NATIONAL COMMODITY & DERIVATIVES EXCHANGE LIMITED

Circular to all Members of the Exchange

Circular No.	: NCDEX/TRADING-022/2023
Date	: June 10, 2023
Subject	: Re-launch of Groundnut (in shell) (Not for Direct Human Consumption) – Bikaner (GROUNDNUT) Futures Contract with Modified Contract Specifications

This is with reference to Exchange circular no. NCDEX/TRADING-018/2023 dated May 19, 2023 on Re-Launch of Futures contracts – Groundnut (in shell) (Not for Direct Human Consumption) – Bikaner (GROUNDNUT) wherein Members were informed about the availability of trading in Future contracts in Groundnut (in shell) (Not for Direct Human Consumption) – Bikaner (GROUNDNUT) expiring in the months of July 2023, August 2023 and September 2023 w.e.f. June 20, 2023.

Members are requested to note that the Exchange has modified the contract specifications of Groundnut (in shell) (Not for Direct Human Consumption) – Bikaner (GROUNDNUT) Futures contract expiring in the months of July 2023, August 2023 and September 2023 which would be available for trading w.e.f. June 20, 2023.

The 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 Groundnut (in shell) (Not for Direct Human Consumption) – Bikaner (GROUNDNUT) Futures contracts expiring in the month July 2023 and thereafter with effect from June 20, 2023 is given in **Annexure I.**

2. Details of contract specifications of Groundnut (in shell) (Not for Direct Human Consumption) – Bikaner (GROUNDNUT) Futures contracts communicated vide Exchange circular no. NCDEX/TRADING-018/2023 dated May 19, 2023 are given in **Annexure II.**

3. Modified contract specifications for Groundnut (in shell) (Not for Direct Human Consumption) – Bikaner (GROUNDNUT) Futures contracts expiring in the month of July 2023 and thereafter with effect from June 20, 2023 is given in **Annexure III**.

4. Premium/Discount for delivery location difference for contract expiring in the month of July 2023 with effect from June 20, 2023 is given in **Annexure IV.**

The contracts and the transactions therein will be subject to Bye Laws, Rules 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

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Encl.: Annexures

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Annexure I: Summary of modifications in contract specifications for Groundnut (in shell) (Not for Direct Human Consumption) – Bikaner (GROUNDNUT) Futures contracts expiring in the month July 2023 and thereafter with effect from June 20, 2023

Groundnut (in shell) (Not for Direct Human Consumption) – Bikaner (GROUNDNUT) Futures contract

Sr. Number	Parameter	Existing Contract Specification	Modified Contract Specification	Rationale
01	Quality specification	<table><tr><td>Moisture</td><td>In Shell – 7% Max In Seed – 5% Basis</td></tr><tr><td>Shelling Ratio</td><td>70%(Basis)</td></tr><tr><td>Foreign Matter</td><td>1%(Basis)</td></tr><tr><td>Damaged Kernel</td><td>2% Max</td></tr></table>	<table><tr><td>**Moisture**</td><td>**In Shell – 8% Max** In Seed – 5% Basis</td></tr><tr><td>Shelling Ratio</td><td>70%(Basis)</td></tr><tr><td>Foreign Matter</td><td>1%(Basis)</td></tr><tr><td>Damaged Kernel</td><td>2% Max</td></tr></table>	As per the suggestions received from market participants and subsequent discussion in product advisory committee.
02	Quality Allowance (for Delivery)	Quality delivered with variation shall be acceptable with Premium/Discount as under: **Moisture:** In Shell – 7% max, if the moisture in shell is more than 7% the goods will be rejected In Groundnut seed **-** 5% basis • Accepted up to 7% at 1:1 discount • Above 7% rejected **Shelling Ratio:** 70% basis • From 67% to 70% accepted at 1:1 discount or part thereof • More than 70% to 75% accepted at 1:1 premium or part thereof	Quality delivered with variation shall be acceptable with Premium/Discount as under: **Moisture:** **In Shell – 8% max**, if the moisture in shell is more than 8% the goods will be rejected In Groundnut seed **-** 5% basis • Accepted up to 7% at 1:1 discount **with MAW (Moisture Adjusted Weight)** • Above 7% rejected **Shelling Ratio:** 70% basis • From 67% to 70% accepted at 1:1 discount or part thereof	As per the suggestions received from market participants and subsequent discussion in product advisory committee.

• Below 67% rejected	• More than 70% to 75% accepted at 1:1 premium or part thereof
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Foreign Matter: 1% basis	
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• Accepted up to 3% at 1:1 discount or part thereof (Damaged or Stalk max 1%, if more than 1% entire goods will be rejected)	
• Above 3% rejected	• Accepted up to 3% at 1:1 discount or part thereof (Damaged or Stalk max 1%, if more than 1% entire goods will be rejected)
• The term 'foreign matter' would, in-general, mean anything other than Groundnut e.g.: sand, silica, pebbles, stalks, lumps of earth, non-edible seeds such as Mahua, Castor, Neem seeds and any other substances	• Above 3% rejected
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Annexure II: Details of contract specifications of Groundnut (in shell) (Not for Direct Human Consumption) – Bikaner (GROUNDNUT) Futures contracts communicated vide Exchange circular no. NCDEX/TRADING-018/2023 dated May 19, 2023

