contracts to which Section B of the Table applies, EURIBOR, as managed by the European Money Markets Institute (formerly known as the EBF),

for the relevant currency, and for the relevant period, specified by the Exchange in the Table.

- (e) The Exchange may at its discretion resolve, prior to the commencement of the calendar month in which the Last Trading Day falls, that the EDSP Rate shall be determined by means other than that specified in Rule NNNN.5(d). Any such determination by the Exchange shall be the subject of a notice posted on the Market.
- (f) The EDSP shall be a figure calculated in accordance with the formula:

100.00 - numerical value of R

where R = the EDSP Rate, save as provided in Rule NNNN.5(g).

- (g) Where the EDSP Rate is not an exact multiple of the minimum EDSP Price Increment specified in the Table in respect of the Contract, it will be rounded to the nearest minimum EDSP Price Increment or, where the EDSP Rate is an exact uneven multiple of half the minimum EDSP Price Increment, to the nearest lower minimum EDSP Price Increment.<sup>10</sup>
- (h) The Exchange shall publish a provisional EDSP and the final EDSP at such times as are specified in the Administrative Procedures. The final EDSP shall be final and binding for all purposes.

#### NNNN.6 PAYMENT<sup>11</sup>

- (a) In respect of each lot comprised in a Contract the following payments shall be made by the time on the Settlement Day specified by the Exchange in the Administrative Procedures:
  - (i) where the EDSP exceeds the Contract price, payment by the Seller to the Clearing House or payment by the Clearing House to the Buyer, or both (as the case may require), and
  - (ii) where the Contract price exceeds the EDSP, payment by the Buyer to the Clearing House or payment by the Clearing House to the Seller, or both (as the case may require),

of an amount calculated by multiplying the difference in Rate Index points between the EDSP and the Contract price by the value of the Contract Multiplier as specified in Rule NNNN.3(b).

#### NNNN.7 EMERGENCY PROVISIONS

- (a) If, at any time a fter the close of trading two business days prior to the day which would have been the Last Trading Day in respect of a delivery month, it becomes known to the Exchange that the day which would have been the Last Trading Day will not be a business day, then the business day next following such day shall become the Last Trading Day in respect of that delivery month and the Exchange shall post a notice to that effect on the Market.
- (b) If, at any time after the close of trading two business days prior to the day which is scheduled to be the Last Trading Day in respect of a delivery month, it becomes known to the Exchange that the day which would have been the business day immediately preceding the third Wednesday in that month will not be a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> The following statement is made by ICE Benchmark Administration Limited: "ICE Benchmark Administration cannot be liable for any losses arising from the non availability of, or any error or omission in, or miscalculation of, ICE LIBOR (formerly known as BBA LIBOR)." The same statement should be read as applicable to ICE LIBOR when used in the calculation of the EDSP for this contract.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> e.g. if the minimum EDSP Price Increment is 0.001 Rate Index points the EDSP Rate is an exact uneven multiple of half the minimum EDSP Price Increment then the rate is rounded down, e.g. an EDSP Rate of -0.6225 becomes 0.622. In contrast, an EDSP Rate of 0.62251 is rounded up to and would become 0.623.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Amended 01 July 2019

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business day, then this shall not affect the Last Trading Day which shall (subject to Rule NNNN.7(a)) remain the day it was scheduled to be.

## NNNN.8 DEFAULT

- (a) A Buyer or Seller other than the Clearing House shall be in default where:
  - (i) he fails to fulfil in accordance with these Contract Rules, the Regulations and the Administrative Procedures and the Clearing House Rules his obligations under a Contract by the time and in the manner prescribed; or
  - (ii) he fails to pay any sum due to the Clearing House in respect of a registered Contract by the time specified in these Contract Rules or in the Administrative Procedures or under the Clearing House Rules; or
  - (iii) in the reasonable opinion of the Exchange or Clearing House he is otherwise in default.
- (b) Subject to the default rules of the Clearing House, in the event of a default by a Buyer or a Seller in respect of a registered Contract, the Exchange shall, for thwith fix a price for invoicing back and each lot in issue shall be invoiced back at that price. Such price may at the Exchange's absolute discretion take account of any compensation that the Exchange may consider should be paid by or to the Buyer or Seller, as applicable.

