

To: All members, warehouse companies and their London agents  
Ref: 23/222  
Classification: Warehousing  
Date: 29 November 2023  
Subject: WAREHOUSE RENT AND FOT CHARGES 1 APRIL 2024 – 31 MARCH 2025

## Summary

1. In response to Notice 23/181 dated 12 October 2023 which published the proposed Charge Caps for rent and FOT rates for the period 2024/2025 (the “Proposed Charge Caps”), the LME received two challenges to the Proposed Charge Caps. The Special Committee has rejected these challenges and as such the LME is requesting Warehouses submit rent and FOT charges for the period 2024/2025.

## Defined Terms

2. Unless otherwise defined in this Notice, capitalised terms shall have the same meaning as those given to them in the terms and conditions of the Warehouse Agreement (the “Warehouse Agreement”).

## Details

3. This Notice requests the submission of rent and FOT charges for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.
4. Notice 23/181 published the Proposed Charge Caps. Notice 23/181 explained the process if any Warehouse wished to challenge the Proposed Charge Caps.
5. Two Warehouses submitted challenges to the Proposed Charge Caps. After considering the evidence and arguments submitted by the two Warehouses, the LME Special Committee rejected the challenges.
6. The Proposed Charge Caps therefore remain as previously published. The full list of final Charge Caps for 2024/2025 is attached to this Notice and Warehouses are requested to submit their rent and FOT charges for the period 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025 by 15 December 2023.
7. If the Exchange does not receive the 2024/2025 Warehouse Maximum Charge Levels on or before 15 December 2023, the relevant Warehouse will be deemed



to have re-submitted its rent and FOT charges from the previous year (i.e. that Warehouse's rent and FOT charges for the year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024).

8. Warehouses are reminded of clause 5.4.3 of the Warehouse Agreement when submitting their charges. Clause 5.4.3 of the Warehouse Agreement is set out in full below.

*No Warehouse Maximum Charge Level submitted pursuant to clause 5.4.1 or 5.4.2 may be higher than the corresponding Charge Cap. In the event that a Warehouse submits a Warehouse Maximum Charge Level in excess of the corresponding Charge Cap, the LME may revise the Warehouse Maximum Charge Level down to the corresponding Charge Cap (for the avoidance of doubt, such submission may also constitute a breach of this Agreement which may be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to the Disciplinary Procedures). For Warehouse Maximum Charge Levels not subject to a Charge Cap, levels may be set in the discretion of the Warehouse.*

9. Please direct any queries to the Exchange's Physical Operations Department.

**Robert Hall**  
**Head of Physical Operations**

cc: Board directors  
Warehousing Committee