

#### NATIONAL COMMODITY & DERIVATIVES EXCHANGE LIMITED

Circular to all members of the Exchange Circular No.: NCDEX/TRADING-042/2019

Date : October 23, 2019

Subject: Modifications in Contract Specifications of Jeera (JEERAUNJHA)

Members are requested to note that the Exchange, as per its Circular No. NCDEX/TRADING96/2016/232 dated September 22, 2016, has modified the contract specifications of Jeera (JEERAUNJHA) expiring in the months of **March 2020** and thereafter.

The contract expiring in the month of **March 2020** will be available for trading from **November 01**, **2019**. Contracts for further expiries will be launched as per the enclosed contract launch calendar.

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.

Currently, Jeera (JEERAUNJHA) futures contracts expiring in the months of November 2019, December 2019 and January 2020 are available for trading and would continue to be traded as per existing contract specifications.

Members are requested to take note of the following:

- 1. Summary of modifications in contract specifications for Jeera (JEERAUNJHA) futures contracts expiring in the months of March 2020 and thereafter is given in Annexure I.
- 2. Existing contract specifications applicable for Jeera (JEERAUNJHA) futures contracts expiring in the months of November 2019, December 2019 and January 2020 is given in Annexure II.
- 3. Modified contract specifications applicable for Jeera (JEERAUNJHA) futures contracts expiring in the months of March 2020 and thereafter is given in Annexure III.
- 4. Premium/discount for grade and location difference for contracts expiring in the months of March 2020 and thereafter 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 the 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 Exchange either on their own or on behalf of them by any third party acting on behalf of the Market

Participants/Constituents is in due compliance with the applicable regulations laid down by authorities like Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, AGMARK, BIS, Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (WDRA), Orders under Packaging and Labelling etc., as also 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, Mandi Tax, LBT, stamp duty, etc. as applicable from time to time on the underlying commodity of any contract offered

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for deposit / trading / delivery and the Exchange shall not be responsible or liable on account of any noncompliance thereof.

For and on behalf of

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# Annexure 1: Summary of modifications in contract specifications for Jeera (JEERAUNJHA) futures contracts

	Existing Specificat	ion		Modified Specificatio	n	Rationale
Quality specification				Jeera of Indian Original following specification be necessarily mach	ns. Jeera to	To keep the contract in-line with the
	Jeera of Indian Origin with the following specifications. Jeera to be necessarily machine cleaned			1.0 % Max	physical market practices.	
	Foreign Matter*	1.0 % Basis		Seeds with Stalks	8.0 % Max	
	Seeds with Stalks	8.0 % Max		Damaged, Discolored,		
	Damaged, Discolored, Shrivelled and		Shrivelled and Immature seeds	4.5% Max.		
	Immature seeds				Should not be more	
	Insect damaged matter	Should not be more than 0.5%		Insect damaged matter	than 0.5%	
	Test Weight Maximum 300 (on count seeds per gram Moisture 8% Basis  *Foreign matter includes anything other than Jeera seeds e.g. sand, silica, pebbles, and other edible/non edible seeds		Test Weight (on count	Maximum 300 seeds		
		basis)  Moisture	per gram 8% Basis, 9.5% maximum			
	and other edible/h	on ealble seeas		*Foreign matter incluother than Jeera see silica, pebbles, and cedible seeds	ds e.g. sand,	
Quality Allowance						To keep the contract in-line with the physical market practices.
	Immature seeds 2 Acceptable up to 4 under:	1.5% with discount as to 4.5% with 1:1 disco	unt	NA		
	Moisture 8% basis acceptable up to 9.5% with discount as under: Above 8% and up to 9% with 1:1 discount Above 9% and up to 9.5% with 1:2 discount Above 9.5% rejected.					



Tolerance Limit	Specific ation	Basis	Delive rable Range	Toleran ce Limit	Specificati on Foreign	Basis 1.0 %	Tolerance Limit +/- 0.25%	To keep the contract in-line with the physical market
	Matter	basis	max	0.25%	Matter	Max		practices.
	Seeds with Stalks	8.0 % max	-	+/- 0.4%	Seeds with Stalks	8.0 % Max	+/- 0.4%	
					Damaged, Discolored			
	Damage d, Discolor ed, Shrivele	2.0 % basis	4.5% max	+/- 0.5%	, Shriveled and Immature seeds	4.5 % Max	+/- 0.5%	
	d and Immatur e seeds			Insect	Shou ld not be			
	Insect damage d matter	Should not be more			damaged matter	more than 0.5%		
		than 0.5%			Test Weight (on	300 seed s	+/- 10	
	Test Weight (on count	300 seeds max per	-	+/- 10 seeds per 1	count basis)	max per 1 gram	seeds per 1 gram	
	basis)	1 gram		gram	Upper limit of total of all tolerances	on the	+/- 1.0%	
	Upper lim tolerances		otal of all	+/- 1.0%				



