National Stock Exchange of India Limited

Circular

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All Members,

Change in operational guidelines and trading modalities in the Equity Derivatives segment on account of review of certain aspects for Closing Auction Session (CAS) in equity cash segment

This is with reference to SEBI circular ref HO/47/11/11(3)2025-MRD-POD2/I/23843/2026 dated October 15,2026 regarding Review of certain aspects of the Closing Auction Session, market timings and settlement methodology for derivatives contracts, Exchange Circulars NSE/CMTR/73362 dated March 18, 2026 and NSE/FAOP/74467 dated May 29, 2026 regarding Introduction of Closing Auction Session (CAS) in the Equity Cash segment - Change in trading modalities in the Equity Derivatives segment

In accordance with Clause 5 of the aforesaid SEBI circular, members are requested to note the revised operational guidelines and trading modalities of Equity Derivatives segment applicable with effect from **December 07, 2026**

1. **Timings:**

The trading hours for equity derivatives segment shall be as follows:

	Timings	
Sessions	**Applicable for Both Single Stock and Index Derivatives Futures only**	
Pre-open session Open Time	09:00 hrs	09:00 hrs
Pre-open session Close Time * System driven random closure in last 2 minute	09:10 hrs*	09:10 hrs*

	Timings	
Sessions	**For All Stock Derivatives**	**For All Index Derivatives**
Normal Market Open Time	09:15 hrs	09:15 hrs

Normal Market Close Time	**15:45 hrs**** ****on all trading days, including on expiry days**	**15:45 hrs***** *****on all trading days, except on expiry days where trading in expiring index derivatives contracts shall cease at 15:30 hrs**
Trade Modification End Time	16:15 hrs	16:15 hrs

2. **Reference price:**
The calculation of reference price for arriving at price band of stock and index futures, to ensure its alignment with the price band applicable during CAS in CM segment, shall be similar to the methodology enumerated in point 3.1 & 3.2 of circular NSE/CMTR/77355 dated November 06,2026, where prices of respective future contracts shall be considered for calculation as below:

2.1 The reference price of stock and index futures shall be determined based on the VWAP of the trades executed in the respective contract during the period 3:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

2.2 In case no trade is executed in the stock and index futures during the period 3:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., the Last Traded Price (LTP) of the respective contract during the day shall be taken as the reference price.

2.3 In case there is no trade during the day:
a) For stock futures - prevailing theoretical price (based on cash market LTP at 3:30 p.m.) of the stock future shall be taken as the reference price**.**
b) For index future - prevailing theoretical price (considering the latest available underlying index value at 3:30 p.m.) of the index future shall be taken as the reference price.

2.4 In case underlying price is not available, base price of the respective stock and index future shall be taken as reference price for arriving at price band at 3:30 pm.

3. **Price band & Pre-trade risk controls:**

3.1. Futures price band:

3.1.1. The price band of stock and index futures during the period from 3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. shall be in alignment with the price band applicable during CAS. Accordingly price band applicable to stock and index futures during 3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. shall be +/- 3% from the reference price of the futures contracts. The reference price for futures segment shall be calculated as per point 2 referred above. Accordingly, the existing framework for dynamic flexing of price bands for stock and index futures, as specified at para 2.5.2 and 2.5.3 of Chapter 1 of SEBI Master Circular for Stock Exchanges and Clearing Corporations (SECC) dated December 30, 2024, shall not be applicable during the period from 3:30 pm. to 3:45 pm. Accordingly, the last half an hour of trading as per para 2.5.3.1 of Chapter 1 of Master Circular for Stock Exchanges and Clearing Corporations (SECC) dated December 30,2024 shall be considered as last half hour of CTS, i.e. 03:00 pm to 03:30 pm.

3.1.2. It may be noted that application of price band to stock and index futures and subsequent cancellation of outstanding orders outside such revised price bands shall be undertaken in a sequential manner which is likely to last for some time and shall not happen instantaneously at 3:30 p.m.

3.1.3. Further w.r.t Limit Price Protection (LPP) ranges, there shall be slight change in the calculation of LPP ranges as per Exchange circular ref no. NSE/FAOP/73928 dated April 28, 2026, section 1.16 (E). The change shall be to the extent that, the LPP of stock and index future contracts shall be re-calibrated basis reference price calculated as per point 2 above. The recalibration of LPP ranges shall start at 3:30pm, during the revision of price band as per points 3.1.1 & 3.1.2 above.

3.2. Options price band:

There shall be no change in existing methodology in options price band or Limit Price Protection (LPP) ranges during the entire trading market hours i.e. from 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. including CAS.

4. **Daily Close price computation:**

Closing price shall continue to be determined as per existing mechanism as mentioned in point 1.5 of Exchange circular ref no NSE/CMTR/73928 dated April 28, 2026. Last half an hour referred for computation of volume weighted average price of trades shall be from 03:15 p.m. to 03:45 p.m.

5. **Final Settlement price:**

5.1. Index derivative contracts:

On the expiry day, the settlement price of the expiring index derivative contracts shall be determined on the basis of the value of the underlying index calculated using the volume-weighted average prices (VWAP) of the constituent securities during the last 30 minutes of the Continuous Trading Session (CTS) in the equity cash segment i.e from 03:00 pm to 03:30 pm.

5.2. Stock derivative contracts:

On the expiry day, the settlement price of expiring stock derivative contracts shall be determined by the Clearing Corporations on the basis of VWAP of the underlying stock during the last 30 minutes of the CTS in the cash segment i.e from 03:00 pm to 03:30 pm across all Stock Exchanges.

6. **Data Dissemination:**

Summary of the information to be disseminated is provided below :

Sr. No.	Details	Provided in API	Provided on NEAT	API Field	Segment Applicable	Trading API Transcode	Revised API transcode	Current Time of dissemination	Revised Time of Dissemination on account of CAS 2.0 implementation
1	Reference Price for futures contracts in F&O	Yes	No	ReferencePrice	FO	7338	-	15:15 onwards	15:30 onwards

2	Lower Band based on Reference Price in F&O	Yes	Yes	LowPriceRange	FO	7305	-	15:15 onwards	15:30 onwards
3	Upper Band based on Reference Price in F&O	Yes	Yes	HighPriceRange	FO	7305	-	15:15 onwards	15:30 onwards

7. **Messages broadcast on NEAT terminals:**

1. Below messages shall be broadcasted on NEAT trading terminals in equity derivatives segment:

Event	**Message**
At the start of CAS in Equity segment when the price band for stock and index futures will be reset in Equity derivatives segment	The operating price range for Stock and Index future contracts is being revised. All outstanding orders outside the revised price range shall be cancelled by the Exchange as per extant rules.
On day of expiry of Index derivative contracts, when trading in expiring contracts shall cease	Applicable option and future contracts that have matured are now closed for trading.

Members are requested to note that the circular shall be effective from **December 07, 2026**. Further, the functional changes resulting from the implementation of the above shall be available for testing in the mock trading sessions. Exchange shall issue separate circular w.r.t these mock trading sessions.

Members are advised to load the updated contract.gz and NSE_FO_contract_ddmmyyyy.csv.gz file in the trading application before trading on the effective date. This file can be obtained from the directory faoftp/faocommon on the Extranet server. Additionally, members can access the MII contract file - NSE_FO_contract_ddmmyyyy.csv.gz on the website path:- https://www.nseindia.com/all-reports-derivatives

The FAQs related to Closing auction session is attached as **Annexure.**

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