



XONTRO Newsletter

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(English Version)

This XONTRO newsletter provides information covering the following issues:

- Modification of broker dialog functionalities (pre-information):
  - BxEM GE - Trade Entry („Eingabe von Geschäften“)
- Technical user support maintained by GDB staff
- Financial institutes and intermediaries:
  - End of year procedures
- System authorisation (password changes):
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## **1 Modification of broker dialog functionalities (pre-information)**

BxEM GE - Trade Entry („Eingabe von Geschäften“)

By using the BxEM GE 3270 dialog function, for intermediaries it is presently possible, per capital entry, to enter up to 99 consecutive pages having 12 entry lines each.

In the future, this entry option will be limited to 2 pages having 12 entry lines each, per capital entry. This modification will be launched in production within the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the year 2021. The exact production launch date will be given in a separate newsletter yet to be published.

## **2 Technical user support maintained by GDB staff**

Within the recent history, an increased technical support demand has been realised by our provider Deutsche Börse AG (GDB) on our participants' side. There are numerous technical support activities being performed; they are referred to, such as, IMS generation jobs, MQ series support activities, certificate updates, as well as support benefits within the framework of system as well as computing center migration activities.

### **2.1 Regular support target dates (free of charge)**

Therefore, GDB, under the assignment of BrainTrade, will offer some technical support windows being free of charge for a defined series of Saturdays.

For the year 2021, the following support dates will be offered free of charge: January 23, February 20, March 20, April 24, May 22, June 19, July 24, August 21, September 18, October 23, November 20, and December 18.

Participants being in need of this support are kindly requested to subscribe, in a written form, for these support dates no later than two weeks ahead of the requested date, using the BrainTrade **trade(at)xontro.de** e-mail address.

### **2.2 Individual support dates (against payment)**

Asides from the support dates being free of charge, there will be an option to arrange for individual support dates on a Saturday, too.

As the XONTRO and INVESTRO system environments will be subject to planned maintenance activities for a defined series of weekends, and therefore will not be ready to be used during these dates, participants wishing to use these individual support dates are kindly requested to apply for these service dates by up to four weeks in advance, using the BrainTrade e-mail address **trade(at)xontro.de**. The commitment of a technical GDB support staff worker will be charged with 1.200,-- EUR. Please kindly contact the XONTRO help line staff for further help.

### **3 Year end procedures 2020/2021**

#### **3.1 Overview**

Thursday, 24 December 2020, and Thursday, 31 December 2020, will not be considered exchange business days, but settlement days “only”. The essential features for settlement days will be described in what follows under 3.2.

On Wednesday, 30 December 2020 – which will be regarded as the 2020 year end closing exchange trading day – prices will only be fixed until 02.00 p.m., and the end-of-day batch run will start earlier than usual at 06.30 p.m.

The treatment of orders valid for the day only, as well as of orders to become valid on the following business day, will be depicted under 3.3.

For the remainder, the attached table should be inspected.

#### **3.2 Settlement days**

##### **3.2.1 System usage**

On settlement days no exchange trading business will take place on the XONTRO exchanges – the price fixing procedures by the intermediaries will be technically suppressed. For the remainder, XONTRO will technically be available with virtually no further boundaries, the end-of-day batch run, will, however, be brought forward.

Banks may use all 3270 dialog masks, as well as the order routing options offered via the system connection for banks. This means that orders may be inserted, modified, and deleted; order executions will, however, by no means be possible. Orders valid for the day only may be inserted on settlement days, but will expire on the same day.

Trades and/or Aufgaben (pending trades) may, however, arise on settlement days – resulting from cancellations, from entries having been done by intermediaries, from Aufgabe (pending trade) closings, or from direct (OTC) trades by banks.

Banks using the system connection for banks will receive the „Exchange assembly interruption“ message (Event key BOINT within the MT551 for SAKI-SWIFT resp. the “News” type for SAKI-FIX) on settlement days before 08.00 a.m.; the resumption will take place on the next exchange trading day without any further notice.

##### **3.2.2 Entry times of day**

On both settlement days the entry deadline for direct (OTC) trades for banks will be brought forward to 06.30 p.m., immediately afterwards, the end-of-day batch run will start. This is to mean that no more order entries will be possible after this point.

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### **3.2.3 Settlement and deadline periods**

For all deadline period calculations, settlement days will count as „normal exchange business days“; this will also be true for the calculation of an Aufgabe age.

Trades having been entered on an exchange trading day immediately preceding a settlement day will have to be cancelled on the settlement day latest.

### **3.2.4 Empty files**

On settlement days, contract notes data carrier files will be distributed in any case, even in cases where they will be empty except for the heading and trailing dataset.

After the end-of-day batch run has been started, the hourly and 15-minutes contract notes data carrier files will also be continued to be distributed in due time; these will of course then be empty.

The „A“ flag – meaning „last transmission for the current exchange trading day“ will be set in tag 77E of the header set of the contract notes data carrier file having been created from within the end-of-day batch run (“Scoop job”). Thereafter, only empty files may then be distributed still.

### **3.3 Orders valid for the day only / Order valid from tomorrow**

During settlement days, orders may be submitted; orders valid for the day only will, however, expire on the same day.

With regards to the validity of orders to become valid on the following day, the attached table is recommended for inspection.

## **4 System access beyond 2020 (password changes)**

Please keep in mind to ensure that the system access of your employees will still be valid beyond 2020.

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Schematic diagram turn of the year 2020/2021

	22.12. Tue	23.12. Wed	24.12. Thu	25.12. Fri	26.12. Sat	27.12. Sun	28.12. Mon	29.12. Tue	30.12. Wed	31.12. Thu	01.01. Fri	02.01. Sat	03.01. Sun	04.01. Mon	05.01. Tue
<b>Exchange day / Settlement day</b>	Ex	Ex	Set				Ex	Ex	Ex	Set				Ex	Ex
<b>Price fixing done?</b>	Yes	Yes	No				Yes	Yes	Yes**)	No				Yes	Yes
<b>EOD batch run</b>	10:15 pm	10:15 pm	06:30 pm*)				10:15 pm	10:15 pm	06:30 pm*)	06:30 pm*)				10:15 pm	10:15 pm
<b>Deadline periods</b>															
1)	TD	Can	SD												
2)		TD	Can				SD								
3)			TD				Can	SD							
4)							TD	Can	SD						
5)								TD	Can	SD					
6)									TD	Can				SD	
7)										TD				Can	SD

TD Trade contraction date  
 Can Cancellation  
 SD Settlement date, "Fixed value date"

\*) likewise, entry deadline for trade entries  
 \*\*) until 02:00 pm

Schematic diagram turn of the year 2020/2021 – Orders valid from the following day

