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1. Holiday Regulations for November 25, 2004 – Thanksgiving Day in the USA

2. Holiday Regulations for December 6, 2004 – Independence Day in Finland

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1. Holiday Regulations for November 25, 2004 – Thanksgiving Day in the USA
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Summary:

1. Holiday Regulations for November 25, 2004 – Thanksgiving Day in the USA

November 25, 2004 is the Thanksgiving Day holiday in the USA. Settlement of US products via Clearstream Banking Frankfurt (CBF) with DTC (Depository Trust Company) is not possible on an American holiday. All other euro-denominated products can be delivered by CBF, and all Swiss products can be delivered via SegaInterSettle (SIS). Equally, cross-border deliveries in CHF for Swiss products and in euro for all non-US products can be carried out.

2. Holiday Regulations for December 6, 2004 – Independence Day in Finland

December 6, 2004 is the Independence Day holiday in Finland. The Finnish stock exchange - OMX Exchanges - will be closed and there will be no trading in Finnish products on Eurex. It is also a non-settlement day in Finland, and settlement of Finnish products between Clearstream Banking Frankfurt and APK will not be possible. SegaInterSettle AG (SIS), Zurich, and Clearstream Banking Frankfurt are open as usual on that day, so deliveries in non-Finnish products (including cross-border settlement) can be carried out.

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1. Holiday Regulations for November 25, 2004 – Thanksgiving Day in the USA – Trading Day for US Stock Products but no Clearing and Non-Settlement Day

1. Procedures for November 25, 2004

2. Special Considerations for the Day Following the Holiday

1. Procedures for November 25, 2004

November 25, 2004 is the Thanksgiving Day holiday in the USA. Settlement of US products via Clearstream Banking Frankfurt (CBF) with DTC (Depository Trust Company) is not possible on an American holiday. All other euro-denominated products can be delivered by CBF, and all Swiss products can be delivered via SegaInterSettle (SIS). Equally, cross-border deliveries in CHF for Swiss products and in euro for all non-US products can be carried out.

1.1 Trading in All Products

All Eurex products, including US products, can be traded at Eurex during their normal trading periods on November 25, 2004. There are no related restrictions, which means that *Trade Adjustments* (including historical transactions), *Exercises*, *Give-ups*, *Take-ups* and *Position Adjustments* can be carried out.

1.2 Access to the Eurex System

All Trading members will have access to the Eurex system and will be able to trade all futures and options products.

1.3 CHF Payments from Clearing Members

The cash calls calculated in CHF from the overnight batch processing of November 24, 2004 (Premium and Variation Margin for non-Swiss Clearing members, and Premium, Variation Margin, and Additional Margin for Swiss Clearing members, and any payments resulting from use of the *Position Transfer with Cash Transfer* function) will be transferred to the SIC system on November 25, 2004 as on any normal day. The amounts will be debited or credited to the members' SIC accounts on the same day.

1.4 Euro Payments from Clearing Members

The cash amounts (Cash Calls) calculated in euro for Premium and Variation Margin, as well as possible Margin Calls for non-Swiss Clearing members, and Premium, Variation Margin for Swiss Clearing members, and any payments resulting from use of the Position Transfer with Cash Transfer function from the batch of November 24, 2004 will be credited or debited to members' cash accounts at the Bundesbank on November 25, 2004, as on any normal day.

1.5 Clearstream and SIS Deliveries

The business operations of Clearstream and SIS are not affected by the holiday in the USA, and delivery instructions in non-US products can be executed. Cross-border settlement is also possible. Corresponding deliveries of US products will be settled one day later than normal (plus one day). For all deliveries of US products due across November 25, 2004 (exercises from November 22, 2004 to November 24, 2004) the settlement day will be extended by the system by one day to T+4. Settlement days shown on Eurex reports will be automatically adjusted correctly.

US Products:

Monday 22.11.2004	Tuesday 23.11.2004	Wednesday 24.11.2004	Thursday 25.11.2004	Friday 26.11.2004	Monday 29.11.2004	Tuesday 30.11.2004	Wednesday 01.12.2004
Exercise/ Assignment Day T	Day T + 1	Day T + 2	(plus 1 Day)	Delivery at CBF Day T + 4			
	Exercise/ Assignment Day T	Day T + 1	(plus 1 Day)	Day T + 3	Delivery at CBF Day T + 4		
		Exercise/ Assignment Day T	(plus 1 Day)	Day T + 2	Day T + 3	Delivery at CBF Day T + 4	
			Exercise/ Assignment Day T	Day T + 1	Day T + 2	Delivery at CBF Day T + 3	
				Exercise/ Assignment Day T	Day T + 1	Day T + 2	Delivery at CBF Day T + 3

1.6 Margin Calculations

On November 25, 2004 the Eurex Clearing House will levy margin requirements for all Eurex products. For the US products, Additional Margin will be calculated as normal and new settlement prices will also be calculated as on normal days.

