

## Information Circular IC04-173

Date: November 10, 2004

To: Membership

From: Allocation Committee

Re: Reallocation of Option Classes

This supplements Information Circular IC01-42 regarding the reallocation of option classes. The Allocation Committee will consider proposals from DPMs to have specified option classes reallocated between DPMs. The Allocation Committee will consider all such proposals in accordance with Rule 8.95, and may seek the input and recommendations of other Committees including the MTS Committee and the appropriate Market Performance Committee. Proposals from DPMs to have specified option classes reallocated between DPMs should include a written submission (i) setting forth the reason(s) for the proposal to reallocate an option class(es), and (ii) disclosing all relevant facts and circumstances relating to the proposal. **This written submission should be provided to the Committee in advance of the proposed reallocation date.** The DPM submitting the proposal also should provide to the Committee any other documents and information that relate to, or support, the proposal. The Committee expects that the DPMs proposing the reallocation will discuss the proposed reallocation with the affected trading crowds prior to submitting a request to the Committee.

As part of its consideration and review of the proposal, the Allocation Committee may request that the DPM submitting the proposal appear before the Committee to discuss the proposal. Further, the Allocation Committee will notify the members of the trading crowd of the request, and may conduct one or more informal meeting(s) with the trading crowd to discuss the proposed reallocation.

Proposals from DPMs to have specified option classes reallocated between DPMs, including the written submission and any other documents and information, should be directed to Allison Kile at (312) 786-7210.