

Operational Procedures for Setting SPAN Parameters related to Commodity Derivatives

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Items	Procedures	Remarks
I. Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This document specifies the operational procedures to set parameters necessary for calculating margin related to Commodity Derivatives via Standard Portfolio Analysis of Risk (SPAN®) system¹ (“SPAN parameters”). 	
II. Regularly-reviewed SPAN parameters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JSCC sets the following SPAN parameters for each Combined Commodity. On the last business day of a week, JSCC reviews the SPAN parameters and notifies them to its Clearing Participants on the same day. All or part of the SPAN parameters may be modified and then applied on the next business day following the date of notification, if such modification is considered necessary. However, when JSCC deems it necessary due to sudden changes in the financial markets, JSCC may modify all or part of the SPAN parameters. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SPAN parameters are not set for dormant commodities. “Combined Commodity” refers to a group of Futures & Options that have the same underlying instrument.
1 Price Scan Range	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Price Scan Range shall be determined in the following manner: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① GOLD Group, SILVER Group, PLATINUM Group, PALLADIUM Group, RSS3 RUBBER Group, TSR20 RUBBER Group, GASOLINE Group, KEROSENE Group, GAS OIL Group, CHUKYO-GASOLINE Group, CHUKYO-KEROSENE Group, CASH-SETTLED BARGE GASOLINE Group, PLATTS CASH-SETTLED BARGE KEROSENE Group, PLATTS CASH-SETTLED BARGE GAS OIL Group, CASH-SETTLED LORRY 	

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	<p>GASOLINE Group, PLATTS CASH-SETTLED LORRY KEROSENE Group and PLATTS Cash-SETTLED LORRY GAS OIL Group.</p> <p>Obtain the products of the smallest value of the daily Price Fluctuation Ratio that exceeds the 99%² of such value for all trading days and all contract months (except 1st contract month) and each of the Period a. and b. and the maximum value of the settlement prices among all contract months (except 1st contract month) of the relevant Combined Commodity on the Reference Date³. Price Scan Range will be the value calculated by multiplying the larger product by “Contract Multiplier”:</p> <p>Period a. 4 weeks up to the reference date Period b. 54 weeks up to the reference date</p> <p>② GOLD ROLLING-SPOT Group and PLATINUM ROLLING-SPOT Group</p> <p>Obtain the products of the smallest value of the daily Price Fluctuation Ratio of Rolling-Spot contract that exceeds the 99%⁴ of such value for each of the Period a. and b. and the settlement price of the relevant Combined Commodity on the Reference Date⁵. Price Scan Range will be the value calculated by multiplying the larger product by “Contract Multiplier”:</p> <p>Period a. 4 weeks up to the reference date Period b. 54 weeks up to the reference date</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Price Fluctuation Ratio means a quotient of the absolute value of the difference between the settlement price on a business day and the previous business day and the settlement price on the previous business day. Price Fluctuation Ratio of Rolling-Spot contract means a quotient of the absolute value of the difference between the closing price on a business day and the settlement price on the previous business day and the settlement price on the previous business day.

² Calculated on a class value basis

³ To be rounded up to the nearest integral multiple of 6 yen in case of Gold group, 12 yen in case of PLATINUM group and the nearest integral multiple of the quote unit used for auction trading of relevant Futures contract.

