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**DATE:** APRIL 24, 2018

**SUBJECT:** BLUE BUFFALO PET PRODUCTS, INC. – CASH  
SETTLEMENT/ACCELERATION OF EXPIRATIONS  
OPTION SYMBOL: BUFF  
DATE: 4/25/18

On February 22, 2018, a group of majority stockholders holding approximately 51.8% of outstanding Blue Buffalo Pet Products, Inc. (BUFF) Common Shares, delivered written consent adopting and approving the proposed merger with Bravo Merger Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of General Mills, Inc. The merger was consummated on April 24, 2018. As a result, each existing BUFF Common Share will be converted into the right to receive \$40.00 net cash per share.

**CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT**

**DATE:** April 25, 2018

**NEW DELIVERABLE  
PER CONTRACT:** \$4,000.00 Cash (\$40.00 x 100)

Settlement in BUFF options will take place through OCC's cash settlement system. Settlement will be accomplished by payment of the difference between the extended strike amount and the cash deliverable.

**ACCELERATION OF EXPIRATIONS**

Pursuant to OCC Rule 807, equity stock option contracts whose deliverables are adjusted to call for cash only delivery will be subject to an acceleration of the expiration dates for outstanding option series. (See OCC Information Memo 23707). Additionally, the exercise by exception (ex by ex) threshold for expiring series will be \$.01 in all account types.

All series of Blue Buffalo Pet Products, Inc. options whose expiration dates are after 05-18-2018 will have their expiration dates advanced to 05-18-2018. Expiration dates occurring before 05-18-2018 (e.g., Flex options) will remain unchanged.

All Blue Buffalo Pet Products, Inc. options will utilize a \$.01 exercise threshold.

Option Symbol: BUFF  
Existing Expiration: All months  
New expiration date: 05-18-2018

Existing American-style Blue Buffalo Pet Products, Inc. options remain exercisable at the option of the holder prior to their expiration. Exercised options will continue to settle in two business days.

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The determination to adjust options and the nature of any adjustment is made by a panel of The OCC Securities Committee pursuant to OCC By-Laws, Article VI, Sections 11 and 11A. The adjustment panel is comprised of representatives from OCC and each exchange which trades the affected option. The determination to adjust futures and the nature of any adjustment is made by OCC pursuant to OCC By-Laws, Article XII, Sections 3, 4, or 4A, as applicable. For both options and futures, each adjustment decision is made on a case by case basis. Adjustment decisions are based on information available at the time and are subject to change as additional information becomes available or if there are material changes to the terms of the corporate event(s) occasioning the adjustment.

**ALL CLEARING MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY ADVISE ALL BRANCH OFFICES AND CORRESPONDENTS ON THE ABOVE.**

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