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INTRODUCTION

London Stock Exchange plc (“Exchange”) is a Recognised Investment Exchange (“RIE”) under Part XVIII of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 . CurveGlobal Markets is the derivatives segment of the Exchange’s regulated market, which is comprised of interest rate derivatives developed by CurveGlobal Limited.

The trading services provided by the Exchange are provided by it in its capacity as a RIE subject to the supervision of the FCA and to the requirements of the FCA Sourcebook for Recognised Investment Exchanges.

References in these Rules to the “Exchange” shall be construed as references to London Stock Exchange plc.

The Exchange has made arrangements for clearing services for Listed Products to be provided by LCH Limited (“LCH”) acting as the Designated Clearing House for CurveGlobal Markets. LCH is a Recognised Central Counterparty in the United Kingdom pursuant to the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.

In the event that there is any conflict between these Rules and any other statement whether written or oral made by the Exchange at any time, the terms of these Rules shall prevail.

These Rules shall be construed and interpreted so as to promote and maintain at all times the integrity of the market managed by the Exchange, as well as to ensure that the business carried out by means of the Exchange’s facilities is conducted in an orderly manner and so as to afford proper protection to investors. Where a specific matter is not explicitly governed by these Rules, the Exchange shall take reasonable steps to regulate the conduct of business on its market in accordance with these principles.

Except where these Rules express to the contrary, the Rules shall be construed in accordance with, and governed by, the laws of England and Wales as in force from time to time. References to any EU regulation as applied in the UK means a reference to the relevant regulation as it is applied in the UK pursuant to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 following IP Completion Day (as defined in the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020).

The Exchange shall not be liable in damages for anything done or omitted in the discharge of these Rules unless it is shown that the act or omission was done in bad faith.

The Contract Specifications for Listed Products traded on CurveGlobal Markets are set out in the CurveGlobal Markets Contract Specifications document. This document forms part of this Rulebook and shall have effect as if set out in full in the body of this Rulebook.

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DEFINITIONS

Unless the contrary intention appears, the following terms used in these Rules shall have the meanings given below:

“Account” means an account held by a Clearing Member at the Designated Clearing House in which Futures Contracts may be registered;

“Basis Trade” means a privately negotiated transaction consisting of the simultaneous execution of an Interest Rate Derivative against an offsetting equivalent amount of a related underlying cash bond instrument in a quantity that meets a minimum volume threshold;

“Bilaterally Negotiated Trade” means a Block Trade, Basis Trade, or Exchange of Future for Swap transaction;

“Block Trade” means a privately negotiated transaction in one or more Futures and/or Options that is allowed to be executed away from the Order Book in a quantity that meets a minimum volume threshold;

“Broker” means a Member Firm of CurveGlobal Markets which may enter into Trades on behalf of Customers in accordance with these Rules;

“Bulk Quoting functionality” is exchange enabled functionality that allows multiple quotes to be sent to the Exchange in a single message;

“Business Day” means any day in the relevant market on which banks are open and/or which is not a public holiday;

“Buyer” means the Member who is made party to a Contract as buyer as a result of a Trade.

“Central Counterparty” means a financial institution that performs clearing services and subsequently becomes the Counterparty to all Contracts arising from Trades on the Exchange, also referred to as the (Designated) Clearing House;

“Circuit Breaker” means system level protection algorithm that automatically stops an Order or Quote from being entered or executed against if a certain specific parameter such as quantity or price is outside the limits defined by the Exchange in the CurveGlobal Markets Trading Services Description;

“Clearing System” shall mean the LCH clearing system for Interest Rate Derivatives;

“Clearing House Regulations” means the General Regulations, Default Rules and Procedures of the Designated Clearing House as amended from time to time;

“Clearing Member” means General Clearing Member or Individual Clearing Member;

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“Collateral” means one or more of the forms of security accepted by the Designated Clearing House for such purposes;

“Competitive Price” shall be understood to be the maximum bid/ask spread per Listed Product that is published by the Exchange on its website (as updated from time to time) to enable Member Firms to assess whether or not they are pursuing a Market Making Strategy in Listed Products;

“Compliance Procedures” means the procedures set down in chapter 8 of CurveGlobal Markets Rules;

“Contract” means a contract between the Central Counterparty and a Clearing Member that automatically and immediately arises in the individual traded unit of a Listed Product on the terms set out in the relevant Contract Specification following an Order Book Trade, or for Bilaterally Negotiated Trades once a Trade Report is accepted by the Exchange, subject to and in accordance with the Clearing House Regulations;

“Contract Specification” means the standard terms of each Listed Product as varied from time to time;

“Counterparty” means either a Buyer or a Seller (together, “Counterparties”);

“CurveGlobal Markets” means the market operated by London Stock Exchange plc for derivatives;

“CurveGlobal Markets Bilaterally Negotiated Trade Guidance document” means the document providing guidance on the Rules pertaining to Block Trades, a Basis Trade or an Exchange of Future for Swap that is published on the Exchange website, as amended from time to time;

“CurveGlobal Markets Rules” or **“Rules”** or **“Rulebook”** means the rules set out in this document in relation to all activity conducted on the CurveGlobal Markets set out at www.lseg.com, as amended from time to time;

“CurveGlobal Markets Trading Services Description” means the document describing the trading functionalities as published on the Exchange website, as amended from time to time;

“Customer” means a Person for whom a Member Firm provides services;

“Customer Account” means the Account(s) relevant to a given Customer or group of Customers in which Contracts that have been entered into by a Member Firm on behalf of its own Customers (and only such Contracts) are Registered;

“Daily Settlement Price” means the Fair Value price of a Futures Contract determined by the Exchange used for margining purposes;

“Deliverable Bond Futures” means Interest Rate Derivatives that are settled by way of physical delivery of an underlying bond, as further specified in the Contract Specifications;

“Deliverable Bond Futures Contract Procedures” or **“Contract Procedures”** shall have the meaning given to it in Schedule 1 of CurveGlobal Markets Rules;

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“Deliverable Bond Standards” shall have the meaning given to it in the Contract Specifications of Deliverable Bond Futures;

“Deliverable Government Bonds” means bonds that are included on the List of Deliverable Government Bonds for the relevant delivery month.

“Delivery” means the process of delivering Deliverable Government Bond (as the case may dictate in accordance with the Contract Specification) in exchange for payment of the Delivery Settlement Amount;

“Delivery Day” means for the purposes of Deliverable Bond Futures the calendar day or calendar days in a delivery month, which shall be a Settlement Day, laid down in the Deliverable Bond Futures Contract Specifications on which delivery may take place;

“Delivery Failure” shall have the meaning given to it Deliverable Bond Futures Contract Procedures

“Delivery Notice” shall have the meaning given to it in the Clearing House Regulations

“Delivery Settlement Amount” means the amount payable by or to the Counterparties of the Delivery;

“Delivery Systems” shall have the meaning given to it in the Clearing House Regulations.

“Designated Clearing House” means LCH Limited as the provider of clearing services to the Exchange or such other clearing house as the Exchange may designate by Notice;

“Direct Market Access” means a service provided by a Member Firm through which a Customer is able to submit orders to the Trading System operated by the Exchange under the Member Firm’s trading codes and via the Member Firm’s order management system, but without manual intervention by the Member Firm, and where the Customer can exercise discretion regarding the exact fraction of a second of order entry and lifetime of the order within that timeframe;

“Exceptional Circumstances” shall have the meaning given to it under Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/578 as applied in the UK pursuant to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (and as amended by any relevant statutory instruments or powers exercised under such statutory instruments) following IP Completion Day (as defined in the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020);

“Exchange” means London Stock Exchange plc;

“Exchange Delivery Settlement Price (“EDSP”) means, for Futures, the price against which Futures Contracts are settled upon Expiration;

“Exchange of Future for Swap” means a privately negotiated transaction consisting of the simultaneous execution of an Exchange Futures Contract against an offsetting equivalent amount of a related swap not listed on the Exchange in a quantity that meets a minimum volume threshold;

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“Expiration” means the moment that a Futures Series ceases to exist, and therefore is no longer tradable;

“Expiration Day” means the date on which Expiration occurs;

“Fair Value” means the theoretical price of a Listed Product calculated in accordance with the criteria laid down in these Rules;

“FCA” means the Financial Conduct Authority;

“FSMA” means the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000;

“Futures Contract” or **“Future”** means a Contract conferring an obligation to trade the Underlying at a price agreed on Trade Day for physical or cash-settlement on a pre-defined date in the future;

“Futures Contract Value Range” means, for Futures, the value specified in the CurveGlobal Markets Trading Services Description which being added and subtracted from Fair Value creates the fair market spread;

“Futures Price” in relation to a Futures Contract, means the level (price) at which the counterparties agree to enter into a Trade;

“General Clearing Member (“GCM”) means a Member Firm which is a member of the Designated Clearing House and which has entered into a relationship prescribed by the Designated Clearing House for such purposes, thereby agreeing to act in this capacity for themselves or one or more Customers;

“Give-up” means a Trade that has been executed by a Member and then transferred to another account for the purposes of Clearing in accordance with the Give-up instruction;

“HSVF” means High Speed Vendor Feed, the Exchange’s Market Data information dissemination system for derivatives;

“Individual Clearing Member” (“ICM”) means a Member Firm which is a member of the Designated Clearing House and which has entered into a relationship prescribed by the Designated Clearing House for such purposes, thereby agreeing to act in the capacity of General Clearing Member for themselves only;

“Interest Rate Derivative” means a Listed Product where the Underlying is an interest rate or a bond.

