

MARGIN DEPOSITS

Chapter 3

General Information

Acceptable margin deposits and their applied margin value are dictated by the individual exchanges. Refer to the rules of the individual exchanges for specific requirements governing margin collateral.

Specific Topics

Acceptable Margin Deposits

All exchanges accept U.S. Dollars as margin. For all other acceptable margin deposits, and their respective valuation/haircuts, refer to the rules noted in the Exhibit at the end of this chapter.

If an FCM accepts foreign currencies to margin a domestic futures or options contract, a Subordination Agreement, required by CFTC Interpretation #12, shall be obtained from the account owner. This subordination agreement is required for U.S.-domiciled and foreign-domiciled customers trading U.S. futures and options contracts and shall be maintained on file by the firm.

For accounts holding multiple exchange positions, firms should ensure that the specific instruments being used for margin are allowed under the applicable exchange rules.