1.7 BOF Information VALUES Broadcasts

On November 25, 2004 complete BOF Information VALUES Broadcasts will be sent to members as appropriate.

1.8 Settlement Prices for US Products

Settlement prices for US products will be fixed after close of trading on November 25, 2004, as on normal days, and will be sent to members as corresponding BOF Information VALUES Broadcasts. These settlement prices will be newly calculated as on normal days. New theoretical prices for all products will be generated during the batch as on any normal day and transmitted to members after the calculation.

1.9 Netting of US Positions on November 24, 25, 2004 and November 26, 2004

US positions from November 24, 2004 can be closed out until 13:30 CET on November 25, 2004 without incurring late closing fees. By close of trading on November 25, 2004 positions from the same day can be closed out without charges. Historical transactions in US products are possible on November 25, 2004. On November 26, 2004 positions from November 25, 2004 can be closed out until 13:30 CET without incurring late closing fees.

2. Special Considerations for the Day Following the Holiday – Friday, November 26, 2004

2.1 Trading in US Products

All products can be traded as normal on November 26, 2004.

2.2 SIC and Bundesbank Accounting

As normal, SIC and Bundesbank will receive one invoice or payment advice on November 26, 2004 from Eurex for all Clearing members from the batch processing of November 25, 2004. In addition, SIC and Bundesbank may receive further invoices or payment advices for each Clearing member, resulting from use of the *Position Transfer with Cash Transfer* facility.

2.3 Open Delivery Instructions at Clearstream

On November 26, 2004 delivery instructions in US products can be executed again between all Clearing members.

2. Holiday Regulations for December 6, 2004 – Independence Day in Finland - No Trading in Finnish Products

1. Procedures for December 6, 2004

2. Special Considerations for the Day Following the Holiday

1. Procedures for December 6, 2004

December 6, 2004 is the Independence Day holiday in Finland. The Finnish stock exchange - OMX Exchanges - will be closed and there will be no trading in Finnish products on Eurex. It is also a non-settlement day in Finland, and settlement of Finnish products between Clearstream Banking Frankfurt and APK will not be possible. SegaInterSettle AG (SIS), Zurich, and Clearstream Banking Frankfurt are open as usual on that day, so deliveries in non-Finnish products (including cross-border settlement) can be carried out.

1.1 No Trading in Finnish Products

No trading will be possible in Finnish products on December 6, 2004. No Trade Adjustments or historical transactions on trades from December 3, 2004 will be possible, and no *Exercises*, *Give-ups*, *Take-ups*, or *Position Adjustments* can be performed.

1.2 Trading in Non-Finnish Products

All non-Finnish products can be traded as normal throughout the day. There are no related restrictions, which means that Trade Adjustments, including historical transactions, *Exercises*, *Give-ups*, *Take-ups*, and *Position Adjustments* can be carried out.

1.3 Access to the Eurex System

All Trading members will have access to the Eurex system and will be able to trade all non-Finnish options and futures products.

1.4 CHF Payments of Clearing Members

The cash calls calculated in CHF from the overnight batch processing of December 3, 2004 (Premium and Variation Margin for non-Swiss Clearing Members, Premium, Variation Margin, and Additional Margin for Swiss Clearing Members, and any payments resulting from use of the *Position Transfer with Cash Transfer* function) will be transferred to the SIC system on December 6, 2004 at the appropriate times, as on any normal day. The amounts will be debited or credited to the members' SIC accounts on the same day.

1.5 Euro Payments of Clearing Members

The cash amounts (Cash Calls) calculated in euro for Premium and Variation Margin from the batch of December 3, 2004, as well as possible Margin Calls for non-Swiss Clearing Members, and Premium, Variation Margin for Swiss Clearing Members, and any payments resulting from use of the *Position Transfer with Cash Transfer* function will be credited or debited to members' cash accounts at the Bundesbank on December 6, 2004 at the appropriate times, as on any normal day.