### NNNN.9 FORCEMAJEURE

(a) Subject to any steps taken at any time by the Exchange under emergency powers in the Regulations and subject to the default rules of the Clearing House, a Seller or a Buyer shall be liable to perform his obligations in respect of a lot comprised in a Contract by the due time therefor, notwithstanding that he may be or is likely to be prevented from so doing by any event beyond his reasonable control including without limitation, any act of God, strike, lockout, war, armed conflict, use of force by authority of the United Nations, fire, riot or civil commotion, combination of workmen, act of terrorism, breakdown of machinery, unavailability or restriction of computer or data processing facilities or energy supplies or bank transfer systems.

NNNN.10 [NOT USED]

NNNN.11 [NOT USED]

NNNN.12 [NOT USED]

- NNNN.13 [NOT USED]
- NNNN.14 [NOT USED]

TABLE

# CONTRACT DETAILS SPECIFIED BY THE EXCHANGE FOR ICE FUTURES SHORT TERM INTEREST RATE INDEX FUTURES CONTRACTS<sup>12</sup>

# SECTION A

Contract	Three Month Sterling	Three Month Euro Swiss Franc	
Currency specified by the Exchange	Sterling £	Swiss Franc SFr	
Period specified by the Exchange	Three Months	ThreeThreeMonthsMonths	
Unit of trading	£1250* Rate Index	SFr 2500 * Rate Index	
<b>Delivery months</b>	All calendar months	Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec	
No. of delivery months available for trading <sup>13</sup>	24 Quarterly 2 Serial	16 Quarterly	
	Serial delivery months which would be expiring beyond the LIBOR Transition Date will not be made a vailable for trading.		
Contract Multiplier	£1250	SFr2500	
Minimum price movement (Value)	0.005 <u>0</u> (£6.25)	0.01 <u>000</u> (SFr25.00)	
Minimum EDSP Price Increment	0.001 <u>0</u>	0.001 <u>00</u>	
<u>Minimum settlement price</u> <u>increment for purposes of the</u> <u>LIBOR Transition Date</u>	0.0001	0.00010	
Rate Index <sup>14</sup>	100.000 <u>0</u> minus the numerical value of the rate of interest	100.00 <u>000</u> minus the numerical value of the rate of interest	
Last Trading Day <sup>15</sup>	Third Wednesday of the delivery month	Two business days prior to the third Wednesday of the delivery month	

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Amended 17 December 2015, 03 December 2018, 01 July 2019
<sup>13</sup> The delivery months available for trading will be the relevant number of nearest quarterly delivery months and the relevant number of nearest serial \_delivery months. A new delivery month is available for trading the business day after the Last Trading Day of a delivery month. Beyond the LIBOR Transition Date the Exchange will cease to list new serial months for Three Month Sterling (i.e. the November 2021 delivery month will be the final new listed serial contract for a LIBOR Transition Date of 17 December 2021).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> For a rate of interest of 2.000% p.a., the Rate Index would be 98.000 (i.e. 100.000 - 2.000).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> If such a day is not a business day, "Last Trading Day" shall mean the business day next following such day.

# SECTION B

Contract	Three Month Euro	
	(EURIBOR)	
Currency specified by the Exchange	Euro	
	€	
Period specified by the Exchange	Three	
	Months	
Unit of trading	€2,500 * Rate Index	
Deliverymonths	All calendar months	
No. of delivery months available for	24 Quarterly	
trading <sup>16</sup>	4 Serial	
<b>Contract Multiplier</b>	€2,500	
Minimum price movement	0.005	
(Value)	(€12.50)	
Minimum EDSP Price Increment	0.001	
Rate Index <sup>17</sup>	100.00 minus	
	the numerical value of the rate	
	of interest	
	Two business days prior to the	
Last Trading Day <sup>18</sup>	third Wednesday of the delivery	
	month	

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> The delivery months available for trading will be the relevant number of nearest quarterly delivery months and the relevant number of nearest serial delivery months. A new delivery month is available for trading the business day after the Last Trading Day of a delivery month.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> For a rate of interest of 2.000% p.a., the Rate Index would be 98.000 (i.e. 100.000 - 2.000).

<sup>\*-</sup> If such a day is not a business day, "Last Trading Day" shall mean the business day next following such day