



Contract Specifications of Nickel

Symbol	NICKEL
Description	NICKELMMYY
Contract Listing	Contracts are available as per the Contract Launch Calendar.
Contract Start Day	1 st day of contract launch month. If 1 st day is a holiday then the following working day.
Last Trading Day	Last calendar day of the contract expiry month. If last calendar day is a holiday then preceding working day.
Trading	
Trading Period	Mondays through Friday
Trading Session	Monday to Friday: 09.00 a.m. to 11.30 p.m. / 11.55 p.m* (*based on US daylight saving time period)
Trading Unit	1500 Kgs
Quotation/ Base value	1 Kg
Price Quote	Ex-Warehouse Thane district (excludes only GST)
Maximum Order Size	24 MT
Tick Size (Minimum Price Movement)	10 Paisa per kg
Daily Price Limits	<p>The base price limit will be 4%. Whenever the base daily price limit is breached, the relaxation will be allowed upto 6% without any cooling off period in the trade. In case the daily price limit of 6% is also breached, then after a cooling off period of 15 minutes, the daily price limit will be relaxed upto 9%</p> <p>In case price movement in international / local markets is more than the maximum daily price limit (currently 9%), the same may be further relaxed in steps of 3% and inform the Regulator immediately.</p>
Initial Margin*	Minimum 5% or based on SPAN whichever is higher
Extreme Loss Margin	Minimum 1%
Additional and/or Special Margin	In case of additional volatility, an additional margin (on both buy & sell side) and/ or special margin (on either buy or sell side) at such percentage, as deemed fit; will be imposed in respect of all outstanding positions.
Maximum Allowable Open Position	<p>For individual clients: 1000 MT or 5% of the market wide open position, whichever is higher for all Nickel contracts combined together.</p> <p>For a member collectively for all clients: 10,000 MT or 20% of the market wide open position, whichever is higher for all Nickel contracts combined together.</p>
Delivery	
Delivery Unit	1500 Kgs with tolerance limit of + / - 10%

Delivery Center	Ex-Warehouse at Thane district in Maharashtra <i>As per SEBI circular SEBI/HO/CDMRD/DMP/CIR/P/2016/103 dated September 27, 2016, the exchanges may accredit warehouses of a WSP within 100 kms radius of the delivery centers.</i>
Additional Delivery Centre (s)	None
Quality Specifications & Shape	Primary Nickel Cathodes (Uncut / Full Plate) with minimum purity of 99.80%. Only LME approved brands will be accepted #. For the purpose of quality assessment, reliance shall be placed by the WSP on the Certificate of Analysis (CoA) issued by the producer. # List available on https://www.mcxcl.com/warehousing-logistics/lme-approved-brands
Additional Deliverable Grade	1. Primary Nickel Cathodes (Cut) with minimum purity of 99.80%. Only LME approved brands will be accepted. For the purpose of quality assessment, reliance shall be placed by the WSP on the Certificate of Analysis (CoA) issued by the producer. 2. Any other Primary Nickel producer brand as approved by MCX.
Delivery Period Margin**	Delivery period margins shall be higher of: a. 3% + 5 day 99% VaR of spot price volatility or b. 25%
Staggered Delivery Tender Period	The staggered delivery tender period would be the last 5 trading days (including expiry day) of the contracts. The seller/buyer having open position shall have an option, of submitting an intention of giving/taking delivery, on any day during the staggered delivery period. On expiry of the contract, all the open positions shall be marked for compulsory delivery.
Delivery allocation	Delivery intentions of Seller(s) shall be randomly allocated to ensure that all buyers have an equal opportunity irrespective of the size or value of the position. However, preference may be given to buyers who have given an intention of taking delivery. Pay-in will be on T+1 working days i.e. excluding Saturday, Sunday & Public Holiday. The buyer to whom the delivery is allocated will not be allowed to refuse taking delivery. If the seller fails to deliver, the penal provisions as specified for seller default shall be applicable.