“Last Trading Day” means the last day the Exchange shall make a Listed Product available for trading, as further set down in the relevant Contract Specification and as may be further communicated by the Exchange from time to time;

“Lifetime” in relation to a Listed Product means the period from the Listing Day to the Expiration Day inclusive;

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“Limit Order” means an order entered on to the Order Book at a specified price and for a specified size which will execute at that price or better, any residual is retained on the Order Book unless designated as an immediate order; if not an immediate order the residual remains until withdrawn or filled;

“Liquidity Provision Programme” shall refer to a programme that may be offered by the Exchange from time to time which requires a Member Firm to comply with obligations in order to receive incentives;

“List of Deliverable Government Bonds” or **“List”** means Deliverable Government Bonds that are included on a list that is published by the Exchange for the purpose of informing Members which bonds are eligible for delivery against Deliverable Bond Futures;

“Listed Product” means any product which is available for trading on CurveGlobal Markets the terms of which are detailed in the respective Contract Specification for the product in question;

“Listing Day” means the date on which a Standard Contract is first admitted to trading by the Exchange;

“London time” means Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) with adherence to British Summer Time (BST). BST begins on the last Sunday of March and ends on the last Sunday of October, during which time clocks are advanced from GMT by one hour (GMT +01:00). Save where these Rules state expressly to the contrary, all references to time in the Rules are references to London time;

“Lot” shall mean one unit of a given Listed Product, which shall represent the quantity of Underlying specified in the relevant Contract Specification;

“LSEG Transaction Reporting Services Description for Third Country Firms” means the document providing guidance that is published on the Exchange website, as amended from time to time, detailing the type and format of information Third Country Member Firms must provide to the Exchange for transaction reporting purposes;

“Margin” means cash or eligible instruments as defined by the Clearing House Regulations paid to, and held by, the Designated Clearing House in order to manage Counterparty risk associated with every position;

“Market Data” means information relating to Listed Products which is published by the Exchange;

“Market Maker” means a Member Firm which has entered into the Market Making Agreement;

“Market Making Programme” shall refer to a programme that may be offered by the Exchange from time to time setting out market making obligations and incentives;

“Market Making Strategy” shall have the meaning given to it under Paragraph 3A(3) of the Schedule to the Recognition Requirements Regulations;

“Market Making Agreement” means the agreement entered into between a Member Firm and the Exchange whereby the Member Firm agrees to quote prices at a given size and presence in certain specified Listed Products;

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“Market Making Obligations Document” means the document, as amended from time to time, which contains further details in respect of Market Maker obligations. This document shall be read in conjunction with the Market Making Agreement and the CurveGlobal Markets Rules and is available at <http://www.lseg.com/derivatives/document-library>;

“Market Operations” means the operational management relating to derivatives processing;

“Member Firm” or “Member” means a partnership, corporation or legal entity admitted to Exchange membership and whose membership has not been terminated. For the purpose of the compliance procedures, a Member Firm shall include a former Member Firm where appropriate;

“Member Portal” means the online communication tool operated by the Exchange for the management of Member Firm information;

“Notice” means an announcement published on the Exchange’s Website and emailed to relevant recipients’ containing important and relevant market updates;

“Opening Auction” means the period of time specified in the Contract Specification before continuous trading commences during which orders can be entered, modified, or cancelled but not executed, for the purpose of matching bids and offers at a single price as continuous trading commences if they are crossed at that time;

“Order” means an offer to buy or sell a number of Contracts submitted to an Order Book;

“Order Book” means the continuous auction order book trading system operated by the Exchange for the electronic submission and execution of Orders with pre-trade transparency;

“Order Book Trade” means an agreement for the sale or purchase of a Listed Product in a given number of lots and at a given price on CurveGlobal Markets between Member Firms of the Exchange concluded by means of the facilities provided by the Exchange for the trading of such instruments in accordance with these Rules;

“Person” means an individual, corporation, partnership, association, trust or other entity as the context admits or requires;

“Physical Settlement” means the process of settlement of such Contract to be performed by the Delivery of the Underlying;

“Position Limits” means the limits applied from time to time by the Exchange whether generally or in relation to a particular Member Firm imposing limits on the number of Contracts of any type that may be held by a Member Firm;

“Position Maintenance Deadline” shall mean the deadline set down in these Rules by which all position maintenance must have been performed by each Clearing Member for each Account carried relevant to the previous Trade Day;

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“Price Lists” means the lists of charges payable for services from the Exchange as published and amended by the Exchange from time to time;

“Proprietary Account” means the Account relevant to a given Member firm in which Contracts that have been entered into by a Member Firm on its own account (and only such Contracts) are to be Registered;

“PPS” means Protected Payment System, the system to be used in connection with the settlement of payment obligations of Member Firms to the Exchange, other than those Member Firms who have made arrangements for the settlement of such obligations to be performed by a GCM, must maintain arrangements with a PPS Bank for such purposes;

“Quote” means a bid or bids and/or offer or offers entered using the Bulk Quoting functionality;

“Recognition Requirements Regulations” means the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Recognition Requirements for Investment Exchanges, Clearing Houses and Central Securities Depositories) Regulations 2001;

“Registered Person(s)” means an individual(s) at a Member Firm appointed by the Member Firm, or in certain limited cases an individual at a non-Member Firm that has been granted express written authority by the Member Firm, who are authorised to carry out instructions to the Exchange as detailed in the relevant Derivatives Registered Persons Form;

“Recordation” or “Recorded” means the act of a Contract being recorded at the Clearing House following risk and other operational checks;

“Regulated Activities Order” means the Financial Services and Markets Act (Regulated Activities) Order 2001;

“Regulatory Authority” means the competent authority of a Member Firm or a regulator or other supervisory authority with supervisory oversight of the Exchange;

“Related Position Leg” means the underlying cash instrument of a Basis Trade transaction or the underlying swap leg to an Exchange of Future for Swap transaction;

“Reporting Broker” means a Member Firm on CurveGlobal Markets which may arrange and initiate Trade Reporting of Bilaterally Negotiated Trades on behalf of Member Firms in accordance with these Rules;

“Request for Re-Registration” means a request submitted by a Clearing Member to the Exchange seeking the Re-Registration of one or more Contracts;

“Re-Registration” means the process of transferring a Contract from one Account to another Account pursuant to a request submitted in accordance with these Rules;

“Seller” means the Person who is made party to a Contract as seller as a result of a Trade;

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“**Series**” means a Listed Product represented by the Underlying, month and year;

“**Settlement**” means the process of settling Contracts by moving cash and/or the physical Underlying (where applicable) between Member Firms resulting from Expiration or nomination in accordance with the Clearing House Regulations;

“**Settlement Day**” means the calendar day on which Settlement shall occur, either by movement of cash for cash-settlement or by delivery versus payment for Physical Settlement in accordance with Clearing House Regulations and as further specified in the relevant Contract Specification.

“**Settlement Price Assessment Period**” means the time set in the Contract Specification during which Trades will be assessed for the purposes of calculating a Daily Settlement Price or Exchange Delivery Settlement Price (EDSP);

“**Statement**” means the statements made available to Member Firms through LCH each Trading Day;

“**Standard Contract**” means a Series in a Listed Product which contains the standard parameters set out in the Contract Specifications;

“**Standard Series**” means a Series which is automatically created in the Trading System as opposed to being manually created;

“**Third Country Member Firm**” means Member Firms on whose behalf the Exchange is required to report pursuant to Article 26(5) of UK MiFIR;

“**Tick Size**” means the smallest increment by which the quoted price can be changed;

“**Trade**” means an Order Book Trade or a Bilaterally Negotiated Trade;

“**Trade Day**” means the date on which the Trade occurred;

“**Trade Report**” means a report sent to the Exchange containing the terms of an agreed Bilaterally Negotiated Trade.