⁴ Calculated on a class value basis

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	<p>③ PLATTS DUBAI CRUDE OIL Group</p> <p>Obtain the products of the average among the values that exceed the 97.5% of the daily Price Fluctuation Ratio for all trading days of the period of 5 years up to the Reference Date and stress days for all contract months (except 1st contract month) ,and the maximum value of the settlement prices among all contract months (except 1st contract month) on the Reference Date⁶. Price Scan Range will be the value calculated by multiplying the larger product by “Contract Multiplier”</p> <p>④ Combined Commodities other than ①② or ③</p> <p>Price Scan Range shall be the product of Y% of the maximum value of the settlement prices among all contract months (except 1st contract month) in the Combined Commodity on the Reference Date⁷ and X yen for the period designated by JSCC at each occasion.</p> <p>However, as for EAST BASELOAD ELECTRICITY Group, WEST BASELOAD ELECTRICITY Group, EAST PEAKLOAD ELECTRICITY Group, WEST PEAKLOAD ELECTRICITY Group, Price Scan Range shall be the product of Y% of the settlement price of a contract month whose notional amount of one contract is the largest among all contract months (except 1st contract month) in the Combined Commodity on the Reference Date⁸ and X yen for the period designated by JSCC at each occasion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When JSCC deems it inappropriate to apply the value obtained in the above manner as Price Scan Range, in light of the market conditions, JSCC will set the Price Scan Range on a case-by case basis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “The daily Price Fluctuation Ratio for all trading days of the period of 5 years up to the Reference Date” shall be the value reflected on current market conditions by the volatilities calculated by JSCC based on EWMA Method (Exponentially Weighted Moving Average Method) by the decay factor 0.985. Stress days mean the days which record the largest and the second largest Price Fluctuation Ratios of the 6th contract month after 2001. Assuming a case where the level of Price Scan Range is obviously low comparing to the price fluctuation of the underlying instrument. Y% will be notified separately by “Operational Procedures for Setting SPAN Parameters related to Commodity Derivatives_Annex”.

⁶ To be rounded up to the integral multiple of the tick size for the auction trading of the futures contracts in the relevant Combined Commodity

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	<div>• The above Contract Multiplier shall be set as follows.</div> <table><tr><th>Combined commodity</th><th>Contract Multiplier</th></tr><tr><td>GOLD Group</td><td>1, 000</td></tr><tr><td>GOLD ROLLING-SPOT Group</td><td>100</td></tr><tr><td>SILVER Group</td><td>10, 000</td></tr><tr><td>PLATINUM Group</td><td>500</td></tr><tr><td>PLATINUM ROLLING-SPOT Group</td><td>100</td></tr><tr><td>PALLADIUM Group</td><td>500</td></tr><tr><td>RSS3 RUBBER Group</td><td>5, 000</td></tr><tr><td>TSR20 RUBBER Group</td><td>5, 000</td></tr><tr><td>CORN Group</td><td>50</td></tr><tr><td>SOYBEAN Group</td><td>25</td></tr><tr><td>AZUKI BEANS Group</td><td>80</td></tr><tr><td>GASOLINE Group</td><td>50</td></tr><tr><td>KEROSENE Group</td><td>50</td></tr><tr><td>PLATTS DUBAI CRUDE OIL Group</td><td>50</td></tr><tr><td>GAS OIL Group</td><td>50</td></tr><tr><td>CHUKYO-GASOLINE Group</td><td>10</td></tr><tr><td>CHUKYO-KEROSENE Group</td><td>10</td></tr><tr><td>CASH-SETTLED BARGE GASOLINE Group</td><td>50</td></tr><tr><td>PLATTS CASH-SETTLED BARGE KEROSENE Group</td><td>50</td></tr><tr><td>PLATTS CASH-SETTLED BARGE GAS OIL Group</td><td>50</td></tr><tr><td>CASH-SETTLED LORRY GASOLINE Group</td><td>10</td></tr></table>	Combined commodity	Contract Multiplier	GOLD Group	1, 000	GOLD ROLLING-SPOT Group	100	SILVER Group	10, 000	PLATINUM Group	500	PLATINUM ROLLING-SPOT Group	100	PALLADIUM Group	500	RSS3 RUBBER Group	5, 000	TSR20 RUBBER Group	5, 000	CORN Group	50	SOYBEAN Group	25	AZUKI BEANS Group	80	GASOLINE Group	50	KEROSENE Group	50	PLATTS DUBAI CRUDE OIL Group	50	GAS OIL Group	50	CHUKYO-GASOLINE Group	10	CHUKYO-KEROSENE Group	10	CASH-SETTLED BARGE GASOLINE Group	50	PLATTS CASH-SETTLED BARGE KEROSENE Group	50	PLATTS CASH-SETTLED BARGE GAS OIL Group	50	CASH-SETTLED LORRY GASOLINE Group	10	
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		EAST BASELOAD ELECTRICITY Group	74, 400	
		WEST BASELOAD ELECTRICITY Group	74, 400	
		EAST PEAKLOAD ELECTRICITY Group	26, 400	
		WEST PEAKLOAD ELECTRICITY Group	26, 400	
		YELLOW CORN50 Group	50	
		US SOYBEANS Group	10	
		AZUKI BEANS Group	40	
		TOKYO RICE Group	200	
		NIIGATA KOSHIHIKARI Group	25	
		AKITA KOMACHI Group	204	
		AKITA KOMACHI17 Group	17	
		MIYAGI HITOME18 Group	18	
		RAW SUGAR Group	10	

