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Alternate Risk Management Framework Applicable in case of Near Zero and Negative Prices

In terms of provisions of the Rules, Bye-Laws and Regulations of Multi Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited ("MCXCCL") and in continuation to circular MCXCCL/RISK/006/2021 dated January 8, 2021, Clearing Members of MCXCCL are notified as under:

A. Commodities in which the Alternate Risk Management Framework (ARMF) in case of Near Zero and Negative Prices will be applicable:

The below mentioned commodities are identified as susceptible to the possibility of near zero and negative prices:

Sr. No	Commodity
1.	Crude Oil
2.	Natural Gas

B. Conditions in which the ARMF will be triggered:

1. Triggers indicating the likelihood of near zero/ negative prices:

The shift to the ARMF shall be conditional, based on triggers indicating the likelihood of near zero/ negative prices. Some of the conditions/circumstances which are indicative in nature and may warrant the activation of the ARMF are as under: -

- There is a fall in the commodity prices by more than 50% within 20 trading days, while comparing the intra-day highest and lowest prices.
- In case of internationally referenced contracts, the international exchange/ clearing corporation having the benchmark contract decides to introduce such measures for negative prices.
- Options contracts having strike price values of near zero/negative are introduced by the stock exchange for trading.
- Any other conditions which might indicate the likelihood of negative prices.

In case one or more of the above mentioned conditions is triggered then the ARMF shall be made applicable by MCXCCL.

2. Threshold price for identified commodities for the month of March 2021 below which the ARMF will be triggered.

Below is the threshold price at which ARMF will be triggered:

Commodity	Threshold Price in INR
Crude Oil	1077.00
Natural Gas	33.90

C. Risk Management framework only in case when the above conditions for activation of ARMF is triggered:

1. Floor value in absolute terms for minimum margins for the month of March 2021:

The absolute minimum initial margins in INR terms is as under:

Commodity	Absolute minimum initial margins per lot in INR
Crude Oil	3,61,800
Natural Gas	76,700

The floor value of margins shall be higher of minimum initial margin prescribed in percentage terms and absolute minimum initial margins in INR terms.

2. Threshold price or absolute price of the contract for levy of ELM for the month of March 2021:

The following threshold price shall be considered for levy of ELM:

Commodity	Threshold Price in INR	Absolute minimum ELM in INR terms per lot @ 1.25% ELM
Crude Oil	1077.00	1347.00
Natural Gas	33.90	530.00

The floor value of ELM shall be higher of minimum ELM prescribed in percentage terms and absolute minimum ELM in INR terms.

3. Pre-expiry margins:

A pre-expiry margin of incremental 5% shall be levied on last 2 trading days of the contracts.

4. Spread margin benefit:

Margin benefit on spread positions shall be completely withdrawn.

5. Option Pricing model:

Bachelier Model based on price volatility shall be for used for Options pricing.

6. Additional margins based on price movement:

Based on the price movement, further additional margin over and above the aforesaid margin shall be levied. The criteria for the same is as under:

1. If the price of the commodity falls between 50% to 75%, (previous close compared to current price of the contract at MCX / International referenced market) then an additional margin of 50% of the MTM would be levied.
2. If the price of the commodity falls between 75% to 90%, (previous close compared to current price of the contract at MCX / International referenced market) then an additional margin of 100% of the MTM would be levied.
3. If the price of the commodity falls beyond 90%, (previous close compared to current price of the contract at MCX / International referenced market) then an additional margin of 125% of the MTM would be levied.

Further, in addition to the above framework, MCXCCL reserves the right to levy any other margins based on the price movement in the market.

The provisions of this circular shall be applicable for the month **March 2021**.

Members are requested to take note of the same.

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