1.6 Clearstream and SIS Deliveries

The business operations of Clearstream and SIS are not affected by the holiday in Finland, and delivery instructions in German, Swiss, Italian, French, US, Dutch and EXTF products can be executed. Cross-border settlement is also possible. Finnish products will be settled one day later than normal (plus one day). For all deliveries of Finnish products due on or across December 6, 2004 (exercises from November 30, 2004 to December 3, 2004) the settlement day will be extended by the system by one day to T + 5. Settlement days shown on Eurex reports will be automatically adjusted correctly. No collateral management transactions involving Finnish products can be carried out on December 6, 2004.

Finnish Products:

Tuesday 30.11.2004	Wednesday 01.12.2004	Thursday 02.12.2004	Friday 03.12.2004	Monday 06.12.2004	Tuesday 07.12.2004	Wednesday 08.12.2004	Thursday 09.12.2004	Friday 10.12.2004	Monday 13.12.2004
Exercise/ Assignment Day T	Day T + 1	Day T + 2	Day T + 3	(plus 1 Day)	Delivery at CBF Day T + 5				
	Exercise/ Assignment Day T	Day T + 1	Day T + 2	(plus 1 Day)	Day T + 4	Delivery at CBF Day T + 5			
		Exercise/ Assignment Day T	Day T + 1	(plus 1 Day)	Day T + 3	Day T + 4	Delivery at CBF Day T + 5		
			Exercise/ Assignment Day T	(plus 1 Day)	Day T + 2	Day T + 3	Day T + 4	Delivery at CBF Day T + 5	
				No Exercise/ Assignment	Exercise/ Assignment Day T	Day T + 1	Day T + 2	Day T + 3	Delivery at CBF Day T + 4

1.7 Margin Calculations

On December 6, 2004 the Eurex Clearing House will levy margin requirements for all Eurex products. Additional Margin will be calculated for Finnish products, although the products cannot be traded. On December 6, 2004 it is foreseen to use the settlement prices from the previous trading day (December 3, 2004) for Finnish products, with the value for the Days-to-Expiration decreased by three days. The theoretical prices for all products will be recalculated. For Finnish products the theoretical prices will show only a small change as a result of the holiday.

1.8 BOF Information VALUES Broadcasts

On December 6, 2004 complete BOF Information VALUES Broadcasts will be sent to members as normal.

1.9 Trading Times for Non-Finnish Products

Normal trading hours for non-Finnish products will apply on December 6, 2004, and their post-trading periods will end as on normal days. Exercises can be carried out until the usual times.

1.10 Settlement Prices for Finnish Products

Settlement prices for Finnish products will be fixed during the course of the morning of December 6, 2004 and will be sent to members as corresponding messages in the BOF Information Broadcast Stream. These settlement prices will be identical to those of the previous exchange trading day (December 3, 2004).

1.11 Netting of Finnish Positions on December 3/ 6 and December 7, 2004

Finnish positions from December 2, 2004 can be closed out on December 3, 2004 until 13:30 CET without incurring any late closing charges. By close of trading, positions from December 3, 2004 can also be closed without charges. No historical transactions in Finnish products are possible on December 6, 2004. On December 7, 2004 positions from trading in Finnish products on December 3, 2004 may be closed out until 13:30 CET without incurring late closing fees.

2. Special Considerations for the Day Following the Holiday – Tuesday, December 7, 2004

2.1 Trading in Finnish Products

All Finnish products can be traded again on December 7, 2004 but no historical trade transactions can be carried out on that date. However, for Finnish products, it will be possible to close positions from December 3, 2004 until 13.30 CET on December 7, 2004 without incurring late closing fees.

2.2 SIC and Bundesbank Accounting

On December 7, 2004 SIC and the Bundesbank, as on any normal day, will receive one invoice or payment advice from Eurex for all Clearing members from the normal batch processing of December 6, 2004. In addition, SIC and

the Bundesbank may receive two further invoices or payment advices for each Clearing Member, resulting from use of the *Position Transfer with Cash Transfer* facility.

2.3 Open Delivery Instructions at Clearstream

On December 7, 2004 delivery instructions in Finnish products can be executed again between all Clearing Members.

2.4 Collateral Management

Collateral management transactions involving euro payments at Bundesbank or Clearstream for Finnish products can be carried out as normal.