## Annexure II:

# Existing Contract Specifications of Jeera (JEERAUNJHA) futures contract

(Applicable for contract expiring in the months of November 2019, December 2019 and January 2020)

Types of contract	Futures contract						
Name of commodity	Jeera						
Ticker symbol	JEERAUNJHA						
Trading system	NCDEX Trading System						
Basis	Ex-warehouse Unjha exclu	sive of GST					
Unit of trading	3 MT						
Delivery unit	3 MT						
Maximum order size	150 MT						
Quotation	Rs per Quintal						
Tick size	Rs 5						
Quantity variation	+/- 2%						
Quality specification	Jeera of Indian Origin with the following specifications. Jeera to be necessarily machine cleaned						
	Foreign Matter* 1.0 % Basis						
	Seeds with Stalks	8.0 % Max					
	Damaged, Discolored, Shriveled and Immature seeds	2.0% Basis					
	Insect damaged matter	Should not be more than 0.5%					
	Test Weight (on count basis)	Maximum 300 seeds per gram					
	Moisture	8% Basis					
Delivery center	sand, silica, pebbles, and o	anything other than Jeera seeds e.g. ther edible/non edible seeds se(s) in Unjha (up to the radius of 60					
Delivery certical	Km from the municipal limit						
Additional delivery centers	At the approved warehouse(s) in Jodhpur (up to the radius of 60 Km from the municipal limits) with location wise premium/discount as announced by the Exchange prior to launch of contract						
Hours of Trading	As notified by the Exchange from time to time, currently:- Mondays through Fridays: 09:00 AM to 5:00 PM The Exchange may vary the above timing with due notice.						
Delivery Logic	Compulsory delivery						



No. of active contracts	As per the launch calendar
Opening of contracts	Trading in any contract month will open on the 1 <sup>st</sup> of the month. If the 1 <sup>st</sup> 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.
Due date/Expiry date	Expiry date of the contract:  20 <sup>th</sup> 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 Payin and Pay-out including the Last Pay- in and Pay-out which would be the Final Settlement of the contract.
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 no. NCDEX/CLEARING-020/2016/247 dated September 28, 2016.
Daily Price Limit (DPL)	Daily price limit is (+/-) 2%. Once the 2% 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 2% 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/RISK-034/2016/209 dated September 08, 2016.



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Position limits	commodity,	which	ever i			arket wide open interest in the				
		Client-wise: 2,400 MT  Bona fide bedger clients may seek exemption as per approved Hedge								
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	Policy of the Exchange notified vide Circular No.  NCDEX/CLEARING-019/2016/246 dated September 28, 2016									
		NCDEX/CLEARING-019/2016/246 dated September 28, 2016. For near month contracts								
					applicab	le from 1st of every month in which	ch			
						ppens to be a nontrading day, th				
						next trading day.				
	Member-wis	se: 6,0	00 M	Γ or or	e-fourth	of the member's overall position				
	limit in that			which	ever is hiç	gher.				
	Client-wise:	600 I	МT							
Quality	Foreign Ma	tter 1%	basis	s acce	ptable up	to 1.5 % with a discount as unde	r:			
Allowance				-	.5% with	1:2 discount				
		ve 1.5°								
						mmature seeds 2% basis				
	Acceptable	-								
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	to 9.5%				,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		۲			
	Above 9.5% rejected.									
Special Margins					-	ovement/ increased volatility, a				
		•	_			er percentage, as deemed fit by the				
	_		-	-	•	d on the buy and the sell side or o				
		-				spect of all outstanding position al/ special margins shall be at th				
	discretion o					iii speciai margins shall be at ti	10			
						mple average of the last polled sp	oot			
						z., E0 (expiry day), E-1 and E-2.				
						ooth of E- 1 and E-2 is not availab				
						spot price of E0, E-1, E-2 and E-				
						FSP. Thus, the FSP under vario oot prices shall be as under:	us			
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		Po	lled	spot	nrice	FSP shall be simple average				
Final Settlement	Scenario		ailabil		prioc	of last polled spot prices on:				
Price	0001101110	E0	E-1	E-2	E-3	or race power specification				
	1	Yes	Yes		Yes/No	E0, E-1, E-2				
	2	Yes	Yes		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	4%				_					
margin										



#### Tolerance limit for outbound deliveries of Jeera -

Specification	Basis	Deliverable Range	Tolerance Limit
Foreign Matter	1.0 % basis	1.5 % max	+/- 0.25%
Seeds with Stalks	8.0 % max	-	+/- 0.4%
Damaged, Discolored, Shriveled and Immature seeds	2.0 % basis	4.5% max	+/- 0.5%
Insect damaged matter	Should not be more than 0.5%		
Test Weight (on count basis)	300 seeds max per 1 gram	-	+/- 10 seeds per 1 gram
Upper limit on the total of all tolera	+/- 1.0%		

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 NCCL empanelled assayer.

