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All Members,

Revised Operational guidelines and Trading modalities of Closing Auction Session (CAS) in the Equity Cash segment

This is with reference to SEBI circular ref HO/47/11/11(3)2025-MRD-POD2/I/23843/2026 dated October 15,2026 regarding Review of certain aspects of the Closing Auction Session, market timings and settlement methodology for derivatives contracts and Exchange circulars NSE/CMTR/73362 dated March 18, 2026, NSE/CMTR/74466 dated May 29, 2026, NSE/CMTR/76170 dated September 03, 2026 and NSE/CMTR/76963 dated October 16, 2026 regarding trading modalities of Closing Auction Session (CAS) in equity cash segment.

In accordance with Clause 5 of the aforesaid SEBI circular, members are requested to note the revised operational guidelines and trading modalities with respect to CAS applicable with effect from **December 07, 2026.**

1. **Applicability of CAS**
   CAS shall continue to be applicable on security on which derivative contracts are available in any of the Exchanges.

   CAS shall not be applicable for security on which derivative contracts are available, in below scenarios:
   - On the Ex-date of a scheme of arrangement, if the price is not determined during the SPOS for the eligible security.
   - In case index circuit break is triggered and market halts trading for remainder of the day.

2. **Session Timings:**

   Closing Auction Session (CAS) shall be of 10 minutes from 3:30 pm to 3:40 pm on all trading days, as under:

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Session	Time	Remark
Reference price calculation / Transition from Closing Trading Session (CTS) to CAS	03:30 pm - 03:31 pm	
Order Entry Period	03:31 pm -03:36 pm	Order entry, Modification and Cancellation **for both limit and market orders**.
	03:36 pm -03:40 pm (*)	·Order entry, order modification, order cancellation period **only for limit orders** ·**No modification/ cancellation allowed for market orders** ·(*) system driven random closure in the last 2 minutes.
Order Matching & trade Confirmation Period	03:40 pm -03:45 pm	(*) Order matching period will start immediately after completion of order entry period.
Transition period	03:45 pm – 03:50 pm	Transition from CAS to post closing session.
Post Close Session	03:50pm - 04:00 pm	-

Additional Notes:

a. The duration of CAS on special trading session shall be equal to the duration of CAS as specified above. On such special trading days, a 10-minute post-close session will commence 5 minutes after the derivatives segment closes.

b. Order Entry Period:
   i. Special term orders like Stop loss (SL), Immediate or Cancel (IOC) and Disclosed Quantity (DQ) shall not be allowed.
   ii. When market orders are restricted, any market order placed shall be rejected by the Exchange with an appropriate error message.
   Error message on NEAT: Market orders are currently not allowed.

c. Order Matching: Orders during CAS shall be matched at a single equilibrium price of the respective security.

d. Unexecuted orders in the CAS shall be cancelled by the Exchange at the end of CAS after matching phase.

e. Request for trade cancellation shall not be allowed for trade executed in CAS. Such a request shall be rejected by the system with appropriate error message.
   Error message on NEAT: Trade executed during closing auction session is not allowed to cancel.

3. **Reference price for CAS**

3.1 The reference price of security for purpose of CAS in the cash segment shall be determined based on the Volume Weighted Average Price (VWAP) of the trades executed in the security during the last 15 minutes of Continuous Trading Session (CTS) i.e. from 3:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

3.2 In case no trade is executed in a security in the cash segment during the last 15 minutes of CTS (from 3:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.), the Last Traded Price (LTP) of the security during the day shall be taken as the reference price for CAS. In case there is no trade during the day, the closing price of the security of the previous trading day shall be taken as the reference price for CAS. In case of corporate action, previous day's closing price shall be the adjustable closing price or the base price.

4. **Applicable price band**

Price band applicable during CAS shall be +/- 3% from the reference price of the security for CAS.

5. **Closing Price Calculation Methodology for Securities**

5.1 For securities on which CAS is applicable, closing price shall be determined based on the equilibrium price determination mechanism in CAS. In case the equilibrium price is not determined, then reference price calculated as per point 3.1 & 3.2 above shall be the close price. In case equilibrium price is not determined and security is not traded for the day, the latest available close price is considered as the close price for that day.
5.2 For securities on which CAS is not appliable, closing price shall continue to be determined as per existing mechanism as mentioned in point 3.4 of Exchange circular ref no NSE/CMTR/73927 dated April 28, 2026
5.3 In case market closes for the day before scheduled time due to Index circuit hit, the CAS session shall not be held on such a day. Then closing prices for all the securities shall be computed as per existing mechanism i.e. based on VWAP of trades in last 30 mins or LTP, as applicable.
5.4 The closing price of securities, for which CAS is applicable, on any special trading session of the Stock Exchanges shall also be determined based on CAS.

6. **Market parameters**

Particulars	**Equity Market**
Market	"N"
Lot Size	Same as Normal Market
Tick Size	Same as Normal Market
Book type	RL

7. **Types of orders allowed in CAS**

7.1 Only limit orders and market orders shall be allowed to be placed during CAS and both shall be reckoned for computation of equilibrium price.
7.2 Disclosed quantity orders shall not be allowed, i.e., orders placed during CAS shall be disclosed in full quantity.
7.3 Stop loss orders shall not be allowed.
7.4 Algo market Orders:

7.4.1 As per the risk checks mentioned in the Exchange circular ref no NSE/FAOP/69296 & NSE/CMTR/68802 dated June 30, 2025, and NSE/SURV/55281 dated January 17, 2023, algos are not allowed to place market orders except for post-closing session.