“**Trade Reporting**” means the act of informing the Exchange of a Bilaterally Negotiated Trade (via entry by the Member into the Trading System or where permitted through a manual process using pre-defined templates) so that it can be considered for Recordation;

“**Trader ID**” means an alphanumeric ID created by the Exchange for the purposes of trading connectivity to the Exchange;

“**Trading Day**” means a day, other than a Saturday or a Sunday or other holiday, on which the Exchange makes available trading in a Listed Product as published in the Exchange trading calendar available at <http://www.lseg.com/derivatives/document-library>;

“**Trading Hours**” means the time during which Listed Products are available for trading as further detailed in the relevant Contract Specifications;

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“Trading System” means the electronic system operated by the Exchange for the trading of Listed Products;

“Transaction Reporting Field” means, for Third Country Member Firms, certain fields contained in the annex to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/590 as applied in the UK pursuant to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (and as amended by any relevant statutory instruments or powers exercised under such statutory instruments) following IP Completion Day (as defined in the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020) that the Exchange may require to be submitted for the purposes of meeting its transaction reporting obligation;

“UK MAR” means Regulation 596/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council on market abuse as applied in the UK pursuant to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (and as amended by any relevant statutory instruments) following IP Completion Day (as defined in the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020);

“UK MiFIR” means the Markets in Financial Instruments Regulation No. 600/2014 as applied in the UK pursuant to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (and as amended by any relevant statutory instruments) following IP Completion Day (as defined in the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020);

“Underlying” means the index, bond, interest rate or any other financial instrument on which a Listed Product may be based.

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CHAPTER 1

CORE RULES

1.1.1 Member Firms whose scope of business includes trading or Trade Reporting derivatives on the Exchange will be bound by CurveGlobal Markets Rules for all activity in relation to CurveGlobal Markets.

MEMBERSHIP

1.1.2 A Member Firm must at all times be authorised under relevant United Kingdom, or appropriate overseas legislation, or in the view of the Exchange be otherwise sufficiently regulated, in respect of capital adequacy, and fitness and probity.

1.1.3 The Exchange may consider a Person that is a legal entity to be appropriately authorised or sufficiently regulated if that Person is:

i) an investment firm, which has permission under Part 4A of FSMA to carry on a regulated activity which is an investment service or activity

ii) a credit institution, which has permission under Part 4A of FSMA to carry on the regulated activity of accepting deposits; or

iii) any other Person who:

(a) is of sufficiently good repute;

(b) has a sufficient level of trading ability, competence and experience;

(c) has, where applicable, adequate organisational arrangements; and

(d) has sufficient resources for the role they are to perform and, where applicable, clearing and settlement arrangements.

1.1.4 The Exchange's assessment of a Person's application for membership may include, but is not limited to, consideration of:

i) the scope of its authorisation or exemption, including where relevant, under the Regulated Activities Order and any applicable local law or regulation and

ii) evidence of the applicant's financial resources, its fitness and probity, and compliance with Rule 1.1.9.

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1.1.5 Where the Exchange deems it necessary to protect the integrity of its markets, action may be taken under Rule 1.1.6 without prior notice to the Member Firm concerned.

1.1.6 If, at any time, a Member Firm does not comply with Rule 1.1.3, or is the subject of an intervention order or an order having equivalent effect served by an authority responsible for the supervision or regulation of a regulated activity, or where a Third Country Member Firm does not comply with Chapter 6, the Exchange may:

- i) restrict the scope of business conducted on the Exchange by the Member Firm; or
- ii) terminate the membership of the Member Firm.

The Exchange may exclude a Member Firm from trading Listed Products or suspend its right to submit Trade Reports or place such other restrictions on the activities of the Member Firm as the Exchange considers necessary following any change in the circumstances of the Member Firm of the type described in section 1.1 and 1.2 of these Rules.

1.1.7 Member Firms may effect Trades in one of four capacities:

- i) Broker;
- ii) Reporting Broker (for Bilaterally Negotiated Trades only);
- iii) Market Maker; or
- iv) Proprietary Trader.

Where a Member Firm has the necessary regulatory authorisation, it may act in more than one of the above capacities.

1.1.8 Member Firms must provide the Exchange with details of all Registered Persons via the Member Portal when completing their membership application.

SUITABILITY

1.1.9 A Member Firm must, to ensure compliance with these Rules, at all times have:

- i) adequate trade execution, recording, reporting and clearing and settlement procedures and systems (where applicable) and, if relevant, Order and quote management procedures and systems;
- ii) sufficient staff with adequate knowledge, experience, training and competence;
- iii) adequate internal procedures and controls; and

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- iv) one or more compliance officers who shall be identified to the Exchange and be competent to advise the Member Firm and its employees on the application of these Rules.

1.1.10 Where the Exchange has reason to believe that a Member Firm is not conducting, or may not conduct, its operations in a business-like manner, and that requirements or restrictions are reasonably necessary to ensure that it does so, the Exchange may at any time:

- i) suspend, either in part or in full, a Member Firm's membership of the Exchange's Derivatives Market or its access to any of the Exchange's services;
- ii) impose on the Member Firm requirements relating to the Member Firm's level of staffing, training, internal procedures and controls or any other matter relevant to the continuing suitability of the Member Firm; or
- iii) restrict the scope of business conducted on the Exchange's Derivatives Market by the Member Firm.

1.1.11 In accordance with notification Rule 1.1.21, a Member Firm shall notify the Exchange immediately of any matter that is material to the Member Firm's suitability as a Member Firm.

Such matters shall include, but are not limited to:

- (i) the presentation of a petition for the winding up of the Member Firm or of a company which is a subsidiary or holding company of the Member Firm;
- (ii) the appointment of a receiver, administrator or trustee of the Member Firm;
- (iii) the making of a composition or arrangement with creditors of the Member Firm;
- (iv) where the Member Firm is a partnership, an application or the giving of notice to dissolve the partnership;
- (v) the imposition of disciplinary measures or sanctions on the Member Firm or any employee by any statutory, professional or other body exercising a regulatory or disciplinary jurisdiction, whether within the United Kingdom or elsewhere;
- (vi) an event equivalent to those identified in (i) to (v) above under overseas legislation; and
- (vii) any material change to any matter previously notified to the Exchange that is pertinent to the Exchange's consideration of a Member Firm's authorisation.

1.1.12 A Member Firm shall be bound by and observe:

- (a) these Rules (as amended from time to time);

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- (b) any Rules and procedures set out in any supplementary documentation issued by the Exchange under these Rules;
- (c) the provisions of any Notice; and
- (d) any requirement, decision or direction of the Exchange.

A Member Firm may appeal against a decision of the Exchange pursuant to these Rules and in accordance with Rule 1.1.20.

1.1.13 A Member Firm shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that its employees comply with all applicable obligations arising under these Rules.

1.1.14 The Exchange reserves the right to undertake an assessment of a Member Firm's compliance with these Rules at any time, which may particularly include:

- (a) Rule 1.1.9;
- (b) Rule 2.1.2; and
- (c) Rule 4.1.8.

In order to support the assessment, the Exchange may ask for such reasonable information as it deems fit from Member Firms. Where this is the case, Member Firms are required to respond in a timely and complete manner.

1.1.15 A former Member Firm shall be bound by these Rules in respect of all activities which took place prior to termination of its membership of CurveGlobal Markets (and which were subject to these Rules) until the latest of:

- i) one year after it ceases to be a Member Firm, unless a disciplinary proceeding has commenced against that Member Firm;
- ii) the date on which all of its Trades on the Exchange are settled and completed;
- iii) the date on which all outstanding subscriptions, charges or other sums due to the Exchange have been paid in full; or
- iv) the date on which a disciplinary proceeding brought against a Member Firm has been concluded.

RESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP

1.1.16 A Member Firm may resign by giving the Exchange at least three months written notice.

Such notifications should be made to the Membership Team at membership@lseg.com

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- 1.1.17 The Exchange may postpone the effective date of resignation and may impose other measures that it considers necessary for the protection of investors who may be Customers or the Counterparty of the Member Firm when the resignation would have otherwise become effective. The Member Firm shall supply, when required by the Exchange, such information concerning the circumstances of the resignation as shall, in the opinion of the Exchange, be necessary for it to determine whether to exercise its powers under this Rule.
- 1.1.18 The Exchange may, in its absolute discretion, refuse to accept a notice of resignation given by a Member Firm if the Exchange considers that any matter affecting the Member Firm should be investigated.
- 1.1.19 A Member Firm that has ceased to carry on business activities for which it was deemed suitable for membership may have its membership terminated with immediate effect or otherwise by the Exchange.

APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS

- 1.1.20 An applicant or Member Firm may appeal against a decision of the Exchange pursuant to these Rules and in accordance with the Rules in the compliance procedures.

Any appeal under this Rule shall be conducted in accordance with the compliance procedures set out in the Rule section 9.

There may be situations where the Exchange's decisions may not be appealed e.g. where the reversal of a decision would lead to market instability or disorder. However, in these cases, a complaint can be made against the Exchange's decision. Details of how to make a complaint can be found on the Exchange's website.

NOTIFICATIONS

- 1.1.21 A Member Firm shall, immediately upon becoming aware of any circumstances which have, will or may lead to a contravention of any of the Rules, including system problems, notify the Exchange of such circumstances in as much detail as is available to it. Failure of a Member Firm to notify the Exchange in such circumstances may result in a contravention of the Rules by the Member Firm.

A Member Firm's system problem is any in-house technical difficulty which prevents a Member Firm from accessing, viewing data from or submitting data to the Exchange's Trading Systems and the Designated Clearing House's Clearing System. Where a Member Firm provides Direct Market Access to customers, a customer system problem may also constitute a notifiable event.