#### Launch Calendar:

Contract Launch Month	Contract Expiry Month
July 2019	November 2019
August 2019	December 2019
September 2019	January 2020



## Annexure III:

# Modified Contract Specifications of Jeera (JEERAUNJHA) Futures Contract

(Applicable for contract expiring in the months of March 2020 and thereafter)

Types of contract	Futures contract						
Name of commodity	Jeera						
Ticker symbol	JEERAUNJHA						
Trading system	NCDEX Trading System						
Basis	Ex-warehouse Unjha exclu	usive of GST					
Unit of trading	3 MT						
Delivery unit	3 MT						
Maximum order size	150 MT						
Quotation	Rs per Quintal						
Tick size	Rs 5						
	Jeera of Indian Origin with necessarily machine cleaner	the following specifications. Jeera to be					
	Foreign Matter*	1.0 % Max					
	Seeds with Stalks	8.0 % Max					
Quality specification	Damaged, Discolored, Shriveled and Immature seeds						
	Insect damaged matter	Should not be more than 0.5%					
	Test Weight (on count basis)	Maximum 300 seeds per gram					
	Moisture	8% Basis, 9.5% Maximum					
	_	anything other than Jeera seeds e.g.					
Quantity variation	+/- 2%	ther edible/non edible seeds					
	At all	( ) ; 11 % ( , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,					
Delivery center	from the municipal limits)	e(s) in Unjha (up to the radius of 60 Km					
Additional delivery centers	At the approved warehouse(s) in Jodhpur (up to the radius of 60 Km from the municipal limits) with location wise premium/discount as announced by the Exchange prior to launch of contract						
Hours of Trading	As notified by the Exchange from time to time , currently :-						
	Mondays through Fridays : 09:00 AM to 5:00 PM						
	The Exchange may vary th	ne above timing with due notice.					



Delivery Logic	Compulsory delivery
No. of active contracts	As per the launch calendar
Opening of contracts	Trading in any contract month will open on the 1 <sup>st</sup> of the month. If the 1 <sup>st</sup> 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.
Daily Price Limit (DPL)	Daily price limit is (+/-) 2%. Once the 2% 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 2% 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/RISK-034/2016/209 dated September 08, 2016.
	Member-wise: 24,000 MT or 15% of market wide open interest in the commodity, whichever is higher.
	Client-wise: 2,400 MT
	Bona fide hedger clients may seek exemption as per approved Hedge Policy of the Exchange notified vide Circular No. NCDEX/CLEARING-019/2016/246 dated September 28, 2016.
Position limits	For near month contracts
1 Coldon limito	The following limits would be applicable from 1 <sup>st</sup> of every month in which the contract is due to expire. If 1 <sup>st</sup> happens to be a nontrading day, the near month limits would start from the next trading day.
	Member-wise: 6,000 MT or one-fourth of the member's overall position limit in that commodity, whichever is higher.
	Client-wise: 600 MT



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.						
	FSP shall be arrived at by taking the simple average polled spot prices of the last three trading days viz., day), E-1 and E-2. In the event the spot price for any one E-1 and E-2 is not available; the simple average of the spot price of E0, E-1, E-2 and E-3, whichever available taken as FSP. Thus, the FSP under various scenarious availability of polled spot prices shall be as under:  Polled spot price FSP shall					ading days viz., E0 price for any one or le average of the las hichever available, so various scenarios as under:	(expiry both of t polled shall be
Final Settlement Price	Scenario	E0	ailabil E-1	E-2	E-3	last polled spot prices on:	
	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	4%						



#### Tolerance Limit for outbound deliveries in Jeera:-

Specification	Basis	Tolerance Limit
Foreign Matter	1.0 % max	+/- 0.25%
Seeds with Stalks	8.0 % max	+/- 0.4%
Damaged, Discolored, Shrivelled and Immature seeds	4.5% max	+/- 0.5%
Insect damaged matter	Should not be more than 0.5%	
Test Weight (on count basis)	300 seeds max per 1 gram	+/- 10 seeds per 1 gram
Upper limit on the total of al	I tolerances	+/- 1.0%

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 NCCL empanelled assayer.

## Contract Launch Calendar: -

Contract Launch Month	Contract Expiry Month	
November 2019	March 2020	
December 2019	April 2020	
January 2020	May 2020	
February 2020	June 2020	
March 2020	July 2020	
April 2020	August 2020	
May 2020	September 2020	
June 2020	October 2020	
July 2020	November 2020	
August 2020	December 2020	
September 2020	January 2021	
October 2020	No Launch	



## **Annexure IV:**

## Premium/ Discount for grade and location difference

Commodity (Basis Centre)	Additional Delivery Centre	Premium/ Discount
Jeera (Unjha)	Jodhpur	No Premium/ Discount