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2 Delivery Month Charge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain the values calculated the setting method of Price Scan Range by omitting the description of “except 1st contract month”. Outright Charge shall be the above values deducted Price Scan Range. Spread Charge shall be the same values as Outright Charge. 	
3 Volatility Scan Range	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain the smallest values of daily change in base volatility of Gold Gropu that exceeds the 99% of such value for each of the Periods a. and b. Volatility Scan Range shall be the larger of the values. <div style="margin-left: 40px;"> Period a. 4 weeks up to the reference date Period b. 54 weeks up to the reference date </div> When JSCC deems it inappropriate to apply the value obtained in the above manner as Volatility Scan Range, in light of the market conditions, JSCC will set the Volatility Scan Range on a case-by case basis. <p>(Note) Base volatility to calculate Volatility Scan Range shall be the historical volatility. If JSCC deems it inappropriate to adopt the volatilities, an applicable volatility shall be set by JSCC on a case-by-case basis.</p>	
4 Intracommodity Spread (inter-month) Charge per Net Delta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intracommodity Spread Charge per Net Delta shall be determined in the following manner: 	

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5 Intercommodity Delta Per Spread Ratio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The smallest value of the daily price differential between contract months of Futures⁹ that exceed 99% of such value for each of the Periods a. and b., multiplied by “Contract Multiplier”. The larger of the values shall be applied. <p>Period a. 4 weeks up to the reference date Period b. 54 weeks up to the reference date</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When JSCC deems it inappropriate to apply the value obtained, in light of the market conditions, or when a new commodity is listed, JSCC will set the Intracommodity Spread Charge on a case-by case basis. Delta per Spread Ratio for calculating the Intercommodity Spread Credits, which are subtracted from the IM requirement, shall be set as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① For the period of 54 weeks prior to the reference date, the daily settlement prices of the farthest contract month of the futures contract on one leg of the spread are multiplied by “Contract Multiplier”. These are then divided by the daily settlement prices of the farthest contract month of the futures contract on the other leg of the spread multiplied by “Contract Multiplier”; ② Taking the values calculated in ① into account, an applicable Delta per Spread Ratio is set. When JSCC deems it inappropriate to apply the value obtained, in light of the market conditions, or when a new commodity is listed, JSCC will set the Intercommodity Delta per Spread Ratio on a case-by case basis. 	

⁹ “Daily price differential between contract months of Futures” shall be the absolute value of the difference between the day on day change of the settlement price of the farthest contract month and the settlement price of the next to the farthest contract month.

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6 Intercommodity Spread Credit Rate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Intercommodity Spread Credit Rate, which is used for calculating Intercommodity Spread Credits that are subtracted from the IM requirement shall be set as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① Calculate the absolute value of the daily Implicit Profit or Loss¹⁰ for each Intercommodity Spread, over 54 weeks prior to the reference date. ② Taking the values calculated in ①, obtain the smallest value that exceeds 99% of all values for each of the Periods a. and b.: Period a. 4 weeks up to reference date Period b. 54 weeks up to reference date ③ The Intercommodity Spread Credit Rate applicable to the relevant Intercommodity Spread shall be calculated¹¹ by dividing the largest value obtained in ② by the sum of the Price Scan Range for each Combined Commodity, and then subtracting the quotient from 1. When JSCC deems it inappropriate to apply the value obtained, in light of the market conditions, or when a new commodity is listed, JSCC will set the Intercommodity Spread Credit Rate on a case-by case basis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Implicit Profit or Loss” refers to the profit or loss resulting from a portfolio of one unit¹² of short position and one unit of long position for the farthest contract month on each side of the Intercommodity Spread.

