

Market Rules Consultation: Amended Trading Hours

This consultation paper seeks feedback on emsTradepoint's proposal to amend its market Trading Hours.

Overview

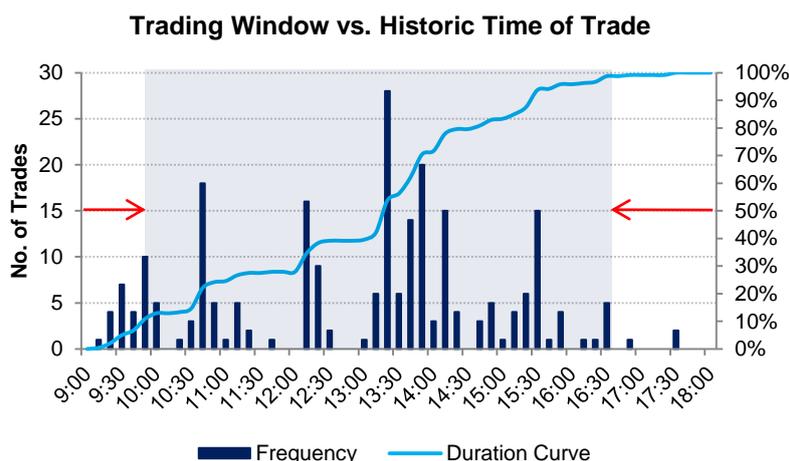
At present, emsTradepoint operates two markets with the following Trading Hours:

- *On-The-Day (OTD)*: 09:00 – 16:30
- *Day-Ahead (DA)*: 09:00 – 18:00

These Trading Hours are relatively generous and several Participants have asked emsTradepoint to consider shortening them somewhat to simplify trading desk operations and market oversight.

Current Trend

The following graph illustrates the Time of Trade trend since the markets opened:



60% of trades thus far have been struck between 1 p.m. – 4.30p.m., and 88% of all trades have been struck between 10 a.m. – 4.30p.m. (211 out of 240).

The following table sets out various revised Trading Hours and the percentage of historic trades falls within them:

Trading Hours	No. of Trades	Coverage (%)
09:00 - 18:00	240	100%
10:00 - 17:00	212	88%
09:00 - 17:00	238	99%
10:00 - 18:00	214	89%
10:00 - 16:30	211	88%
09:30 - 16:30	232	97%

Proposed Revision

emsTradepoint would like to shorten the Trading Hours for Business Days to 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. This would provide increased concentration to trading activity and simplify Participants' resource requirements. Further, emsTradepoint would like to introduce abbreviated Trading Hours for weekends and public holidays of 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.:

Market State	Proposed Trading Hours
Business Day	10:00 - 16:30
Weekend	14:30 - 16:30
Public Holiday	14:30 - 16:30

These revised Trading Hours would apply to both DA and OTD markets and all products, including the proposed Weekly and Monthly strip products. Public holidays will consist of all observed New Zealand public holidays, including Wellington and Auckland Anniversary. A calendar will be published if the proposal goes ahead.

The emsTradepoint Support Desk will be open to provide assistance during all Trading Hours.

Call for Submissions

Please provide feedback on the proposed changes to supportdesk@emsTradepoint.co.nz by **1 August 2014**.

If emsTradepoint elects to proceed after the submission deadline, a Market Rules amendment will be published in accordance with Rule 22.3 to reflect the changed Trading Hours and Support Desk provision.

Regards

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