
NATIONAL COMMODITY & DERIVATIVES EXCHANGE LIMITED

Circular to all Members of the Exchange

Circular No. : NCDEX/TRADING-026/2023

Date : June 30, 2023

Subject : Modification in contract specifications – Isabgol Seed Futures contract

Members are requested to note that the Exchange, as per SEBI circular no. SEBI/HO/CDMRD/DOP/CIR/P/2019/135 dated November 14, 2019 regarding Modifications in the contract specifications of commodity derivatives contracts and SEBI/HO/CDMRD_DOP/P/CIR/2021/592 dated July 08, 2021 regarding Review of Advance Intimation timelines for modifications in the contract specifications of commodity derivatives contracts has modified the contract specifications of Isabgol Seed (Symbol : ISABGOL) Futures contract expiring in the month of August 2023 and thereafter with effect from July 11 2023.

Currently, Isabgol Seed (Symbol: ISABGOL) Futures Contracts expiring in the months of July 2023, August 2023, September 2023 and October 2023 are available for trading and would continue to be traded as per the existing contract specification till July 10, 2023. The changes will be applicable for Isabgol Seed (Symbol: ISABGOL) Futures contracts expiring in the month of August 2023 and thereafter with effect from July 11, 2023.

The running futures contracts and contracts to be launched further shall be additionally governed by the Product Note as is notified on the Exchange Website under the Tab — “Products”. Members and Participants are requested to kindly go through the same and get acquainted with the product launched and its trading and related process put in place by the Exchange.

Members are requested to take note of the following:

1. Summary of modifications in contract specifications for Isabgol Seed (Symbol: ISABGOL) Futures contracts expiring in the month August 2023 and thereafter with effect from July 11, 2023 is given in **Annexure I**.
2. Existing contract specifications for Isabgol Seed (Symbol: ISABGOL) Futures contracts expiring in the month of July 2023 and in case of contracts expiring in the month of August 2023 and thereafter till July 10, 2023 is given in **Annexure II**.
3. Modified contract specifications for Isabgol Seed (Symbol: ISABGOL) Futures contracts expiring in the month of August 2023 and thereafter with effect from July 11, 2023 is given in **Annexure III**.
4. Premium/Discount for delivery location difference for contracts expiring in the month of August 2023, and thereafter with effect from July 11, 2023 is given in **Annexure IV**.

The contracts and the transactions therein will be subject to Rules, Bye Laws and Regulations of the Exchange and circulars issued by the Exchange as well as directives, if any, issued from time to time by SEBI.

It is clarified that it is the sole obligation and responsibility of the Members and market participants to ensure that apart from the approved quality standards stipulated by the Exchange, the commodity deposited / traded / delivered through the approved warehouse of the Clearing Corporation either on their own or on behalf of them by any third part acting on behalf of the Market Participants/Constituents is in due compliance with the applicable regulations laid down by authorities like BIS, Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (WDRA), Orders

under Packaging and Labelling etc., and other State/Central laws and authorities issuing such regulations in this behalf from time to time, including but not limited to compliance of provisions and rates relating to GST, APMC Tax, LBT, Stamp Duty, etc. as applicable from time to time on the underlying commodity of any contract offered for deposit/trading/delivery and the Exchange/Clearing Corporation shall not be responsible or liable on account of any non- compliance thereof.

For and on behalf of
National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited

Arun Yadav
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Annexure I: Summary of modifications in contract specifications for Isabgol Seed (Symbol : ISABGOL) Futures contracts expiring in the month of August 2023 and thereafter with effect from July 11, 2023)

Isabgol Seed (Symbol : ISABGOL) Futures contracts

Parameters	Existing contract specifications	Modified contract specifications			Rationale
Additional Delivery Centre	-	Jodhpur			Based on the market feedback received during the physical meetings and subsequently in the PAC meeting. Jodhpur is one of the major production belt for Isabgol and caters to 33% of the total arrival of Rajasthan. Further, nearby areas of Jodhpur such as Nokha, Merta, Bikaner and Jalore also have good arrivals.
Premium/Discount For Delivery Location Difference	-	Isabgol Seed (Unjha)	Jodhpur	At par	As per the current market practice.

Annexure II: Existing contract specifications of Isabgol Seed Futures contracts

(Applicable for contracts expiring in the month of July 2023 and in case of contracts expiring in the month of August 2023 and thereafter till July 10, 2023)

Type of Contract	Futures Contract		
Name of Commodity	Isabgol Seed		
Ticker symbol	ISABGOL		
Trading System	NCDEX Trading System		
Basis	Ex-warehouse Unjha, exclusive of GST		
Unit of trading	3 MT		
Delivery unit	3 MT		
Maximum Order Size	150 MT		
Quotation/base value	Rs per Quintal		
Tick size	Rs 5		
Quality specification	Quality Parameters	Specification Red & Immature Seed Black, Dead & Damaged Isabgol seeds Foreign matter & Organic matter – Sticks, dalkhi, Sand and silica Test Weight Moisture Gola (Isabgol seeds Kernels) Total ash, percent by mass, Max Acid insoluble ash, percent by mass Mould and yeast Count, per g, Max Salmonella E. coli	Basis 4.5% Max 2% Max 2% Max Weight of 100 seeds shall not weigh less than 0.17 gram and not more than 0.22 gram. 8.00% Basis and acceptable up to 10% with Moisture adjusted weight (MAW) of 1:1 0.5% Max 3 0.6 1000 Absent (in 10 g) Absent (in 1 g)

