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## Announcement on Launch of APEX Low Sulphur Fuel Oil Futures Contract

Asia Pacific Exchange Pte. Ltd. is pleased to announce that the APEX Low Sulphur Fuel Oil Futures Contract (“LFO”) will be listed for trading from 21 November 2019, 9.00pm onwards. Please refer to following URL for the full details of the contract specifications:

[https://www.asiapacificex.com/?p=lfo\\_product](https://www.asiapacificex.com/?p=lfo_product)

This circular sets out the operational details related to the trading of LFO, including the listing and available contract months, trading calendar and hours, block trades, reportable thresholds, and the applicable fees and rebates.

### (1) LISTING DAY

On the first day of trading of LFO, the Pre-opening Session will be from 8:55pm to 8:59pm, the Opening Match Session will be from 8:59pm to 9:00pm, with the Night Session beginning at 9:00pm. The trading hours thereafter will be as stipulated in the contract specifications.

The following listed contracts will be available for trading on 21 November 2019:

- LFO2001
- LFO2002
- LFO2003
- LFO2004
- LFO2005
- LFO2006
- LFO2007
- LFO2008
- LFO2009
- LFO2010
- LFO2011
- LFO2012

## (2) TRADING CALENDAR AND HOURS

The following Singapore public holidays in 2019 and 2020 will be Non-Trading Days for LFO.

**Table 1: Non-Trading Days for LFO**

Holiday	Date	Day of the Week
Christmas Day	25 Dec 2019	Wednesday
New Year's Day	1 Jan 2020	Wednesday
Chinese New Year	27 Jan 2020	Monday
Good Friday	10 Apr 2020	Friday
Labour Day	1 May 2020	Friday
Vesak Day	7 May 2020	Thursday
Hari Raya Puasa	25 May 2020	Monday
Hari Raya Haji	31 July 2020	Friday
National Day	10 Aug 2020	Monday
Christmas Day	25 Dec 2020	Friday

The trading hours for LFO on any standard Trading Day are as specified in the contract specifications.

There will be no night session for LFO on the last Business Day before the Singapore public holidays (as listed in [Table 1](#)). The non-standard trading hours for LFO prior to and after a Singapore public holiday will be as follows:

**Table 2: Non-standard Trading Hours for LFO**

Date	Trading Hours for LFO
Last Business Day before the public holiday	09:00 to 12:30 (Morning Session / 2 <sup>nd</sup> Session) 13:30 to 18:00 (Afternoon Session / 3 <sup>rd</sup> Session)  <b><u>There will be no Night Session.</u></b>
Public holiday	<b><u>No Trading</u></b>
First Business Day after the public holiday	<b><u>08:55 to 09:00 (Pre-trading Session)</u></b> 09:00 to 12:30 (Morning Session / 2 <sup>nd</sup> Session) 13:30 to 18:00 (Afternoon Session / 3 <sup>rd</sup> Session)  20:55 to 21:00 (Pre-trading Session of Next Trading Day) 21:00 to 23:00 (Night Session / 1 <sup>st</sup> Session of Next Trading Day)

### (3) BLOCK TRADES

Members and IDBs who intend to execute and report block trades for LFO must apply to the Exchange for access to the APEX Block Trade Facility (“**BTF**”).

Block trades must be reported to the Exchange through the BTF.

The reporting of block trades for LFO may only take place during the following Block Trade timings:

Session	Screen Trade Timing	Block Trade Timing
Night Session / 1 <sup>st</sup> Session (T+1)	21:00 – 23:00 (T+1)	21:00 – 23:00 (T+1)
Morning Session / 2 <sup>nd</sup> Session	09:00 – 12:30	09:00 – 12:30
Afternoon Session / 3 <sup>rd</sup> Session	13:30 – 18:00	13:30 – 18:30

#### Reporting Time Requirement

All block trades must be reported to the Exchange within 15 minutes after the conclusion of the trade negotiation, and accepted/confirmed within 30 minutes after successful reporting through the BTF.