7.4.2 Algo market orders will be allowed in CAS session. Accordingly, the pre-emptively rejection of market orders placed by Algos as per NSE/CMTR/68802 dated June 30, 2025 shall not be applicable in CAS session and pre-open

7.4.3 Exchange will not levy any penalty for these market orders placed in CAS & pre-open session emanating from Algos. Penalty for orders during the normal market session shall continue as per Exchange circular ref no NSE/SURV/57315 dated June 27, 2023, and NSE/INSP/73792 dated April 17, 2026.

8. **Unexecuted limit orders of the CTS (Continuous Trading Session till 03:30PM):**

8.1. All unexecuted outstanding limit orders of CTS within the revised price band shall be carried forward to CAS during transition period with the original time stamp.

8.2. Following type of unexecuted orders shall not be carried over to CAS:

- Stop loss orders
- Iceberg (i.e. disclosed quantity) orders
- Orders having prices beyond the price bands applicable in CAS.

9. **Determination of Equilibrium price:**

9.1 The equilibrium price shall be determined based on the principle of demand supply mechanism.
9.2 The equilibrium price shall be the price at which the maximum volume is executable.
9.3 In case more than one price meets the said criteria, the equilibrium price shall be the price at which there is minimum order imbalance quantity (unmatched order quantity). The absolute value of the minimum order imbalance quantity is taken into consideration.
9.4 In case more than one price has same minimum order imbalance quantity, the equilibrium price shall be the price closest to the reference price.
9.5 In case the reference price is the mid-value of pair of prices which are closest to it, then the reference price itself shall be taken as the equilibrium price.
9.6 Both limit and market orders shall be reckoned for the computation of equilibrium price.

10. **Order execution priority in CAS:**

10.1 Market orders shall be given priority over limit orders. The sequence for order execution shall be as under:

a. Eligible market orders shall be matched with eligible market orders in the order of time priority at the equilibrium price.
b. Residual eligible market orders, in the order of time priority, shall be matched with limit orders in the order of price-time priority.
c. Remaining limit orders shall be matched with limit orders in the order of price-time priority.

10.2 The limit orders carried over from the CTS to CAS shall have a higher time priority than limit orders placed during CAS.
10.3 The limit orders carried over from the CTS to CAS can be modified, however, time priority after the modification shall be changed, except the scenario wherein quantity of the order is reduced without modifying the price.
10.4 In case of any unexecuted order in the CAS, such orders shall be cancelled by the system at the end of CAS after matching phase.

11. **Risk Management:**

11.1 Orders in CAS shall be subject to applicable margin requirement at order level, except for the limit orders carried over from CTS to CAS. However, if such limit orders are modified during CAS, then, such limit orders shall also be subject to applicable margin requirement at the order level.
11.2 Priority of orders in the trading system shall be based on the response received from Clearing corporations after validation of margin requirement.

12. **Files and Reports**

12.1 As informed in Exchange circular reference no. NSE/CMTR/73845 dated April 22, 2026, an indicator shall be introduced in the security masters to identify securities on which Closing Auction Session shall be conducted.
12.2 The details of changes in the structure of security.txt, nnf_security.dat and security master file (MII - Security File) are provided in Annexure A in Exchange circular reference number NSE/CMTR/74466 dated May 29, 2026.
12.3 There will be no change in the format of order file, trade file, bhavcopy file. The relevant CAS session data will form part of the respective files.

13. **Data Dissemination**

Summary of the information to be disseminated is provided as **Annexure A**

14. **Pre-Trade risk controls applicable during CAS:**

14.1 Market Price Protection (MPP) shall not be applicable during CAS session.

14.2 Self-Trade Prevention (STP) mechanism applicable during Call Auction sessions currently (refer point 4.8 of Exchange circular ref no NSE/CMTR/73927 dated April 28, 2026),

shall be applicable to CAS session. Accordingly, during order entry/collection period of CAS, where on encountering a potential self-trade, the active order shall be cancelled by default irrespective of option set in the active order.

15. **Messages broadcast on NEAT terminals:**

Below messages shall be broadcasted on NEAT trading terminals in equity segment:

Event	**Message**
At the end of CTS for securities applicable for CAS	Normal market has closed for securities eligible in the Closing Auction Session. CAS will commence with a revised price band. All special orders, including orders outside the revised price band will be cancelled by the Exchange.
After price band calculation	Price band of securities revised for Closing Auction Session.
At the start of CAS	The Closing auction session has started for <DD MMM YYYY>.
When market order restrictions during order entry period starts	Market orders are now restricted for closing auction session.
At the end of CAS	The Closing auction session has ended for <DD MMM YYYY>.
After close price computation	Closing price computation has been completed.

Members are requested to note that trading in Closing auction session shall be effective **from December 07, 2026**. Further, the functional changes resulting from the implementation of the above shall be available for testing in mock trading sessions. Exchange shall issue separate circular w.r.t these mock trading sessions.

Also, members are advised to load the updated security.gz and NSE_CM_security_ddmmyyyy.csv.gz file in the trading application before trading from the effective date. This file can be obtained from the directory cmftp/common/ntneat on the Extranet server. Additionally, members can access the MII contract file - NSE_CM_security_ddmmyyyy.csv.gz on the website path :- https://www.nseindia.com/all-reports

The FAQs related to Closing auction session is attached as **Annexure B**.

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