Quantity variation	+/- 2%
Delivery center	Unjha (up to the radius of 60 Kms from the municipal limits, within the state of Gujarat)
Trading hours	As notified by the Exchange from time to time, currently: Mondays through Fridays: 9.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M. The Exchange may vary above timing with due notice.
Due date/Expiry date	Expiry date of the contract: 20th day of the delivery month. If 20th happens to be a holiday, a Saturday or a Sunday then the due date shall be the immediately preceding trading day of the Exchange, which is other than a Saturday. The settlement of the contract would be by a staggered system of Pay-in and Pay-out including the Last Pay- in and Pay-out which would be the Final Settlement of the contract.
Delivery Logic	Compulsory Delivery
Delivery specification	Upon expiry of the contracts all the outstanding open positions shall result in compulsory delivery. During the Tender period, if any delivery is tendered by seller, the corresponding buyer having open position and matched as per process put in place by the Exchange, shall be bound to settle by taking delivery on T+2 day from the delivery center where the seller has delivered the same. The penalty structure for failure to meet delivery obligations will be as per circular nos. NCCL/CLEARING-010/2021 dated March 24, 2021 and NCCL/CLEARING-029/2021 dated August 18, 2021.
Opening of Contracts	Trading in a new contract will open on the 1 st day of the month. If the 1 st day happens to be a non-trading day, contracts would open on the next trading day
Tender Period	Tender Date –T Tender Period: The tender period would be the last 5 trading days (including expiry day) of the contracts. Pay-in and Pay-out: On a T+2 basis. If the tender date is T, then pay-in and pay- out would happen on T+2 day. If such a T+2 day happens to be a Saturday, a Sunday or a holiday at the Exchange, Clearing Corporation, clearing banks or any of the service providers, pay-in and pay-out would be effected on the next working day.
Closing of contract	Clearing and settlement of contracts will commence with the commencement of Tender Period by compulsory delivery of each open position tendered by the seller on T + 2 to the corresponding buyer matched by the process put in place by the Exchange. Upon the expiry of the contract all the outstanding open position shall result in compulsory delivery.
No. of active contracts	As per the launch calendar
Daily Price Limit (DPL)	Daily price limit is (+/-) 4%. Once the 4% limit is reached, then after a period of 15 minutes this limit shall be increased further by 2%. The trading shall be permitted during the 15 minutes period within the 4% limit. After the DPL is enhanced, trades shall be permitted throughout the day within the enhanced total DPL of 6%. The DPL on the launch (first) day of new contract shall be as per the circular no. NCDEX/TRADING-010/2021 dated March 22, 2021

Position Limits	<p>Member-wise: 10,000 MT or 15% of market wide open interest in the commodity, whichever is higher.</p> <p>Client-wise: 1000 MT.</p> <p>Bona fide hedger may seek exemption as per approved Hedge Policy of the Exchange notified vide Circular No. NCDEX/TRADING-026/2021 dated August 30, 2021.</p> <p>For near month contracts:</p> <p>The following limits would be applicable from 1st of every month in which the contract is due to expire. If 1st happens to be a non-trading day, the near month limits would start from the next working day.</p> <p>Member-wise: 2,500 MT or One-fourth of the member's overall position limit in that commodity, whichever is higher.</p> <p>Client-wise: 250 MT</p>																												
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Special Margins	In case of unidirectional price movement/ increased volatility, an additional/ special margin at such other percentage, as deemed fit by the Regulator/ Exchange, may be imposed on the buy and the sell side or on either of the buy or sell sides in respect of all outstanding positions. Reduction/ removal of such additional/ special margins shall be at the discretion of the Regulator/ Exchange.																												
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Minimum Initial Margin	10%						

Tolerance limit of Commodity:

Commodity Specifications	Basis	Permissible Tolerance (+ / -)
Red & Immature Seed	4.5% Max.	0.25%
Black, Dead & Damaged Isabgol seeds	2% Max	0.25%
Foreign matter and Organic matter – sticks, dalkhi, Sand and Silica	2% Max	0.25%
Moisture	8.00 % Basis and acceptable up to 10% with Moisture adjusted weight (MAW) of 1:1	
Total Outbound Tolerance		0.5%

Note: Tolerance limit is applicable only for outbound deliveries. Variation in quality parameters within the prescribed tolerance limit as above will be treated as good delivery when members/clients lift the materials from NCCL approved warehouse. These permissible variations shall be based on the parameters found as per the immediate preceding test certificate given by NCCL empaneled assayer.

Contract Launch Calendar:

Contract Launch Month	Contract Expiry Month
April 2023	July 2023
	August 2023
May 2023	September 2023
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Annexure III: Modified contract specifications of Isabgol Seed Futures contracts

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Annexure IV: Premium/Discount for delivery location difference for Isabgol Seed Futures Contracts expiring in the month of August 2023 and thereafter with effect from July 11, 2023

Commodity (Base Centre)	Additional Delivery Centre	(+) Premium / (-) Discount
Isabgol Seed (Unjha)	Jodhpur	At par