



FRER Contract Terms and Conditions

Sample Question: Will rail freight [intermodal units/carloads] exceed [##.#] in [date]?

Product Code: FRER[I or C]

Instructions: The Transportation Services Index and Seasonally-Adjusted Transportation Data is published by the <Bureau of Transportation Statistics>, typically two months after the reference month, in the second week of the month at 8:00 AM CT. A schedule of release dates is available [here](#). This contract is not subject to early Resolution.

Underlying: The Freight Traffic Forecast Contract is resolved based on the value of either Rail Freight Carloads or Rail Freight Intermodal Traffic reported in the Transportation Services Index release. Rail Freight Carloads measure the volume of bulk goods transported by rail, such as coal, grain, and chemicals. Rail Freight Intermodal Traffic tracks containerized freight moved by rail using trailers and shipping containers. The underlying can be accessed [here](#). Once you open the link, scroll down to the heading titled “About this Dataset.” From there, download the dataset file titled “MetaData All” provided. To locate the specific data used for resolution, navigate to the section titled “What’s in this dataset.” This section contains descriptions of each column. Identify the column name that corresponds to either Rail Freight Carloads or Rail Freight Intermodal Traffic, depending on the contract. Use this column to find the relevant value in the downloaded dataset. Links are provided for informational purposes only, and the source agency may choose to publish the data at a different location at any time.

Source Agency: Bureau of Transportation Statistics

Minimum Tick: The Minimum Tick size for the referred Contract shall be \$0.01.

Listing Cycle: ForecastEx will list Contract expirations at its discretion.

Thresholds: For each Contract expiration, thresholds will be listed at ForecastEx's discretion.

Position Accountability: The position accountability level is 250,000 Contracts in any one Forecast Market.

Last Trading Time: Same as Resolution Time.

Payout Criteria: The Settlement Value of each Contract is \$1.00 or \$0.00 depending on the Outcome of the Contract. If the Outcome of the Contract is “Yes”, then holders of the “Yes” Position will be entitled to receive the Settlement Value of \$1.00 per contract and holders of the “No” Position will receive \$0.00. If the Outcome of the Contract is “No”, then holders of the “No” Position will be entitled to receive the Settlement Value of \$1.00 per contract and holders of the “Yes” Position will receive \$0.00.

Resolution Time: 8:00 AM CT when the Bureau of Transportation Statistics releases the Transportation Services Index.

Changes in Resolution Time: The Resolution Time of a Forecast Contract is dependent on the time that the Source Agency releases the Underlying data. There are circumstances in which ForecastEx will change the Resolution Time of a Contract as described below:

1. **Delay by Source Agency:** If the Source Agency delays the release of the underlying data required for Resolution, ForecastEx will delay the Resolution Time of the Contract until such data is released. In these circumstances, ForecastEx will release a public notice to its website informing Market Participants that the Resolution of the Contract has been delayed and release a second notice to its website informing Market Participants when the Contract is resolved.
2. **Change in Release Schedule:** ForecastEx sets the Resolution Time of each Contract based on either the published or anticipated release schedule of the Source Agency for the underlying data. If the Source Agency amends its release schedule or announces that it will publish the underlying data at a different time than anticipated, ForecastEx may, at its sole discretion, amend the Resolution Time of the Contract to match the updated release schedule when doing so is necessary to ensure the accurate and fair resolution of the contract. In these circumstances, ForecastEx will publish a public notice to its website informing Market Participants of the revised Resolution Time.
3. **Event Review Process:** In accordance with ForecastEx Rule 415, ForecastEx may, at its sole discretion, initiate the event review process prior to Settlement which may delay the Resolution of a Contract. In these cases, ForecastEx will publish a public notice to its website informing Market Participants that the Contract's Outcome is under review.
4. **Early Resolution:** If a Forecast Contract Resolves based on whether a specific event occurs before a defined point in time, it will be subject to early resolution. For these Contracts, if the Outcome of the contract becomes determinable prior to the scheduled Resolution Time – either because the event has occurred (resolving “Yes”) or because it can no longer occur (resolving “No”) – ForecastEx may, at its sole discretion, accelerate the Resolution Time of the Contract in accordance with ForecastEx Rule 413. Whether or not this Contract is subject to early resolution is specified in the Instructions section.

Expiration Time: Same as Resolution time.

Settlement Date: Unless the Outcome of the Contract is under review in accordance with ForecastEx Rule 415, Settlement of the Contract will occur no later than the day following Expiration Time.

Trading Restrictions: In accordance with ForecastEx Rule 509(h), persons are prohibited from participating in Freight Traffic Forecast Contracts if they: possess any material non-public information regarding the Contract, are employee of the Source agency, or are decisionmakers, who directly or indirectly have any influence on the Outcome of the Contract.