Such notifications should be made to the Market Operations on (0044) (0) 20 7797 3617, STX 33617.

Member Firms shall report any dispute with any third party relating to a Trade to the Exchange at the earliest opportunity.

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1.1.22 A Member Firm shall notify the Exchange in writing, at least 21 calendar days in advance of the proposed effective date, of any proposed changes to its membership profile.

The Exchange would expect notification of, at a minimum, the following changes:

- i) name and address of the Member Firm;
- ii) senior executive officer or compliance officer of the Member Firm;
- iii) a change of control of the Member firm within the meaning given under FSMA;
- iv) scope of trading activity in relation to business conducted on the Exchange's Derivatives Market, including where Member Firms commence the provision of Direct Market Access;
- v) access to the Trading System; and
- vi) clearing arrangements in relation to a Member Firm's business on the Exchange's Derivatives Market, including clearing codes.

Such notifications should be made to the Membership Team via the Member Portal.

1.1.23 Member Firms shall inform the Exchange immediately of any amendments to the schedule of Registered Persons managed in the Member Portal.

ORDER AND QUOTE DELETION

1.1.24 Where a Member Firm would like to request the deletion of an Order or Quote, a Registered Person must contact the Exchange and provide the following information:

- i) the name of the Member Firm;
- ii) the Member Firm's identifier;
- iii) where relevant, the name of the non-Member firm and associated Trader ID(s)
- iv) the identity of the caller and a contact number;
- v) the reason for the request; and
- vi) the details of the Orders or Quotes to be deleted.

1.1.25 Subject to Rule 1.1.27, Market Operations will attempt to delete Orders or Quotes as soon as possible after receipt of a valid request to do so. However, if an Order or Quote is executed during the period between a Member Firm requesting deletion of its Orders or Quotes and

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the Market Operations effecting the deletions, the Member Firm will be obliged to honour the Order Book Trade.

- 1.1.26 Where a Member Firm identifies a system problem it shall inform the Exchange in accordance with notification Rule 1.1.21 and follow any subsequent instructions from the Exchange. A Registered Person may request the deletion of Orders or Quotes in relation to the Trader ID(s) for which it is permitted to act.

For the purposes of this Rule, a system problem would include, but not be restricted to, one preventing:

- i) a Member Firm accessing its Orders on the Trading System; or
- ii) a Market Maker maintaining, amending or deleting its Quotes.

- 1.1.27 Member Firms are reminded that, while Orders and Quotes remain on the Trading System they are firm and available for execution. Accordingly, it is essential that a Member Firm contact the Exchange as soon as possible when it experiences a systems failure, especially if it wishes to have its Orders or Quotes deleted from the Order Book. The Exchange may subsequently delete the Orders or Quotes in the Order Book at the Member's request, on a best endeavours basis and at the absolute discretion of the Exchange.

Once the systems problem is rectified, the Member Firm should contact Market Operations to notify them of this fact. The Member Firm can recommence Order or Quote input to the Trading System as soon as the systems problem is rectified.

- 1.1.28 If a Member Firm wishes to cancel a Trade it should seek guidance from the Market Supervision department on (0044) (0) 20 7797 1578, (STX 31578). All such requests will be dealt with in accordance with section 4.7 (for Order Book Trades) and section 5.6 (for Bilaterally Negotiated Trades).

GENERAL

- 1.1.29 A Member Firm may not inform a Customer that a trade is subject to these Rules unless the Order Book Trade is executed via CurveGlobal Markets' facilities, or in the case of a Bilaterally Negotiated Trade unless the trade has been Trade Reported and accepted by the Exchange.

This Rule ensures that a customer is not misinformed that a trade is subject to CurveGlobal Markets Rules when it is not. A Member Firm may however state on its business letters, notices and other publications that it is a Member Firm of the Exchange and may where it issues a confirmation inform a Customer that a Trade is subject to the Rules.

- 1.1.30 Where the Exchange considers it necessary to protect its interests or the quality of the market in any Listed Product, or to comply with applicable law or regulation, or in the circumstances specifically provided for in these Rules, it may require the Member Firm to provide information relating to the Customer in question.

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- 1.1.31 The Exchange reserves the right to bind Member Firms to prohibit or limit the distribution of Listed Products to retail investors, as defined in Regulation 2014/1286/EU as applied in the UK pursuant to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (and as amended by any relevant statutory instruments) following IP Completion Day (as defined in the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020). Members shall be informed of such prohibition or limitation via a Notice.
- 1.1.32 A Member Firm shall retain a record of each Trade entered into by it which is subject to these Rules for at least three years. Any such record shall be produced for inspection to the Exchange on demand and, where it is not retained in legible form, must be capable of being reproduced in that form.
- 1.1.33 All communication required to be provided to the Exchange under these Rules shall be in English.

COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

- 1.1.34 The Exchange may, at its discretion, waive the enforcement of these Rules.
- 1.1.35 The Exchange may request information from a Member Firm, or interview any employee of a Member Firm, about any matter which it considers may relate to these Rules, to the integrity of the Exchange's markets or which the Exchange may require for the purpose of compliance with applicable law or regulation.

Examples of the form of information which the Exchange may request include, but are not limited to, Trade data and voice recordings where applicable.

In relation to any request for information or interview, the Exchange would expect the following standards to be met:

- i) the provision of accurate information in a timely manner about the Member Firm's business and Trades in a format, electronic or otherwise, specified by the Exchange; or
 - ii) the interview of any employee, or agent of a Member Firm, which will be recorded in writing.
- 1.1.36 A Member Firm shall comply or procure compliance with any requirement of the Exchange made pursuant to these Rules.
- 1.1.37 A Member Firm is responsible to the Exchange for the conduct of its employees and agents when conducting Exchange business. Such conduct shall be treated for the purposes of these Rules as conduct of the Member Firm.
- 1.1.38 A Member Firm shall not knowingly provide the Exchange with any information (including information for the purpose of becoming a Member Firm) which is false, misleading or

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inaccurate and shall comply or procure compliance with a request by the Exchange for explanation or verification of information provided to the Exchange.

1.1.39 The Exchange may disclose information and documents:

- i) to co-operate, by the sharing of information and documents and otherwise, with any recognised exchange or Designated Clearing House which clears and/or settles Trades concluded on the Exchange's Derivatives Market and any authority, body or Person in the United Kingdom or elsewhere having responsibility for the supervision or regulation of any regulated activity or other financial service or for law enforcement purposes;
- ii) for the purpose of enabling it to institute, carry on or defend any proceedings including any court proceedings;
- iii) for any purpose referred to in FSMA or any regulations or order under it;
- iv) under compulsion of law;
- v) for the purpose of enabling the Exchange to discharge its functions having regard in particular to the protection of investors and the maintenance of high standards of integrity and fair dealing; or
- vi) for any other purpose with the consent of the Person from whom the information was obtained and, if different, the Person to whom it relates.

1.1.40 If the Exchange considers that a Member Firm has contravened any of these Rules and considers that any sanction(s) as set out in the compliance procedures should be imposed it may refer the matter to the Executive Panel or the Disciplinary Committee as appropriate.

1.1.41 The Exchange may bring disciplinary proceedings against a former Member Firm whilst the former Member Firm is bound by these Rules.

1.1.42 Where cases against more than one Member Firm, but which concern related matters, are to be brought before the Disciplinary Committee or the Appeals Committee, the Exchange may decide, with the agreement of the Disciplinary Committee or the Appeals Committee, as appropriate, to bring such cases at the same time, if it would be fair and practicable to do so and with the agreement of the relevant Member Firm.

FEES

1.1.43 Member Firms should note that all fees payable in relation to the execution, Recordation, Clearing or Expiration of a Contract relating to a Trade and other matters relative thereto shall be payable to the Designated Clearing House in accordance with instructions and invoices relating to such fees issued by the Designated Clearing House in respect of each calendar month.

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- 1.1.44 Member Firms shall pay fees (net of any incentives or discounts as appropriate) in accordance with the Fee Schedule on the Exchange's website and as amended from time to time.
- 1.1.45 Unless otherwise specified by the Exchange, any subscriptions, charges or other sums due to the Exchange shall be paid in full within 30 calendar days of receipt of the invoice.
- 1.1.46 In order to pay charges and sums due to the Exchange, the Exchange may require a Member Firm to execute and maintain in force a direct debit mandate in the Exchange's favour on a bank account in the United Kingdom.
- 1.1.47 Where a Member Firm fails to pay in accordance with these Rules other than in the case of legitimate dispute, the Exchange may terminate its membership without prejudice to any other action which the Exchange may take.

MEMBER FIRM CLEARING ARRANGEMENTS RULES

- 1.2.1 This section of the Rules (Rules 1.2.1 to 1.2.4) does not apply to Member Firms acting in a Reporting Broker capacity only.

Member Firms must either be a Clearing Member of a Designated Clearing House approved by the Exchange or have made satisfactory clearing arrangements with an entity in order to guarantee the clearing of any Trades executed on the Exchange.