¹⁰ When calculating the Implicit Profit or Loss in the portfolio forming a:b (a < b) Intercommodity Spread, where the Delta per Spread Ratio is not 1:1, it shall be calculated assuming the long b/a unit of the underlying instrument of Combined Commodity on the leg with smaller Intercommodity Delta per Spread Ratio.

¹¹ When calculating the sum of Price Scan Range of portfolio forming the a:b (a < b) Intercommodity Spread, where the Delta per Spread Ratio is not 1:1, the Price Scan Range of Combined Commodity with smaller Delta per Spread Ratio shall be adjusted by b/a.

¹² For the Combined Commodity which has multiple contract size (i.e. large contract and mini contract), one unit means one unit of large contract.

For the Combined Commodity which does not have a futures contract listed, one unit means the closing value of the underlying instrument multiplied by “Contract Multiplier.”

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7 Short Option Minimum Charge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short Option Minimum Charge per position shall be 0.01% of the settlement price of the 6th contract month of Gold futures on the reference date, multiplied by “Contract Multiplier”. When JSCC deems it inappropriate to apply this value, in light of the market conditions, JSCC will set the Short Option Minimum Charge on a case-by-case basis. 	
III. Other SPAN parameters 1 Delta Weight ¹³ 2 Parameters for Scan Risk Scenarios 15 and 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Along with the parameters specified above, JSCC also sets other SPAN parameters, which are reviewed on ad-hoc basis. When JSCC deems it necessary to change SPAN parameters, JSCC may modify all or part of the SPAN parameters. For all Combined Commodities, Delta Weights shall be set as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 0.135 for Scenarios 1 and 2; 0.1085 for Scenarios 3, 4, 5 and 6; 0.0555 for Scenarios 7, 8, 9 and 10; and 0.0185 for Scenarios 11, 12, 13 and 14. For Scenarios 15 and 16, the Risk Array Value shall be calculated by taking 35% of the expected profit or loss for shift to the underlying instrument price which is twice as large as the Scan Range, with no volatility shift. 	

¹³ Delta Weight is the probability of each scenario which is used for calculating Net Delta position.

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3 Tier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No tiers are defined for any Combined Commodity. 	
4 Delta per Spread Ratio (Intracommodity)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Delta per Spread Ratio for the Intracommodity Spread shall be 1:1 for all instruments. 	
5 Combination and order for calculating Intercommodity Spread Credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intercommodity Spread Credits shall be defined in the order detailed in the Annex¹⁴. 	
6 Delta Scaling Factor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delta Scaling Factor shall be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 0.1 for GOLD MINI contract and GOLD options contract - 0.2 for PLATINUM MINI - No. of Calendar days used in the calculation of contract unit for each contract month divided by 31 for BASELOAD ELECTRICITY - No. of Weekdays used in the calculation of contract unit for each contract month divided by 22 for PEAKLOAD ELECTRICITY - 1 for other products 	
7 Initial to Maintenance Ratio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial to Maintenance Ratio shall be 1 for all commodities and account types (hedger, speculator, participant). 	

¹⁴ No Intercommodity Spread Credits are calculated for the TSE REIT Index group, TOPIX Dividend Index Group, TOPIX Core30 Dividend Index Group, Nikkei 225 Dividend Index group and Nikkei 225 VI group.

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8 Adjustment Factor for each account type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjustment Factor for each account type shall be set as 1. 	

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IV Ad Hoc Modification of SPAN Parameters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If, on any day (“Trigger Date”), the value specified in the following items for each Combined Commodity exceeds 90% of the base value of Price Scan Range¹⁵, SPAN parameters related to the Combined Commodity falling under the relevant judgment conditions will be recalculated as Trigger Date is deemed as the Reference Date, and if modification is considered to be necessary, all or a part of SPAN parameters will be modified on the next business day following the Judgment Date ① GOLD Group Rise/decline in the settlement price of Gold Leading Contract Month, compared to previous business day ② PLATTS DUBAI CRUDE OIL Group Rise/decline in the settlement price of PLATTS DUBAI CRUDE OIL Leading Contract Month compared to previous business day (absolute value of the difference) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prior notice will be given to clearing participants at the time of any ad hoc modification. Margins based on parameters after modification will be deposited on the second business day from the Judgment Date Judgment of SPAN Parameters is not conducted on the last business day of a week. For GOLD Group and GOLD ROLLING-SPOT, SPAN parameters for each Combined Commodity are to be modified if the conditions are met with respect to GOLD Group. For PLATTS DUBAI CRUDE OIL Group, GASOLINE Group and KEROSENE Group, recalculation of SPAN parameters will also be conducted for each of the Combined Commodities if the conditions are met with respect of PLATTS DUBAI CRUDE OIL Group.