Delivery order rate	<p>On Staggered Delivery Tender Days:</p> <p>The delivery order rate (the rate at which delivery will be allocated) shall be the closing price (weighted average price of last half an hour) on the respective tender day except on the expiry date.</p> <p>On Expiry: On expiry date, the delivery order rate or final settlement price shall be the Due Date Rate (DDR) and not the closing price.</p>																																																				
Due Date Rate (Final Settlement Price)	<p>The 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:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="691 779 1489 1128"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Scenario</th> <th colspan="4">Polled spot price availability on</th> <th rowspan="2">FSP shall be simple average of last polled spot prices on:</th> </tr> <tr> <th>E0</th> <th>E-1</th> <th>E-2</th> <th>E-3</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Yes</td> <td>Yes</td> <td>Yes</td> <td>Yes/No</td> <td>E0, E-1, E-2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Yes</td> <td>Yes</td> <td>No</td> <td>Yes</td> <td>E0, E-1, E-3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>Yes</td> <td>No</td> <td>Yes</td> <td>Yes</td> <td>E0, E-2, E-3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>Yes</td> <td>No</td> <td>No</td> <td>Yes</td> <td>E0, E-3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>Yes</td> <td>Yes</td> <td>No</td> <td>No</td> <td>E0, E-1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6</td> <td>Yes</td> <td>No</td> <td>Yes</td> <td>No</td> <td>E0, E-2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7</td> <td>Yes</td> <td>No</td> <td>No</td> <td>No</td> <td>E0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>In case of non-availability of polled spot price on expiry day (E0) due to sudden closure of physical market under any emergency situations noticed at the basis centre, Exchange shall decide further course of action for determining FSP and which shall be in accordance with MCXCCL circular no. MCXCCL/SPOT/187/2019 dated August 16, 2019.</p> <p>On the day of expiry the trading shall be allowed up to 5pm.</p>	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
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*The Margin Period of Risk (MPOR) shall be 2 days in accordance with SEBI Circular no. SEBI/HO/CDMRD//DRMP/CIR/P/2016/77 dated September 01, 2016 accordingly, the initial margin shall be scaled up by root 2.

** As per SEBI directive SEBI/HO/CDMRD/DRMP/CIR/P/2016/77 dated Sep 01, 2016

Contract Launch Calendar of Nickel (2020)

Contract Launch Months	Contract Expiry Months
September 2019	January 2020
October 2019	February 2020
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

(Reference Circular No. MCX/TRD/547/2019 dated September 30, 2019)

**Delivery and Settlement procedure for Nickel Contracts
(expiring from December 2019 and onwards)**

Delivery logic	Compulsory Delivery
Staggered Delivery Tender Period	The staggered delivery tender period would be the last 5 trading days (including expiry day) of the contracts. Trading day will be based on availability for trading of the respective commodity on a trading day and excluding special sessions like Muhurat Trading day.
Staggered Tender Period Margin	5% incremental margin for last 5 trading days (including expiry day) of the contract on all outstanding positions in addition to the Initial, Special and/ or any other additional margin, if any.
Mode of Intention Submission	MCX eXchange
Buyer Delivery Intention	Buyer to give intention of taking delivery on any tender day, during tender period, till 5.00 p.m.
Seller Delivery Intention	Seller to give intention of tendering delivery on any tender day, during tender period, till 5.00 p.m.
Dissemination of Intention	Intentions received from the sellers and buyers will be broadcasted on TWS by the MCX/MCXCCCL by 5.30 p.m. on the respective tender days.
Delivery Period Margin	Delivery period margins shall be higher of: a. 3% + 5 day 99% VaR of spot price volatility or b. 25%
Exemption from Staggered Tender Period and Delivery Period Margin	Sellers are exempted from payment of all types of margins, if goods are tendered as early pay-in with all the documentary evidences. However, MCXCCL shall continue to collect mark to market margins from Sellers.
Delivery Allocation Rate	Settlement/closing price on the respective tender days except on expiry date. On expiry date the delivery order rate shall be the Due Date Rate (DDR) and not the closing price
Delivery Marking	On the respective tender days after the end of the day
Delivery Pay-in	The seller will have to do the delivery pay-in through ComRIS Account by earmarking his existing valid commodity balance in the ComRIS Account towards the pay-in obligation. <u>On Tender Days:</u> On tender days by 5.00 p.m. except Saturday, Sunday and Public holiday. Marking of delivery will be done on the tender days based on the intentions received from the sellers after the trading hours. <u>On Expiry:</u> On expiry all the open positions shall be marked for delivery. Delivery pay-in will be on E+1 working day (E- Expiry day) by 2.00 p.m. except Saturday, Sunday and Public holiday.
Funds Pay-in	Tender/ Expiry day + 1 working day: 2.00 p.m.
Delivery Pay-out	Tender/ Expiry day + 1 working day: 4.00 p.m.
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Penal Provision for default of Delivery & Settlement	<p>Seller Default:</p> <p>3% of Settlement Price + replacement cost (difference between settlement price and higher of the last spot prices on the commodity pay-out date and the following day, if the spot price so arrived is higher than Settlement Price, else this component will be zero.)</p> <p>Norms for apportionment of penalty –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 1.75% of Settlement Price shall be deposited in the Settlement Guarantee Fund (SGF) of the MCXCCL. • Up to 0.25% of Settlement Price may be retained by the MCXCCL towards administration expenses. • 1% of Settlement Price + replacement cost shall go to buyer who was entitled to receive delivery. <p>Over and above the prescribed penalty, MCXCCL shall take suitable penal/ disciplinary action against any intentional / wilful delivery default by seller</p> <p>Buyer default shall not be permitted</p>
Delivery Center	<p>Ex-Warehouse at Thane district in Maharashtra</p> <p>As per SEBI circular SEBI/HO/CDMRD/DMP/ CIR/P/2016/103 dated September 27, 2016, the exchanges may accredit warehouses of a WSP within 100 kms radius of the delivery centers</p>
Additional Delivery Centre (s)	<p>None</p>
Taxes, Duties, Cess and Levies	<p>At the time of delivery, the buyer has to pay GST in addition to Delivery Order Rate / DDR / Final Settlement Price.</p>
Odd lot Treatment	<p>Not Applicable</p>
Adjustment of transportation cost	<p>Not Applicable</p>
Warehouse, Insurance and transportation Charges	<p>-Borne by the seller up to commodity pay-out date -Borne by the buyer after commodity pay-out date</p>
Buyer's option for lifting of Delivery	<p>Buyer will not have any option of choosing the Place and Grade of delivery and will have to accept the delivery as per allocation made by the MCXCCL</p>
Delivery of Goods	<p>The goods delivered through the ComRIS Account should be valid as per contract specifications up to minimum 15 days after the expiry of the contract from the MCXCCL approved quality certifying agency/s.</p> <p>Delivery once submitted cannot be withdrawn or cancelled or changed, unless so agreed by the MCXCCL. Goods tendered under delivery shall be in conformity with the contract specifications.</p>
Delivery Grades	<p>The members tendering delivery will have the option of delivering such grades of goods as permitted by the MCX under the contract specifications. The buyer will not have any option to select a particular grade and the delivery</p>