- 1.2.2 In accordance with Rule 1.2.1 a Member Firm shall only be entitled to participate in trading at the Exchange if:

- (a) it is a Clearing Member; or
- (b) it is a Member Firm that is not a Clearing Member but has appropriate, legally effective contractual arrangements in place with a General Clearing Member of the Designated Clearing House pursuant to which:
 - (i) the General Clearing Member automatically becomes counterparty to a cleared derivative transaction by way of a Contract that immediately arises, following a Trade by the Member Firm, whether on own account or on behalf of a Customer (including by means of Direct Market Access by that Customer); and
 - (ii) the Member Firm simultaneously becomes counterparty to a cleared derivative transaction that immediately arises following a Trade by the Member Firm, whether on own account or on behalf of a Customer (including by means of Direct Market Access by that Customer).

Additionally, in order for any Member Firm to execute a Trade on behalf of a Customer (including by means of Direct Market Access by that Customer), that Member Firm must be satisfied that such Customer has appropriate, legally effective contractual arrangements in place pursuant to which the Customer becomes the counterparty to a cleared derivative

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transaction that immediately arises following such Trade pursuant to direct or indirect clearing arrangements with a Clearing Member.

- 1.2.3 A Member Firm (other than a Member Firm which has arranged for Trades in Listed Products entered into by it to be cleared by a General Clearing Member) shall open one or more Accounts at the Designated Clearing House for the Recordation of Contracts effected by the Member Firm. A Member Firm which intends to act as a Market Maker shall open one or more Accounts for the Recordation of Contracts entered into by it in the capacity of Market Maker specified for such purposes in the Clearing House Regulations.

A Member Firm which intends to enter into Trades on its own account shall open an Account for the Recordation of Contracts entered into by it on such basis specified for such purposes in the Clearing House Regulations.

A Member Firm which intends to act as a Broker shall open one or more of Accounts specified for such purposes in the Clearing House Regulations.

- 1.2.4 In accordance with Rule 1.2.1 a Member Firm shall maintain the necessary clearing arrangements, either directly or with a General Clearing Member acting on its behalf, and in particular is required:

- i) to maintain one or more accounts at a bank approved by the Designated Clearing House to ensure the timely clearing and Settlement of all Trades;
- ii) to complete such documents as may be required by the Designated Clearing House to facilitate physical Delivery of the relevant Underlying;
- iii) to satisfy the Exchange that arrangements are in place for the provision of Collateral by the Member Firm or its General Clearing Member as and when required in accordance with these Rules and the Clearing House Regulations;
- iv) to establish PPS arrangements; and
- v) to be bound by the Rules and procedures of the Designated Clearing House.

MARKET CONDUCT RULES

- 1.3.1 A Member Firm shall not, in respect of its business on or related to CurveGlobal Markets:
- i) do any act or engage in any course of conduct which creates or is likely to create a false or misleading impression as to the market in, or the price or value of, any Contract or Listed Product;
 - ii) cause a fictitious Trade or a false price to be input into the Exchange's systems;
 - iii) effect a Trade at any price which differs to an unreasonable extent from any firm price displayed on the Trading System in that Listed Product;

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- iv) do, or attempt, any act or engage in any course of conduct, which constitutes or is likely to constitute market abuse under UK MAR;
- v) do any act or engage in any course of conduct which is likely to damage the fairness or integrity of the Exchange's markets, or harm the reputation or interests of the Exchange;
- vi) inadequately supervise its employees, agents, or Customers (only in the circumstances set out in Rule 4.1.6 (iii)), when conducting Exchange business; or
- vii) do any act or engage in any course of conduct which causes, intentionally assists, or contributes to, a breach of these Rules by another Member Firm.

1.3.2 A Member Firm submitting an Order or Quote to the Trading System is responsible for that Order or Quote under Rule 1.3.1. This applies whether the Order is submitted by the Member Firm itself or has been automatically routed from a third party (whether another Member Firm or not).

All Orders and Quotes entered on to the Order Book are firm. While the Exchange understands that trading decisions of Member Firms may change, Member Firms should not enter Orders onto the Order Book with the intention of deleting or otherwise amending them before execution. This can give a potentially misleading impression of the level of liquidity in the market.

1.3.3 A Member Firm trading in a Listed Product shall not do any act or engage in any course of conduct the sole or main intention of which is to move the price of that Listed Product or the level of any index.

1.3.4 A Member Firm shall not act whether in isolation or in concert with one or more Member Firms or with members of other trading venues on which an Underlying is traded or with any other Person in such a way as would tend to distort the market in any Listed Product.

1.3.5 Rule 1.3.3 and 1.3.4 do not preclude a Member Firm from pursuing a bona fide trading strategy, such as dealing on own account or on behalf of Customers, or from effecting Trades in the normal course of its business. However, in all cases, a Member Firm should ensure that it is in a position to be able to justify to the Exchange that, in effecting a Trade or pursuing a particular trading strategy, it acted in pursuit of a bona fide commercial purpose.

The Exchange is likely to seek further information and detailed explanations from a Member Firm in respect of any activity that appears to amount to a breach of Rule 1.3.

Should a Member Firm have concerns about whether a particular trading strategy might be called into question by the Exchange, they should contact the Market Supervision department on (0044) (0) 20 7797 1578 (STX 31578), as far in advance as possible, to discuss the proposed strategy. All such enquiries will be treated in the strictest confidence by the Exchange.

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- 1.3.6 A Member Firm shall not submit Orders or Quotes to the Trading System for the purpose of testing any systems or controls.

The Exchange expects Member Firms to test their systems or controls prior to submitting Orders, Quotes or Trade Reports to the Trading System.

- 1.3.7 Testing on the Trading System is prohibited as it has the potential to impact the market, particularly as testing may result in unusually priced and/or sized Orders or Quotes being entered. The Exchange relies on Member Firms to submit only bona fide business to the Trading System. Submitting Orders or Quotes to the Trading System for the purpose of testing a Member Firm's or its Direct Market Access Customer's systems or controls is not an acceptable market practice.

This Rule is not intended to preclude a Member Firm from:

- i) pursuing a bona fide trading strategy, as principal or on behalf of a Customer, or from effecting Trades in the normal course of its business. To ensure that the quality of the Trading System and the trading service is maintained, a Member Firm should, on request, be able to demonstrate to the Exchange that, in submitting an Order, Quote or Trade Report or pursuing a particular trading strategy, it acted pursuant to a bona fide trading strategy and not in order to test its systems or controls; or
- ii) using algorithms to submit Orders or Quotes to the Trading System provided there was the intent to execute a bona fide transaction at the point the Order or Quote was entered into the system, and that the Member complies with all other obligations, including Rules 1.1.9 (adequate systems and controls) and 1.3.1 (misleading acts, conduct and prohibited practices) so as to maintain the integrity of the market.

EMERGENCY PROVISIONS

- 1.4.1 Where the Exchange considers that circumstances exist which have an adverse effect on the trading services provided by the Exchange, or the related clearing services provided by the Designated Clearing House, or which affect the quality of the market in any Listed Product, the Exchange may take such action as it considers necessary at its sole discretion.

The forms of action which the Exchange may take under this Rule include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

- i) closure of the market;
- ii) suspending or restricting the trading services of the Exchange or any part thereof;
- iii) suspending or restricting trading in one or more Listed Products;
- iv) amending these Rules including the terms of any Listed Product;

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- v) suspend or restrict the reporting of Trades in one or more instruments;
- vi) requesting the Designated Clearing House to take any action in relation to its clearing services as is required in the circumstances, including, without limitation, amending the terms of Contracts; or
- vii) amending the calendar date on which the Last Trading Day or Settlement Day are to take effect, subject to the emergency situations described in Rule 1.4.11(ii).

For the avoidance of doubt, the Exchange reserves the right to suspend or remove a Listed Product from trading where it references a single underlying and that underlying has itself been suspended or removed from trading.

1.4.2 Where the Designated Clearing House suspends the provision of its clearing services to the Exchange, the Exchange may:

- i) suspend or restrict the trading services of the Exchange or any part thereof;
- ii) suspend or restrict trading in one or more Listed Products;
- iii) amend these Rules including the terms of any Listed Product; or
- iv) take such other action as is considered appropriate in the circumstances.

1.4.3 Any active Order or Quote placed on the Order Book after trading in a Standard Series which has been suspended or any Order or Quote which breaches any restriction on trading under this Rule shall be null and void.

1.4.4 In taking action under this Rule, the Exchange will have regard to the interests of Member Firms generally in the circumstances and will act in an impartial manner.

Where the Exchange has taken any action pursuant to this Rule, it shall notify Member Firms of such fact at the earliest opportunity. Notice thereof and of the reasons giving rise to the action shall be given to Member Firms as soon as possible by the most appropriate method.

1.4.5 On emergency closure or the suspension of trading in particular Standard Series, the placement of Orders and the execution of Trades will cease until further notice either generally or in relation to the Standard Series in which trading has been suspended.

