

To: All Members and other interested parties

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Subject: **FINANCIAL OTC BOOKING FEE POLICY CHANGES**

### Summary

1. As discussed in Notice 25/082 (the Update on Enhancing Liquidity) published on 30 April 2025, the LME has decided to amend the Financial OTC Booking Fee Policy (“**FOTCBF Policy**”) to introduce, the concept of “LME Lookalike” as a new sub-category of “Relevant OTC Contract”.
2. The LME will introduce a new FOTC Booking Fee on all business transacted on LME Lookalikes as from 1 October 2025.

### Defined terms

3. Capitalised terms not otherwise defined in this Notice shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the LME Rulebook or where not defined in the Rules, shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the FOTCBF Policy.

### Fee changes

4. A redline of the amended **FOTCBF Policy** is provided in Annex 1.
5. The FOTCBF Policy is amended so that **on or after 1 October 2025**,
  - (a) The term “*LME Lookalike*” is introduced as a new sub-category of Relevant OTC Contract and is defined as any Relevant OTC Contract which has Equivalent Risk to an LME Contract, whether financially or physically settled; and
  - (b) For business transacted on LME Lookalikes, the FOTC Booking Fees will be \$4.72 per exchange equivalent lot.
6. The FOTCBF Policy specifies that all business transacted on Relevant OTC Contracts which are not LME Lookalikes (“**Non-LME Lookalikes**”) will benefit from a 50% reduction to the FOTCBF Booking Fee as per the amended policy (i.e. \$2.36 per exchange equivalent lot on business qualifying as Non-LME Lookalikes after which existing FOTCBF Policy discounts and waivers will apply as usual).
7. The FOTC Booking Fees for all other trade types will remain unchanged.
8. The LME has also made minor amendments to the FOTCBF Policy to clarify certain concepts.



9. The LME reserves the right to review and adjust its fees from time to time.

### **Next Steps**

10. Booking Fee Participants will be required to differentiate between **LME Lookalike** and **Non-LME Lookalike** business.
11. Booking Fee Participants will be sent new reporting templates along with guidance on how these should be completed.

### **Questions**

12. Booking Fee Participants who have questions regarding the changes to the FOTCBF Policy should contact [fotcreporting@lme.com](mailto:fotcreporting@lme.com)

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