	offered by the seller and allocated by the MCXCCL shall be binding on him
Premium / Discount for additional deliverable grade (Rs. per Kg)	Nil
Legal Obligation	Every member delivering and receiving goods through the ComRIS Account by way of delivery shall provide appropriate tax forms, wherever required as per law and as custom, and neither of the parties shall unreasonably refuse to do so
Extension of Delivery Period	The MCXCCL may extend the Delivery Period due to either force majeure or any other reason, as it thinks fit in the interest of the market.
Applicability of Regulations	<p>The general provisions of Byelaws, Rules and Regulations of the MCXCCL and decisions taken by SEBI/ the Board of Directors/ Relevant Authority of the MCXCCL in respect of matters specified in this document shall form an integral part of this contract. The MCXCCL or SEBI, as the case may be, may further prescribe additional measures relating to delivery procedures, warehousing, quality certification, margining, and risk management from time to time.</p> <p>Members and market participants who enter into buy and sell transactions on MCX need to be aware of all the factors that go into the mechanism of trading and clearing, as well as all provisions of the MCXCCL's Bye Laws, Rules, Regulations, circulars, directives, notifications of the MCXCCL as well as of the Regulators, Government and other authorities.</p> <p>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 MCX, the commodity deposited / traded / delivered through the Approved warehouses/Vaults of MCXCCL is in due compliance with the applicable regulations laid down by relevant authorities like BIS, 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, Import/Customs Duty, APMC Tax, Mandi Tax, LBT, Local Taxes, Stamp Duty, etc. as applicable from time to time on the underlying commodity of any contract offered for deposit / trading / delivery and that MCX/MCXCCL shall not be responsible or liable on account of any non-compliance thereof.</p> <p>All the Sellers giving delivery of goods and all the buyers taking delivery of goods shall have the necessary GST Registration as required under the Goods & Service Tax (GST) Act and obtain other necessary licenses, if any.</p> <p>In respect of all contracts executed by the Members on MCX, it shall be the responsibility of the respective members to pay all applicable statutory fee, stamp duty, taxes and levies in respect of all deliveries as well as</p>

	<p>futures contracts directly to the concerned Central/State/Local Government Departments and the MCX/MCXCCCL shall not be held liable or accountable or responsible on account of any non-compliance thereof.</p> <p>The MCXCCL is not responsible and shall not be held liable or accountable or responsible for value of the goods/stock of the commodities stored/lying in MCXCCL designated warehouse/s, vault agency and which is fully/partially confiscated / seized by any local or statutory or any other authority for any reason whatsoever or for any deterioration in quality of the goods stored due to above reason or which have passed the Final Expiry date and continue to remain in the MCXCCL accredited warehouse. The decision of the MCXCCL shall be final and binding to all Members and their constituents in this regard. (The interpretation or clarification given by the MCXCCL on any terms of this delivery and settlement procedure shall be final and binding on the members and other market participants.)</p>
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(Reference Circular no. MCXCCL/C&S/232/2019 dated September 30, 2019)