1.4.6 Orders and Quotes relating to a Standard Series which are stored on the Order Book at the time at which trading in that Standard Series is suspended will normally remain on the Order Book but will not be capable of being executed against until trading in that Standard Series resumes. In these circumstances, Orders will retain their normal priority.

1.4.7 The Exchange reserves the right, owing to technical reasons or in pursuit of maintaining an orderly market, to remove all existing Orders and Quotes from the Order Book. In such cases

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the Exchange will inform Member Firms of the circumstances and of the need to re-enter Orders or Quotes on the Order Book upon the removal of the suspension.

- 1.4.8 Where trading in a Listed Product is restricted or suspended at the time of Expiration, the Exchange may impose the closure and cash settlement of all open positions in that Listed Product. In such cases, the Exchange shall determine the Exchange Delivery Settlement Price by reference to the latest available Underlying price or value. In exceptional cases, the Exchange may also establish the Exchange Delivery Settlement Price taking into account any other objective elements that may be available at the time. In such circumstances, Member Firms will be informed via a Notice.
- 1.4.9 Normal trading shall be resumed following emergency closure or the suspension of trading in a particular Listed Product as soon as the Exchange is satisfied that the circumstances permit. The Exchange shall inform Member Firms of such resumption of trading as soon as reasonably practical.
- 1.4.10 Without prejudice to Rules 1.4.1 – 1.4.9, The Exchange will not exercise its power to suspend or remove from trading a Listed Product which no longer complies with these Rules where such a step would be likely to cause significant damage to the interests of investors or the orderly functioning of the market. Any decision taken in accordance with Rule 1.4.10 does not prejudice or limit in any way any future action the Exchange may determine is appropriate to take under Rules 1.4.1 – 1.4.9.
- 1.4.11 Where the Exchange takes action under Rule 1.4.1 (vii):
- i) such action shall take precedence over:
 - a) any provisions contained in the Contract Specification that indicates on which calendar date the Last Trading Day or Settlement Day should fall;
 - b) or any publication, Notice or communication previously given specifying on which calendar date the Last Trading Day, Settlement Day, or Delivery Day will fall;
 - ii) such action is to be taken in emergency situations only including, but not limited to, where it becomes apparent that the published Last Trading Day, Settlement Day, or Delivery Day do not fall on a Trading Day. The Exchange shall endeavour to give all reasonable notice in good time ahead of any such amendment, but in any event shall communicate such amendment to the market via a Notice. The Exchange shall in its sole and absolute discretion determine when such emergency situation exists. The Exchange's decision shall be final.

FORCE MAJEURE

- 1.5.1 An event of force majeure shall mean any occurrence outside the control of a Member or Central Counterparty as party to a Contract which hinders, delays or prevents the performance in whole or in part by the Member or the Central Counterparty affected of its obligations under that

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Contract as determined by the Exchange (or in accordance with the Designated Clearing House Regulations where applicable). Such an event may include, but is not limited to any act of God, riot, civil commotion, war, fire, act of terrorism, explosion, storm, earthquake, flood, drought, strike, sabotage, blockade or embargo, war, machinery or equipment breakdown, or widespread computer unavailability.

- 1.5.2 Neither the Exchange nor a Member shall be deemed to be liable for any failure, hindrance or delay in performance in whole or in part of its obligations under the terms of these Rules or of any Contract if such failure, hindrance or delay arises out of a force majeure event.
- 1.5.3 Where a Member believes it is prevented from performing any of its obligations under a Contract due to an event of force majeure, that Member shall notify the Exchange promptly in writing.
- 1.5.4 Where the Exchange (in consultation with the Designated Clearing House where appropriate) determines that an event of force majeure has occurred and such event has hindered, delayed or prevented the Member from performing under a Contract for a significant period of time, the Designated Clearing House shall be entitled to invoice back some or all of the Contracts in accordance with the Clearing House Regulations. In such cases, the Exchange shall calculate the price at which Contracts will be invoiced back. The decision of the Exchange in determining an event of force majeure has occurred and the price at which Contracts will be invoiced back shall be final.

CHAPTER 2**ELECTRONIC ACCESS RULES**

- 2.1.1 Member Firms that wish to maintain an electronic trading connection to the Exchange shall, subject to adequately demonstrating an ability to comply with Rule 2.1.2, enter into the relevant access, connectivity and software license agreements as amended from time to time (collectively referred to in this 2.1 as “Agreements”) enabling access to the Exchange and shall comply with this Rule. Breach of any provision of these Agreements shall constitute a breach of these Rules. Member Firms shall contact the Exchange for a list of all market access connectivity providers and for all relevant information on these solutions, including fees payable.
- 2.1.2 A Member Firm that has an electronic trading connection to the Exchange shall on an ongoing basis:
- (a) employ adequate pre-trade controls on price, volume and value of Orders, and usage of the Trading System;
 - (b) employ adequate post-trade controls on its trading activities;
 - (c) only employ staff who use and oversee the electronic trading connection that meet Rule 1.1.9(ii);
 - (d) comply with all technical and functional conformance testing required by the Exchange from time to time or applicable law or regulation, but at least prior to the deployment or a substantial update of:
 - (i) the access to the Trading System; or
 - (ii) the Member Firm’s trading infrastructure, trading algorithm or trading strategy.
 - (e) where relevant to the scale, nature and complexity of its business, establish “kill switch” functionality allowing for immediate cancellation of any or all unexecuted Orders or Quotes placed through its electronic connection; and
 - (f) only provide Direct Market Access in accordance with Rule 4.1.8.
- 2.1.3 A Member Firm that operates or plans to operate an algorithm shall, prior to the deployment or substantial update of a trading algorithm or trading strategy related to that algorithm, ensure the algorithm has been tested so as to avoid contributing to or creating disorderly trading conditions.

A Member Firm must certify to the Exchange, through the Member Portal, that this testing has taken place; any Order or Quote message specifying the use of an algorithm as the decision-maker for that Order or Quote by way of a short code shall be taken as confirmation

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from the Member Firm that the algorithm has been adequately tested in accordance with this Rule. Member Firms must report the long code associated with the short code in accordance with Rule 4.2.5 and, in addition, must describe in the Member Portal how algorithms are tested.

- 2.1.4 Equipment and computer programs which are required for the purposes of the electronic connection to the Exchange's Trading Systems and the Designated Clearing House's Clearing Systems are specified in the technical documentation. The Exchange reserves the right to prohibit the connection of equipment or the use of programs which have not been specified by the Exchange and to carry out such tests of the said equipment or programs at the expense of the Member Firm as the Exchange considers necessary.

The costs of equipment supplied by third parties and the installation and maintenance thereof shall be paid by the Member Firm.

The Exchange reserves the right to set requirements as well as demand information regarding such computer program's construction and functionality from Member Firms or computer program suppliers. The Exchange reserves the right to conduct tests of the computer program based on the requirements stipulated by the Exchange from time to time and information that has been obtained (certification). Additional certification can, when deemed necessary by the Exchange, be requested by the Exchange.

- 2.1.5 Where a Member Firm installs software supplied by the relevant providers, it shall ensure that such software is the latest version in force together with system program software in the latest version specified by the relevant providers.
- 2.1.6 The Member Firm shall ensure that employees for technical and system matters are contactable and have access to the necessary systems throughout the period starting one hour before trading commences at the Exchange and ending one hour after the close of trading on any Trading Day.
- 2.1.7 The Exchange may take immediate action to restrict, suspend or to terminate a Member Firm's electronic connection if it is satisfied that the manner in which such connection has been used by the Member Firm justifies such action in the interests of protecting the proper functioning of the Exchange's trading and clearing operations. The Exchange may also take such action where a request has been received by the Exchange from a Member Firm, Clearing Member, the Designated Clearing House, or Regulatory Authority.
- 2.1.8 The Exchange may inspect the electronic equipment used by a Member Firm for the purposes of its trading, clearing and Market Data connection to the Exchange at all times during normal business hours.
- 2.1.9 The Member Firm shall comply with all security instructions given by the Exchange and the relevant providers in relation to the use of the Member Firm's electronic trading connection. The Member Firm shall take such other steps as are reasonably required to prevent unauthorised access to the Exchange's trading, clearing and Market Data systems. The Member Firm shall allow the Exchange access to its premises for such purposes. Save in

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exceptional circumstances, the Exchange shall give the Member Firm prior notice of its intended inspection.

- 2.1.10 The Member Firm shall be liable for all instructions regarding the placing, variation or cancellation of Orders given by way of the Member Firm's electronic connection and for all Order Book Trades executed in consequence thereof. Additionally, a Member Firm is responsible for all instructions provided to the Exchange as a Trade Report. A Member Firm shall be bound by the terms of any Contract entered into by the Designated Clearing House in relation to all matters reported to the Exchange by means of such Member Firm's electronic connection or Trade Reports whether or not such instructions or reports are submitted by a person authorised to use the electronic connection of the Member Firm.

