HARDFORK

Scope: These rules shall apply to this contract.

Underlying: The Underlying for this Contract is the occurrence of a hard fork of <cryptocurrency> after Issuance and before <date>. A hard fork is defined as a permanent divergence in the blockchain resulting in two or more separate, incompatible chains that share transaction history up to a specific point but operate under different protocol rules thereafter. Revisions to the Underlying made after Expiration will not be accounted for in determining the Expiration Value.

Instructions: Official blockchain explorers and network status pages for <cryptocurrency> can be used to verify fork occurrences. These instructions on how to access the Underlying are provided for convenience only and are not part of the binding Terms and Conditions of the Contract. They may be clarified at any time.

Source Agency: The Source Agencies are the official development team or foundation of <cryptocurrency>, the official GitHub repository of <cryptocurrency>, major blockchain explorers for <cryptocurrency> (including but not limited to Blockchair, Blockchain.info, Etherscan for Ethereum-based tokens), CoinMarketCap, CoinGecko, The Block, CoinDesk, CoinTelegraph, Messari, The New York Times, the Associated Press, Bloomberg News, Reuters, Axios, The Information, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, and official announcements from major cryptocurrency exchanges including Coinbase, Binance, Kraken, Bitstamp, and Gemini.

Type: The type of Contract is an Event Contract.

Issuance: After the initial Contract, Contract iterations will be listed on an as-needed basis at the discretion of the Exchange and corresponding to the risk management needs of Members.

<cryptocurrency>: <cryptocurrency> refers to a specific blockchain network and its native token as specified by the Exchange. This includes but is not limited to Bitcoin (BTC), Ethereum (ETH), Bitcoin Cash (BCH), Litecoin (LTC), or any other blockchain-based cryptocurrency. The Contract refers to the main chain as recognized by the majority of network hash rate (for Proof of Work chains) or stake (for Proof of Stake chains) at the time of Issuance.

<date>: <date> refers to a calendar date specified by the Exchange. The Exchange may list iterations of the Contract corresponding to variations of <date>.

Payout Criterion: The Payout Criterion for the Contract encompasses the Expiration Values that <cryptocurrency> has experienced a hard fork after Issuance and before <date> for at least a 24 hour period.

A hard fork is defined as meeting ALL of the following criteria:

- A change to the blockchain protocol that is not backward-compatible
- Results in a permanent chain split creating two or more separate blockchains
- The new chain(s) implement different consensus rules, block parameters, or protocol features that make them incompatible with the original chain

The following do NOT constitute hard forks for purposes of this Contract:

- Soft forks or backward-compatible protocol upgrades

- Test network (testnet) forks
- Software client forks that do not result in blockchain divergence
- Chain rollbacks or reorganizations that don't create a persistent alternative chain

Examples that WOULD meet the Payout Criterion:

- A contentious protocol change where part of the network continues on the original rules while another part follows new rules, similar to Bitcoin/Bitcoin Cash or Ethereum/Ethereum Classic splits
- A planned hard fork that occurs and successfully creates a new blockchain with different parameters (e.g., block size, mining algorithm, token supply)
- An emergency hard fork to reverse a hack or exploit that results in community division and two maintained chains if it lasted more at least 24 hours

Examples that would NOT meet the Payout Criterion:

- A software update that all nodes adopt without creating a chain split
- Announcement of a future hard fork without actual implementation

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

Position Accountability Level: The Position Accountability Level for the Contract shall be $25,000 per strike, per Member.

Last Trading Date: The Last Trading Date of the Contract will be the day prior to <date>. The Last Trading Time will be 11:59 PM ET.

Settlement Date: The Settlement Date of the Contract shall be no later than the day after the Expiration Date, unless the Market Outcome is under review pursuant to Rule 7.1.

Expiration Date: The latest Expiration Date of the Contract shall be one week after <date>. If an event described in the Payout Criterion occurs, expiration will be moved to an earlier date and time in accordance with Rule 7.2.

Expiration time: The Expiration time of the Contract shall be 10:00 AM ET.

Settlement Value: The Settlement Value for this Contract is $1.00.

Expiration Value: The Expiration Value is the value of the Underlying as documented by the Source Agency on the Expiration Date at the Expiration time.

Contingencies: Before Settlement, Kalshi may, at its sole discretion, initiate the Market Outcome Review Process pursuant to Rule 6.3(d) of the Rulebook. If an Expiration Value cannot be determined on the Expiration Date, Kalshi has the right to determine payouts pursuant to Rule 6.3(b) in the Rulebook.