¹⁵ The value obtained by dividing the Price Scan Range by “Contract Multiplier”.

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1. Price Scan Range after Ad Hoc Modification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be calculated by using the same method as that used for regular update. However, for any of the Combined Commodities, Price Scan Range will not be modified when the new Price Scan Range is smaller than the previous Price Scan Range, and if the relevant value is considered inappropriate in light of the market conditions, then the Price Scan Range shall be the value JSCC considers appropriate. 	
2. Delivery Month Charge after Ad Hoc Modification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be calculated by using the same method as that used for regular update. However, if the value is smaller than the previous value, then no modification shall be implemented, and if the relevant value is considered inappropriate in light of the market conditions, then the Delivery Month Charge shall be the value JSCC considers appropriate. 	
3. Volatility Scan Range after Ad Hoc Modification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be calculated by using the same method as that used for regular update. However, if the value is smaller than the previous value, then no modification shall be implemented, and if the relevant value is considered inappropriate in light of the market conditions, then the Volatility Scan Range shall be the value JSCC considers appropriate. 	
4. Intracommodity Spread (inter-month) Charge per Net Delta after Ad Hoc Modification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be calculated by using the same method as that used for regular update. However, if the new value is smaller than the previous value, then no modification shall be implemented, and if the relevant value is considered inappropriate in light of the market conditions, then the Intracommodity Spread Charge per Net Delta shall be the value JSCC considers appropriate. 	

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5. Short Option Minimum Charge after Ad Hoc Modification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be calculated by using the same method as that used for regular update. However, if the new value is smaller than the previous value, then no modification shall be implemented, and if the relevant value is considered inappropriate in light of the market conditions, then the Short Option Minimum Charge shall be the value JSCC considers appropriate. 	
IV Other Announcement of modification to SPAN parameters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When all, or part, of the SPAN parameters are modified, JSCC shall announce the detail of the modification before the modified parameters are applied. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notification shall be posted on JSCC's website.

List of Order of Calculation related to Intercommodity Spread Credit

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Precious Metal		
Order	Combination of Commodity Group	
1	GOLD Group	GOLD ROLLING-SPOT Group
2	PLATINUM Group	PLATINUM ROLLING-SPOT Group
3	GOLD Group	PLATINUM Group
4	GOLD ROLLING-SPOT Group	PLATINUM ROLLING-SPOT Group
5	GOLD Group	PLATINUM ROLLING-SPOT Group
6	PLATINUM Group	GOLD ROLLING-SPOT Group
7	PALLADIUM Group	PLATINUM Group

Rubber		
Order	Combination of Commodity Group	
1	RSS3 RUBBER Group	TSR20 RUBBER Group

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Energy		
Order	Combination of Commodity Group	
1	GASOLINE Group	PLATTS DUBAI CRUDE OIL Group
2	KEROSENE Group	PLATTS DUBAI CRUDE OIL Group
3	KEROSENE Group	GASOLINE Group
4	KEROSENE Group	CHUKYO-KEROSENE Group
5	GASOLINE Group	CHUKYO-KEROSENE Group
6	PLATTS DUBAI CRUDE OIL Group	CHUKYO-KEROSENE Group

7	CHUKYO-KEROSENE Group	CHUKYO-KEROSENE Group
8	KEROSENE Group	CHUKYO-KEROSENE Group
9	PLATTS DUBAI CRUDE OIL Group	CHUKYO-KEROSENE Group
10	GASOLINE Group	CHUKYO-KEROSENE Group

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ODE Agriculture		
Order	Combination of Commodity Group	
1	TOKYO RICE Group	NIIGATA KOSHIHIKARI Group