CHAPTER 3

RULES FOR ADMITTING STANDARD CONTRACTS TO TRADING

GENERAL

- 3.1.1 The Exchange provides automated trading facilities to its Member Firms for trading Standard Contracts.
- 3.1.2 The Contract Specifications for Standard Contracts are set out within the CurveGlobal Markets Contract Specifications document which forms part of the Rules.
- 3.1.3 The Exchange may decide at any time to cease to admit one or more Series to trading if in the view of the Exchange the requirements of a proper market in such Standard Contract are no longer satisfied or any other circumstances exist which it considers require such action. In such circumstances, the Exchange may also change the Expiration Day for the Series in question in conjunction with the Designated Clearing House. Member Firms shall be informed in advance via a Notice of any intended adjustment.
- 3.1.4 Information regarding any Standard Series which are currently available for trading is disseminated via HSVF.

ADMISSION OF NEW SERIES TO TRADING

- 3.2.1 The Exchange reserves the right to adjust the Listing Day for any existing Standard Contract where such adjustment is deemed necessary in the interest of the market. Member Firms shall be informed in advance via a Notice of any intended adjustment.
- 3.2.2 The Exchange will publish the Contract Specification for any new Standard Contract prior to the start of trading on the Trading System or acceptance of Trade Reports.
- 3.2.3 The Listing Day for each Standard Contract is found in the relevant Contract Specification.

CHAPTER 4

TRADING RULES

GENERAL

- 4.1.1 A Trade is considered a CurveGlobal Markets Trade if it is effected automatically on the Order Book as an Order Book Trade or is accepted by the Exchange as a Bilaterally Negotiated Trade in accordance with section 5 of these Rules.
- 4.1.2 Each Order or Quote submitted onto the Order Book shall be firm.
- 4.1.3 Standard Series are traded through the electronic Trading System, via the submission of Orders or Quotes, or as Bilaterally Negotiated Trades.
- 4.1.4 Members shall be subject to Exchange operated controls, as further specified in the CurveGlobal Markets Trading Services Description, related to:
- (a) price collars;
 - (b) a maximum value per order; and
 - (c) a maximum volume per order.
- Members may request an amendment to the parameters used in the controls enumerated under (a)-(c) by contacting Market Supervision. However, any amendment to the parameters shall be at the sole discretion of the Exchange.
- 4.1.5 Additionally, Members shall be subject to controls related to the number of Order or Quote messages per Trade, as further described in Exchange guidance maintained on the Exchange's website at <http://www.lseg.com/derivatives/document-library>.
- 4.1.6 Any obligations and liabilities arising from the submission of electronic messages and Orders to the Trading System under a Member Firm's trading codes are the responsibility of that Member Firm. The Member Firm shall, at all times, have sufficient order management systems, procedures and controls designed to prevent the entry of erroneous Orders and Quotes to the Trading System.
- 4.1.7 A Member Firm submitting an Order or a Quote to the Trading System is responsible for that Order or Quote. If an Order has been submitted by or automatically routed from a third party (whether another Member Firm or not), then the Member Firm should consider how it is going to control the order flow.
- 4.1.8 Where permitted by applicable law or regulation, a Member Firm may provide a Customer with Direct Market Access.

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Member Firms providing Customers with Direct Market Access should be aware that:

- i) they are responsible for all obligations and liabilities arising from the entry, deletion and execution of all Orders submitted by those Customers;
- ii) remain responsible to the Exchange for all Trades executed using their Member Firm's identifier;
- iii) they shall have adequate systems and effective controls, including pre- and post-trade controls, to ensure that the provision of Direct Market Access does not adversely affect compliance with CurveGlobal Markets Rules, lead to disorderly trading, or facilitate conduct that may involve market abuse;
- iv) they should conduct appropriate due diligence on the Customers prior to providing them with Direct Market Access, including at least the specific requirements set out in article 22(2) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/589 as applied in the UK pursuant to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (and as amended by any relevant statutory instruments) following IP Completion Day (as defined in the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020), and ensure Customers apply those same standards where sub-delegation of Direct Market Access occurs. The level of due diligence on such Customers may be adapted to the risks posed by the nature, scale and complexity of their expected trading, and the service being provided.
- v) they must have the ability to differentiate between different Direct Market Access Customer flow, in particular where sub-delegation of Direct Market Access has been permitted, and where appropriate the ability to delete Customer's Orders or restrict the Customer's ability to submit Orders to the Trading System without having the express consent of the Customer. These actions may be instigated unilaterally by the Member Firm or at the specific instruction of the Exchange; and
- vi) they should require Customers to whom they provide Direct Market Access to comply at all times with applicable law and regulations, and with CurveGlobal Markets Rules.
- vii) they must notify the Exchange via the Member Portal that they will be providing Customers with Direct Market Access to the Exchange.

4.1.9 In determining whether an Order or Quote is erroneous and whether to take action to adjust or cancel a Trade, the Exchange may ask the Member Firm for details of the background to the Order or Quote. Below is a non-exhaustive list of scenarios where the Exchange may query an Order or a Quote with a Member Firm:

- i) an aggressively priced limit order that executes against a significant number of Orders on one side of the Order Book, which could take place, for example, if price and size have been entered in the wrong fields; or

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- ii) an Order that is divided into sizes either not intended by the Member Firm or which are so small or so large as to be inappropriate.

4.1.10 Member Firms should aim to prevent the entry of erroneous Orders and Quotes to the Trading System and should ensure that their systems are designed to identify and prevent the entry of such Orders and Quotes. In determining whether a Member Firm's systems are adequate in this regard, Member Firms should consider the use of controls and system alerts, which may be based on some or all of the following:

- i) the current spread in the market;
- ii) trader, Listed Product-specific or firm-wide size and price limits;
- iii) the likely movement in the price of the Listed Product if the Order or Quote is submitted; and
- iv) a minimum and maximum notional value per Order or Quote.

The above list is not exhaustive and Member Firms are likely to wish to develop their own bespoke controls and system alerts to prevent the entry of Orders and Quotes which, because of their price, size and/or nature, could impact on the smooth running of the market.

4.1.11 Member Firms should be aware that in deciding what action to take against a Member Firm for the submission of any apparently erroneous Order or Quotes, the Exchange will consider both the potential and the actual market impact. It will also have regard to the relative frequency with which the Member Firm submits such Orders or Quotes.

4.1.12 The Exchange reserves the right to delete any Order or Quote submitted on to the Order Book where the Exchange believes it necessary in order to preserve market orderliness.

4.1.13 When using the Trading System to submit Orders and Quotes, a Member Firm shall comply with the procedural, operational and technical requirements of the Exchange's systems and networks as specified by the Exchange from time to time.

4.1.14 Where an Order Book Trade is executed in accordance with these Rules or the Exchange accepts a Trade Reporting request for a Bilaterally Negotiated Trade relating to a Listed Product, a Contract between each Member Firm involved in the in the Trade (or as the case may be a Member Firm's General Clearing Member) and the Designated Clearing House will automatically arise.

4.1.15 An application for Re-Registration of a Contract in a Listed Product shall take effect from the time at which the Exchange confirms to the Designated Clearing House that such application has been accepted and the Designated Clearing House amends the particulars recorded in its Clearing System in accordance with such Request for Re-Registration and registers the Contracts in the appropriate Accounts in accordance with its terms.

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- 4.1.16 Where a Member Firm believes there is an error on a Statement that incorrectly reflects the trading and post-trade activity of the previous Trade day, this may be corrected if the Designated Clearing House is informed of the error within the timescales required by the Clearing House Regulations.
- 4.1.17 The Buyer and the Seller of a Contract have the rights and obligations to such Contract for the duration of the Contract.

ORDERS AND QUOTES

- 4.2.1 On placing an Order or Quote a Member Firm offers to buy or to sell the products in the Series in accordance with the terms specified in the Order or Quote. Such Order or Quote shall contain the number of lots; this number may be any whole number in excess of one, subject to the maximum amount for the Listed Product in question. This Order or Quote is construed as an offer and remains open for acceptance unless and until the Order or Quote is modified or cancelled by the Member Firm.
- 4.2.2 Orders or Quotes placed by a Member Firm may be executed by other Member Firms. Where a bid or an offer is executed in this way, an Order Book Trade will result on the Exchange and a Contract shall immediately arise with the Designated Clearing House. Subject to risk and other operational checks, the Designated Clearing House shall Record the resulting Contract in the Account of the Member Firm or Member Firms which are parties to the Trade.
- 4.2.3 A Member Firm shall ensure that it holds a validated, issued and duly renewed ISO 17442 legal entity identifier code at all times.
- 4.2.4 For each Order or Quote placed, cancelled or modified Member Firms shall populate all mandatory Order or Quote message fields in a complete and accurate manner, including but not limited to information related to the identification of the relevant parties, trading capacity and liquidity provision, as specified in the technical specifications maintained on the Exchange's website at <http://www.lseg.com/derivatives/document-library>.
- 4.2.5 Member Firms shall have appropriate controls in place to ensure that each message field is accurately populated, including using the correct short code where relevant. Acceptance of a message by the Exchange does not provide or imply that the Exchange considers this requirement has been met. In the event a Member Firm discovers one or more fields are inaccurately populated, including population of one or more fields with an incorrect short code, a Member Firm must report this to the Exchange immediately.
- 4.2.6 Member Firms that use short codes must:
- (a) ensure each short code is unique at level of the Member Firm; and
 - (b) populate the associated long codes through the Member Portal as soon as is practical but in any event before 18:00 London time on the day the short code is used. Orders entered after 18:00 London time must use short codes that are correctly mapped to long codes.

