

its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. On December 2, 1997, the agenda will include an update on NIST programs; presentations on the NIST Advanced Technology Program (ATP), the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP); a laboratory tour; and discussions on the Institute budget and staffing of management positions. Discussions on the NIST budget, including funding levels of the MEP and ATP programs scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. and to end at 9:00 a.m. on December 2, 1997; and staffing of management positions at NIST scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m. and to end at 5:00 p.m. on December 2, 1997, will be closed.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene on December 2, 1997 at 8:30 a.m. and will adjourn at 5:00 p.m. on December 2, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Employees Lounge (seating capacity 80, includes 38 participants), Administration Building, at NIST, Gaithersburg, Maryland.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chris E. Kuyatt, Visiting Committee Executive Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, telephone number (301) 975-6090.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on July 25, 1997, that portions of the meeting of the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology which involve discussion of proposed funding of the Manufacturing Extension Partnership and the Advanced Technology Program may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), because those portions of the meetings will divulge matters the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency actions; and that portions of meetings which involve discussion of the staffing issues of management and other positions at NIST may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), because divulging information discussed in those portions of the meetings is likely to reveal information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Dated: October 30, 1997.

**Elaine Buntin-Mines,**  
Director, Program Office.

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**COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS**

**Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Brazil**

October 31, 1997.

**AGENCY:** Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs adjusting limits.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 7, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Roy Unger, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port or call (202) 927-5850. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority:** Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

The current limits for certain categories are being adjusted, variously, for swing and carryover.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the **CORRELATION:** Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 62 FR 66263, published on December 17, 1996). Also see 61 FR 59420, published on November 22, 1996.

The letter to the Commissioner of Customs and the actions taken pursuant to it are not designed to implement all of the provisions of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, but are designed to assist only in the implementation of certain of their provisions.

**Troy H. Cribb,**

*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

**Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements**

October 31, 1997.

Commissioner of Customs,  
*Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.*

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive

issued to you on November 18, 1996, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Brazil and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1997 and extends through December 31, 1997.

Effective on November 7, 1997, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC):

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit <sup>1</sup>
Sublevels in the aggregate	
218 .....	6,352,800 square meters.
225 .....	11,718,341 square meters.
300/301 .....	8,615,858 kilograms.
338/339/638/639 .....	1,801,932 dozen.
347/348 .....	1,234,657 dozen.
410/624 .....	11,446,488 square meters of which not more than 2,950,338 square meters shall be in Category 410.

<sup>1</sup> The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1996.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,  
Troy H. Cribb,  
*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

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**COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION**

**Chicago Mercantile Exchange Proposed Amendments to the Termination of Trading Provision for Expiring E-Mini Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Price Index Futures and Futures Option Contracts**

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed amendments to the termination of trading provision for expiring E-Mini Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Price Index futures and futures option contracts.

**SUMMARY:** The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) has submitted proposed amendments to the termination of trading provision for

expiring the E-Mani Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Price Index (E-Mini S&P 500) futures and futures option contracts. The 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 purposes of the Commodity Exchange Act.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before November 21, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 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](mailto:secretary@cftc.gov). Reference should be made to the proposed amendments to the termination of trading provision of the E-Mini S&P 500 futures and futures option contracts.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please contact Michael Penick of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581, telephone 202-418-5279. Facsimile number: (202) 418-5527. Electronic mail: [mpenick@cftc.gov](mailto:mpenick@cftc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under current rules, trading in expiring CME E-Mini S&P 500 futures and options terminates at the close of the regular trading session (*i.e.*, 4:15 p.m. Eastern time) on the business day immediately preceding the day scheduled for determination of the final settlement price.<sup>1</sup> That is, trading in expiring futures contracts ceases on the business day before the third Friday of the contract month. Under the proposal, trading in expiring futures and options would terminate on the following day—*i.e.*, at the opening of trading at the New York Stock Exchange (9:30 a.m. Eastern time) on the third Friday of the contract month, which is the day scheduled for determination of the final settlement price. The Division requests comment on this proposed change to the termination of trading provision.

Copies of the proposed amendments will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st

Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20581. Copies of the terms and conditions can be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address or by phone at (202) 418-5100.

Other materials submitted by the CME in support of the proposals 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 (1987)), 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 FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of the 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, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 31, 1997.

**John R. Mielke,**

*Acting Director.*

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Proposed Amendments to Minneapolis Grain Exchange Barley Futures Contract

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed amendments.

**SUMMARY:** The Minneapolis Grain Exchange (MGE or Exchange) has proposed amendments to Minneapolis Grain Exchange barley futures contract. The primary amendment will change the par delivery location for barley from Tulare, California, to Portland, Oregon. Another amendment will provide the issuers of barley shipping certificates the opportunity to declare unit train delivery. 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:** Comments must be received on or before November 21, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 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](mailto:secretary@cftc.gov). Reference should be made to the MGE barley.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please contact John Bird of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, 20581, telephone (202) 418-5274. Facsimile number: (202) 418-5527. Electronic mail: [jbird@cftc.gov](mailto:jbird@cftc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed amendments were submitted pursuant to the Commission's Fast Track procedures for streamlining the review of futures contract rule amendments (62 FR 10434). Under those procedures, the proposal, absent any contrary action by the Commission, may be deemed approved at the close of business on December 15, 1997, 45 days after receipt of the proposal. In view of the limited review period provided 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, 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, or via the internet on the CFTC website at [www.cftc.gov](http://www.cftc.gov) under "What's Pending".

Other materials submitted by the MGE in support of the proposal 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 (1987)), 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 FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of

<sup>1</sup> The final settlement price is a special opening quotation of the S&P 500 index and reflects the opening prices of the component stocks.