#### Minimum Volume Threshold

The Minimum Volume Threshold (“**MVT**”) in respect of each contract shall be determined by the Exchange and published from time to time. The MVT for block trade of LFO is 20 lots.

#### Price Limit

The price negotiated for a block trade must be consistent with the price limit imposed for the particular contract. The price limit of  $\pm 10\%$  on a previous day’s DSP will be imposed on all LFO contracts. There will not be any price limit in force on its Last Trading Day.

#### (4) REPORTABLE THRESHOLDS

The reportable thresholds for LFO are as follows:

Products	Reportable Threshold	
	Front Contract	Individual Contract
APEX Low Sulphur Fuel Oil Futures Contract	1 lot on either side of the market	500 lots on either side of the market

*Front Contract: The contract which matures during the month before its delivery month.*

*Individual Contract: All other contracts that are not the front contract.*

#### Who Must Report

Members are required to submit to the Exchange a report of all Open Positions held by a person and/or in a position account of reportable status.

#### Reportable Status

An Open Position is of reportable status if the Open Positions at the end of any Trading Day is at or above the reportable thresholds as prescribed by the Exchange.

#### Required Information

The report must include the (i) Open Positions, (ii) identity of the beneficial owner(s) of the Open Positions, and (iii) the trading strategies of the relevant position account. Items (i) and (ii) must be submitted to the Exchange on the Trading Day following the trade date that such Open Positions in question becomes reportable. Item (iii) must be submitted within three Business Days from the first day that such Open Position in question becomes reportable. The Large Position Report must be submitted before 10:00am of next Trading Day.

#### Report Format

Position information for all Open Positions of reportable status must be submitted in electronic format (as shown in Appendix 1) to the Exchange via the Exchange's FTP server (for Clearing Members only) or emailed to the Exchange's Operations department at [operations@asiapacificex.com](mailto:operations@asiapacificex.com).

**(5) APPLICABLE FEES AND REBATES**

The applicable fees and rebates for LFO are as follows:

## 1. Screen Trade Fees

<b>Fee Type</b>	<b>Fee (USD)</b>
Trading Fee	0.35/lot
Clearing Fee	0.15/lot

## 2. Block Trade Fees

<b>Fee Type</b>	<b>Fee (USD)</b>
Trading Fee	No Charge
Clearing Fee	0.50/lot

## 3. Post-Trade Fees\*

<b>Fee Type</b>	<b>Fee (USD)</b>
Give-up/Take up Fee	0.05/lot
Position Re-opening Fee	0.10/lot
Position Transfer Fee	0.15/lot

*\*Post-Trade Fees will be waived until further notice.*

## 4. Others

<b>Fee Type</b>	<b>Fee (USD)</b>
Delivery Fee	5.00/lot

Please ensure that the appropriate members of staff within your organisation and customers are advised of the contents of the circular.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT**

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**APPENDIX 1**

<h2 style="margin: 0;">Large Positions Report</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">(Email to <a href="mailto:operations@asiapacificex.com">operations@asiapacificex.com</a>)</p>
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Member ID		Trade Date*	
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S/N	Position Acc ID	Business Unit	Identity of Beneficial Owner	ID Type	Identity Number	Contract	Long	Short	Trading Strategy**
1	A3001_CO_3101	ABC123	Ken	NRIC	S8888888	LFO2001	25	100	Hedging /Arbitrage/ Speculation
2	A3001_CO_3101	DEF123	DEF Company	ACRA Bizfile	1234567	LFO2003	10	5	Hedging
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**Note:**

\* Trades in T+1 session (night session) should be included in next day reporting.

\*\*Clearing House may request for supporting documents.

The details of Trading Strategies shall be reported within 3 Business Days from the first day a person/position account becomes reportable.

The rest of the information shall be reported on the Trading Day following the trade date it becomes reportable.