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Moscow Exchange MICEX-RTS

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**SPECIFICATIONS**

**OF ROUBLE-BASED CURRENCY PAIR**

**FUTURES CONTRACTS**

These Specifications of rouble based currency pair futures contract (the specifications) establish the standard terms for cash-settled futures on exchange rates of foreign currencies against the Russian rouble.

The present specifications together with the Clearing Rules applicable to Moscow Exchange’s Derivatives Market (the Clearing Rules) and the rules for derivatives trading on Moscow Exchange (the Trading Rules) establish the procedure for the appearance, change, or termination of obligations under cash-settled futures on exchange rates of foreign currencies against the Russian rouble (the Contract, the Contracts).

Moscow Exchange (the Exchange) sets the following parameters for the contracts:

* Contract name;
* Code of underlying asset;
* Contract’s underlying asset;
* Price display method for Contract in orders;
* Contract lot;
* Minimum price movement (the tick);
* Tick value.

The underlying assets of the Contracts specified herein and by the above-mentioned parameters are the exchange rates of foreign currencies against Russian rouble.

Terms and definitions not explicitly provided for in these Specifications shall be construed in compliance with Russian law, the Trading Rules, and the Clearing Rules.

1. Concluding the Contract
	1. The ability to conclude Contracts during the trading process is established by resolution of the Exchange that includes the following:
		* Contract code (designation);
		* First trading day during which the Contract may trade (hereinafter the first trading day);
		* Time from which the Contract may be executed (hereinafter the start of trading);
		* Initial Settlement Price of the Contract;
		* Initial price fluctuation limits for the Contract.
	2. The Contract code (designation) is formed thus:
* XX (code of the underlying assets)-<settlement month>.<settlement year>;

The settlement month and year specified in the Contract code (designation) (hereinafter the Contract’s settlement month and year) are indicated in Arabic numerals and shall be used to determine the last trading day and the settlement day of the Contract.

* 1. At order entry and Contract execution, the Contract’s price is specified in Russian roubles per Lot or foreign currency unit as set forth in the List of parameters.
	2. The last Trading day for the Contract shall be the third Thursday of the Contract’s settlement month of the settlement year. If such day is a non-trading day, the Contract’s last trading day is the Trading day immediately preceding the third Thursday of the Contract’s settlement month of the settlement year.

The Exchange is entitled to establish a date of the Contract’s last Trading day other than as specified herein as agreed with the Clearing Center.

* 1. The Contract’s settlement day is its last trading day unless otherwise stated in clauses 5.1 and 5.2 hereof.
1. Obligations under the Contract
	1. Variation Margin Obligations
		1. The Parties to the Contract must pay cash (variation margin) to each other in the amount depending on the changes in the value of the underlying asset.
		2. The variation margin is calculated and paid throughout the period starting from the Contract’s first trading day to its last trading day. Variation margin obligations determined during the evening clearing session on the Contract’s settlement day are the settlement obligations.
		3. The variation margin shall be calculated as per to the following formulae:

VМо = (SPt – Po) \* W / R,

VМt = (SPt – SPp) \* W / R, where

VMo – the Variation Margin for a Contract for which a Variation Margin has not yet been calculated;

VМt – the Variation Margin under a Contract for which a Variation Margin has previously been calculated;

Po – Contract price;

SPt – the current (final) Settlement price of the Contract;

SPp – the previous Settlement price of the Contract;

W – the value of the tick;

R – the tick.

* + 1. The variation margin for the Contract calculated according to the formulae described in Clause 2.1.3 hereof shall be rounded to kopecks as per the rules of mathematical rounding.
		2. The obligation to pay the Variation margin shall be fulfilled according to the procedure and within the timeframes established in the Clearing Rules. Furthermore,
* If the variation margin value is positive, then the Seller is to be obliged to pay it;
* If it is negative, the Buyer is obliged to pay the absolute value of the calculated variation margin.
	+ 1. The Contract’s Settlement price shall be determined by the Exchange in accordance with the procedure and within the timeframes established in the Trading rules and the Specifications.
	1. Settlement Obligations
		1. Obligation to pay Variation Margin as determined during the intraday clearing session on the Contract’s settlement day is the settlement obligation under such Contract.
		2. The Contract’s settlement price is the product of the FX fixing for a relevant foreign currency against the ruble and the Contract’s lot, rounded to the nearest integer as per mathematical rounding rules. The FX fixings are determined in accordance with Moscow Exchange’s FX Fixing Methodology approved by the Exchange and published on its website (the Fixing).
		3. The Exchange announces the Contract’s settlement price on its website.
		4. If the variation margin value calculated during the evening clearing session on the Contract’s last trading day exceeds the absolute value of initial margin determined during the intraday clearing session on the Contract’s last trading day, it is deemed equal in absolute terms to the value of the initial margin.
1. Grounds and procedure for Contract termination
	1. Obligations under the Contract are discharged in full after being properly fulfilled.
	2. The obligations of a party to the Contract are discharged in full when the party takes opposing obligations under the Contract with the same code (designation). This means that the Seller has taken the Buyer’s obligations and vice versa, in accordance with the procedure and within the time frame set forth in the Clearing Rules.
	3. Obligations under the Contract may be discharged on other grounds provided for in the Clearing Rules and in accordance with the procedure set forth in these rules.
2. Default responsibility
	1. Parties shall be responsible for failure to perform obligations under the Contract or improper performance thereof, in accordance with Russian legislation, the Clearing Rules, and the Trading Rules.
3. Special provisions
	1. If the FX fixing cannot be determined including due to suspension/cancellation, the Exchange is entitled to take one or more of the following actions as agreed with the Clearing Center:
* Change the Contract’s last trading day;
* Change the Contract’s final settlement date;
* Change the current (final) settlement price, and/or amend the calculation method for the variation margin and/or rules pertaining to its transfer;
* Undertake other actions provided for in the Trading Rules.
	1. The Exchange, upon agreement with the NCC, may alter the Contract’s last trading day and/or the Contract’s final settlement date if the Contract’s last trading day is declared a public holiday by order of the appropriate Russian state authorities.
	2. Trading members shall be notified of the decision(s) of the Exchange made in accordance with Clauses 5.1 and 5.2 hereof by publishing them on the Exchange’s website no less than 3 (three) trading days before they come into force. If the grounds for taking such resolutions provided for in the Clause 5.1 hereof appear less than 3 (three) trading days before the Contract’s last trading day, Trading members shall be notified of this resolution(s) by way of the resolution being published on the Exchange’s website no later than the date of this resolution(s) coming into force.
	3. As soon as the decision(s) made by the Exchange in accordance with Clauses 5.1 and 5.2 hereof come(s) into effect, the terms of the existing obligations under the Contracts that were made previously shall be deemed changed with regard to the above-mentioned resolution(s).
1. Amendments and supplements to the Specifications
	1. The Exchange shall be entitled to introduce amendments and supplements hereto as agreed with the Clearing Center.
	2. The amendments and supplements hereto shall come into effect at the moment the Exchange enforces the Specifications containing such amendments and supplements upon registration thereof in accordance with the procedure established by the Federal Body.
	3. The Exchange shall notify Trading Members of Specifications containing any amendments and supplements to take effect by publishing the corresponding information on the Exchange’s website at least three (3) trading days prior to the day when the given Specifications come into effect.
	4. When amendments and supplements come into effect, obligations under previously concluded Contracts shall be considered to have been altered to include such amendments and supplements.