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Trading Limits – Nomination of emergency contact

ECC has implemented a Self-Service Limit Maintenance functionality for different exchanges, in particular 24/7 markets.

For the purpose of emergency situations ECC requests all Clearing Members to nominate an emergency contact for Trading Limits Maintenance.

In addition to this, ECC has introduced rules for the use of exemption rights for new limits, which enable ECC to act on-behalf of the Clearing Member in case the emergency contact is not available.

The setup procedures of the Emergency Contact and clarification regarding details on the exemption rule are described within this Clearing Circular.

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## Trading Limits – Emergency Contact

### Nomination of “Emergency Contact Trading Limits”

ECC is responsible for Clearing services on several 24/7 markets. On many of those markets, ECC supports Clearing Members with a Limit Maintenance functionality to enable the risk management of their Non Clearing Members’ exposures.

In order to ensure the continuous coordination of Trading Limit amounts, ECC requests all Clearing Members to appoint an “**Emergency Contact Trading Limits**”. Given the sensitive nature of limits that may unnecessarily restrict the participants trading capacity if limits were set erroneously, a “**Emergency Contact Trading Limits**” should be available Monday to Sunday 9:00 to 18:00 as contact for both the Non Clearing Member as well as for ECC. This could be especially necessary after an initial setup or adjustments of Trading Limits.

We would kindly remind all Clearing Members that limits set via ECCs Limit Maintenance service require prior agreement with their clients according to ECCs clearing conditions. The limits should reflect the market participant’s normal trading behaviour in order to ensure an orderly functioning of the physical energy markets. In this context ECC offers support to all Clearing members with further descriptions of the limit services as well as with analytical functions.

All Clearing Members are obliged to provide contact information of the “Emergency Contact Trading Limits” (Full Name, Phone, email) to [limits@ecc.de](mailto:limits@ecc.de) until 16 September 2016.

The Clearing Member is obliged to inform [limits@ecc.de](mailto:limits@ecc.de) via email of any subsequent changes to this contact.

### Exemption Right for Limit modifications on-behalf of the Clearing Member

In case there is a breach of Trading Limit at an exchange involving a limit that has been setup or changed the previous ECC Business Day and a disturbance of the proper clearing and settlement process is impending caused by the Trading Limit, ECC will contact the “Emergency Contact Trading Limits”. In case the nominated person is not reachable within a reasonable timeframe, ECC may decide to either reset the Trading Limit to the previous level or cancel the new limit on behalf of the Clearing Member.

In this special circumstance ECC will inform the “Emergency Contact Trading Limits” via email about the steps that have been taken. After further consultation with the “Emergency Contact Trading Limits” an immediate adjustment of the trading limit will take place.