Type of Contract	Futures Contract
Name of Commodity	Groundnut (in shell) (Not for Direct Human Consumption) – Bikaner
Ticker symbol	GROUNDNUT
Trading System	NCDEX Trading System
Basis	Ex-warehouse Bikaner, exclusive of GST
Unit of trading	5 MT
Delivery unit	5 MT
Maximum Order Size	500 MT
Quotation/base value	Rs. per quintal
Tick size	Rs 1
Quality specification	<table><tr><td>Moisture</td><td>In Shell – 7% Max In Seed – 5% Basis</td></tr><tr><td>Shelling Ratio</td><td>70%(Basis)</td></tr><tr><td>Foreign Matter</td><td>1%(Basis)</td></tr><tr><td>Damaged Kernel</td><td>2% Max</td></tr></table>
Quantity variation	+/- 3 %
Delivery center	Bikaner (Within 60 km radius from the municipal limits)
Additional delivery centers	Gondal (Within 60 km radius from the municipal limits), with location wise premium/discount as announced by the Exchange from time to time
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 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 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 new contract will open on the 1st day of the month in which near month contract is due to expire. If the 1st 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 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 (+/-) 3%. Once the 3% limit is reached, then after a period of 15 minutes this limit shall be increased further by 1%. The trading shall be permitted during the 15 minutes period within the 3% limit. After the DPL is enhanced, trades shall be permitted throughout the day within the enhanced total DPL of 4%. 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	**Member-wise**: 2,50,000 MT or 15% of market wide open interest in the commodity, whichever is higher. **Client-wise:** 25,000 MT. 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. **For near month contracts:** 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. **Member-wise:** 62,500 MT or One-fourth of the member's overall position limit in that commodity, whichever is higher. **Client-wise**: 6,250 MT
Quality Allowance (for Delivery)	Quality delivered with variation shall be acceptable with Premium/Discount as under: **Moisture:** In Shell – 7% max, if the moisture in shell is more than 7% the goods will be rejected

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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.
Final Settlement Price	FSP shall be arrived at by taking the simple average of the last polled spot prices of the last three trading days viz., E0 (expiry day), E-1 and E-2. In the event the spot price for any one or both of E- 1 and E-2 is not available; the simple average of the last polled spot price of E0, E-1, E-2 and E-3, whichever available, shall be taken as FSP. Thus, the FSP under various scenarios of non-availability of polled spot prices shall be as under:

Scenario	Polled spot price availability on				FSP shall be simple average of last polled spot prices on:
	E0	E-1	E-2	E-3	
1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/No	E0, E-1, E-2
2	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	E0, E-1, E-3
3	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	E0, E-2, E-3
4	Yes	No	No	Yes	E0, E-3
5	Yes	Yes	No	No	E0, E-1
6	Yes	No	Yes	No	E0, E-2
7	Yes	No	No	No	E0

Minimum Initial Margin	12%

Tolerance limit of Commodity:

Commodity Specifications	Basis	Acceptable quality range as per contract specification	Permissible Tolerance
Shelling Ratio	70% Basis	From 67% to 70% accepted at 1:1 discount or part thereof More than 70% to 75% accepted at 1:1 premium or part thereof Below 67% rejected	0.75%
Foreign Matter	1% Basis	Accepted up to 3% at 1:1 discount or part thereof Above 3% rejected The term 'foreign matter' would, in-general, mean anything other than Groundnut e.g.: sand, silica, pebbles, stalks, lumps of earth, non-edible seeds such as Mahua, Castor, Neem seeds and any other substances	0.5%
Damaged Seed	2% Max		1%

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 warehouse. These permissible variations shall be based on the parameters found as per the immediate preceding test certificate given by NCDEX empaneled assayer.

Annexure III: Modified Contract Specifications of Groundnut (in shell) (Not for Direct Human Consumption) – Bikaner Futures contract with effect from June 20, 2023
(Applicable for contracts expiring in July 2023 & thereafter)

Type of Contract	Futures Contract
Name of Commodity	Groundnut (in shell) (Not for Direct Human Consumption) – Bikaner
Ticker symbol	GROUNDNUT
Trading System	NCDEX Trading System
Basis	Ex-warehouse Bikaner, exclusive of GST
Unit of trading	5 MT
Delivery unit	5 MT
Maximum Order Size	500 MT
Quotation/base value	Rs. per quintal
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Quantity variation	+/- 3 %
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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 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
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Opening of Contracts	Trading in new contract will open on the 1st day of the month in which near month contract is due to expire. If the 1st day happens to be a non-trading day, contracts would open on the next trading day
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Annexure IV: Premium/Discount for delivery location difference for Groundnut (in shell) (Not for Direct Human Consumption) – Bikaner Futures Contract expiring in the month of July 2023 with effect from June 20, 2023

Commodity (Base centre)	Additional Delivery Centre	(+) Premium/(-) Discount
Groundnut (in shell) (Not for Direct Human Consumption) – Bikaner (GROUNDNUT)	Gondal	(+) Rs. 250/quintal