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Amendment of Clearing Conditions – Release 49a

Summary

ECC will publish a new release (49a) of the Clearing Conditions today amending the rules to address regulatory specifies ("Nordic Fallback") in the Nordic market area required to cater for the go-live of the Nordic MNA Project and adding some clarifications to the provisions on margins, default fund and data protection.

The amendments will take effect as of 3 June, 2020.

A brief overview of the changes is provided below.

The new version of the Clearing Conditions is available under https://www.ecc.de/ecc-en/about-ecc/rules.

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Contact European Commodity Clearing AG Clearing & Settlement Phone: +49 341 24680-444 E-mail: clearing@ecc.de Overview of the changes in the new release of the Clearing Conditions:

1. Definitions

Introduction of new provisions relating to the Nordic Fallback rules.

- 2. Section 3.4.4 Margins for Derivatives Markets Transactions Reference to additional margin types (e.g. due to new products).
- 3. Chapter 4.8.5 Deviations in the physical Settlement of Grid-bound Energy Contracts

This chapter addresses the specificities of the Nordic Fallback Process, a process which has been established by the Nordic TSOs approved by the Nordic NRAs on the basis of Art. 44 CACM.

- a. Section 4.8.5.1 Deviations, ECC Measures and Trading Participants' Duties to cooperate
 - Definition of allocations by the Fallback-Coordinator as deviations within the meaning of this section.
 - Clarification that after a termination/suspension of the membership the participant remains responsible for obligations and responsibilities under this chapter until 14 days after such termination/suspension.
 - Clarification that the guarantee of the Clearing Member does not cover NCM obligations under this chapter.
 - Information obligation for ECC and right to provide further details regarding this chapter on the ECC website.
- b. Section 4.8.5.2 Settlement Principles in the Event of Deviations

Stipulates how the settlement price in Nordic Fallback situations is determined.

c. Section 4.8.5.3 – Allocation of Remaining Damages and Remaining Revenues

Describes how damages and revenues resulting from Nordic Fallback are allocated to SDAC Trading Participants.

4. Section 6.3 – Data Protection

This new provision provides information obligations for participants towards their staff.