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**AUTOMATION OF SCREEN TESTING OF THE 300g LABORATORY SAMPLE IN RESPECT OF THE ROBUSTA COFFEE FUTURES CONTRACT (EXCHANGE CONTRACT NO. 409)****Executive Summary**

This Notice informs Members of the introduction of automated sieving of the 300g laboratory sample during the grading process for the Robusta Coffee Futures Contract.

**1. Introduction**

1.1 The grading procedures for the Exchange's Robusta Coffee Futures Contract require that each 300g laboratory sample undergoes a screen (sieve) test. Section E 3.2.6 of the Grading and Warehousekeeping Procedures in Respect of Cocoa and Robusta Coffee Futures Contracts states:

"E 3.2.6.1 A laboratory sample shall be weighed, the weight recorded, and the sample material poured into the nest of sieves sized 15, 14, 13 and 12, the lid placed on top and the receiver placed under the sieve with the smallest aperture.

E 3.2.6.2 The sieves shall be agitated with a slight corner-to-corner tilting action and with slight vertical shaking until no further beans move from one screen to the next, or a process which gives equivalent results."

1.2 The sieving process described above is currently undertaken by the Exchange's Graders on a manual basis. Following the completion of trials to expedite and ensure consistency in the grading process, the Exchange has determined to adopt an automated sieving process for the screen test, with immediate effect.

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