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- 4.2.7 On placing an Order into the Order Book Member Firms should ensure that the value of the Order does not exceed the maximum permitted size for the Listed Product in question. Member Firms should note that any Order placed on the Order Book which exceeds the applicable maximum permitted size shall be rejected. Member Firms will receive a message stating this. Price and quantity restrictions are detailed in the CurveGlobal Markets Trading Services Description on the Exchange's website.
- 4.2.8 The Tick Size applicable for trading on the Order Book is described in the relevant Contract Specification.
- 4.2.9 A Member Firm, or in certain limited cases a non-Member Firm where specified on a Derivatives Registered Persons Form filed with and accepted by the Exchange, may contact Market Operations to cancel an Order or Quote originated from the electronic Trading System. Such requests must be from a Registered Person according to Rule 1.1.8. The Exchange may subsequently delete the Order(s) or Quotes in the Order Book at the Member's request, on a best endeavours basis and at the absolute discretion of the Exchange.

MARKET MAKING AGREEMENTS

- 4.3.1 Where a Member Firm trading on its own account is pursuing a Market Making Strategy in Listed Products at a Competitive Price, the Member Firm shall immediately notify the Exchange. Upon such occurrence, the Member Firm shall subsequently enter into a Market Making Agreement without delay.
- 4.3.2 A Member Firm that is party to a Market Making Agreement shall meet the obligations laid down therein for each Trading Day of the relevant Listed Product.
- 4.3.3 The Exchange may in its absolute right and sole discretion, either at the request of a Member Firm party to a Market Making Agreement or of its own accord, declare from time to time Exceptional Circumstances are in force in certain specified Listed Products. The Exchange will typically make a declaration of Exceptional Circumstances public to the entire market, except to the extent the conditions outlined in article 3(d)(i) – (iii) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/578 as applied in the UK pursuant to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (and as amended by any relevant statutory instruments or powers exercised under such statutory instruments) following IP Completion Day (as defined in the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020) are specific to an individual investment firm, in which case investment firms party to a Market Making Agreement may be notified of the existence of Exceptional Circumstances bilaterally, which shall apply only to those specific investment firms notified. The Exchange will communicate the cessation of Exceptional Circumstances, which shall become effective at the time of the communication.
- 4.3.4 Member Firms party to a Market Making Agreement shall not be assessed against the obligations laid down therein during the period that Exceptional Circumstances are in force.
- 4.3.5 A Member Firm party to a Market Making Agreement may notify the Exchange of its intention to cease pursuing a Market Making Strategy in one or more Listed Products. Subject to the notice period set out in the Market Making Agreement the Exchange may accept the request.

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A Member Firm that recommences pursuing a Market Making Strategy in Listed Products at a Competitive Price is required to re-enter into a Market Making Agreement in accordance with Rule 4.3.1.

LIQUIDITY PROVISION AND OTHER INCENTIVE PROGRAMMES

4.4.1 The Exchange may offer Liquidity Provision Programmes or other incentive programmes from time to time. The Exchange may, at its sole discretion, waive or lessen obligations laid out in the relevant agreements.

POSITIONS, POSITION MAINTENANCE AND OPEN INTEREST

4.5.1 The Exchange shall publish a daily open interest figure which shall be based on the aggregated number of open positions across Members' Accounts. The daily open interest figure shall take into account any settlements and position adjustments as may be performed by Members before the Position Maintenance Deadline. The Position Maintenance Deadline is 10:30 London Time on the Trading Day following the day on which the Contract was initially registered in the Account.

Open interest for a Trading Day in Interest Rate Derivatives will be published on the next Trading Day.

4.5.2 The position in an Account held by a Member on a proprietary basis or on behalf of a Customer shall be the number of lots (long or short) that remain open. A position will not remain open if any of the following occurs:

- a Futures position is taken to delivery or cash settled; or
- the position is offset by trading in the market.

4.5.3 For all Listed Products:

- For Proprietary accounts or individual segregated accounts held by Members, positions shall be held net;
- For Customer Accounts, positions shall be held as the "gross of the nets" i.e. the gross sum of positions that are held net by each Customer on both the long and the short side.

4.5.4 Positions held in an Account held by a Member either on a proprietary basis or on behalf of a Customer shall be accurately maintained. Members are required to perform any position maintenance on such Accounts before the Position Maintenance Deadline specified under Rule 4.5.1. Where concurrent long and short positions are held in an Account, Members are responsible for determining whether such positions should be held gross or net and making such adjustments as may be necessary before the Position Maintenance Deadline.

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- 4.5.5 Where positions have been closed out through position maintenance Members may not reopen those positions again, except that in exceptional circumstances Members may apply to the Exchange for permission to do so.

EXCHANGE DETERMINATION OF DAILY SETTLEMENT PRICES AND, EXCHANGE DELIVERY SETTLEMENT PRICES

- 4.6.1 The Daily Settlement Price for Interest Rate Derivatives shall be calculated in the following manner:
- (a) Where the number of Trades executed during the Settlement Price Assessment Period meets or exceeds the pre-defined threshold set in the relevant Contract Specification:
 - (i) the Exchange shall calculate the Daily Settlement Price as a volume-weighted price of all such Trades rounded to the nearest tick increment;
 - (ii) the Exchange may at its absolute discretion exclude Trades, bids and offers from the calculation of settlement prices; and
 - (iii) prices of Bilaterally Negotiated Trades and implied trades will not be included in the volume weighted average calculation.
 - (b) Where the number of Trades executed during the Settlement Price Assessment Period falls below the pre-defined threshold set in the relevant Contract Specification, the Exchange shall employ a Fair Value model to determine the settlement price taking into account the following non- exhaustive factors: the index curve relevant to the Listed Product; the sovereign discount curve; the sovereign repo curve; and government bond prices.
- 4.6.2 The Exchange Delivery Settlement Price (EDSP) for Interest Rate Derivatives shall be calculated in the following manner:
- (a) For physically delivered Interest Rate Derivatives, the Exchange Delivery Settlement Price (EDSP) shall be calculated in accordance with Rule 4.6.1; and
 - (b) For cash settled Interest Rate Derivatives, the Exchange Delivery Settlement Price (EDSP) shall be calculated in accordance with the relevant Contract Specification.
- 4.6.3 In all cases, if in the opinion of the Exchange the prices calculated in accordance with the foregoing methodology under Rules 4.6.1 – 4.6.2 would not be consistent with the prevailing market conditions, or required inputs to the valuation method are not available and such calculation is thereby prevented, then the Exchange may fix any of the calculated prices as the case may require, at a level deemed to be appropriate in the absolute discretion of the Exchange taking into account such non-exhaustive factors as the previous Trading Day's settlement price and Trades, bids and offers in the Listed Product or related products during the Trading Day. The Exchange reserves the right, but is not obligated, to publish a revised

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EDSP if the price initially published is subject to update, amendment or correction by the party responsible for publishing that price.

- 4.6.4 In order to determine whether the Daily Settlement Price for all Interest Rate Derivatives or EDSP for physically delivered Interest Rate Derivatives calculated in accordance with Rule 4.6.1(a) reflects the prevailing market conditions, the Exchange shall consider the following non- exhaustive factors:
- (a) the volume of trading and the prices traded in the Interest Rate Derivative during the Daily Settlement Prices Assessment Period;
 - (b) the prices and volumes of Orders placed, modified or cancelled in the Listed Product during the determination period for the settlement price;
 - (c) the prices and Trades in related Listed Products or other relevant markets; and
 - (d) the conduct of participants during the determination period.

CANCELLATION OR ADJUSTMENT OF INCORRECT ORDER BOOK TRADES

- 4.7.1 The Exchange reserves the right to forcibly cancel or adjust any Order Book Trades without the permission of either Counterparty. Circumstances under which this can occur may include, but are not limited to:
- i) an error (technical or operational) on the part of the Exchange or its systems;
 - ii) material breach of any law, any of these Rules or any Rule of an affiliate company of the Exchange (such as the Designated Clearing House);
 - iii) the Exchange judges that cancellation or adjustment of the Order Book Trade would be in the interests of the market;
 - iv) where an Order Book Trade occurs on the basis of materially erroneous information.
- 4.7.2 The Exchange will only accept cancellation or adjustment requests from a Registered Person at the Member Firm as documented by the Member Firm in the Schedule of Registered Persons.
- 4.7.3 The Exchange's preferred option is to adjust rather than to cancel any Order Book Trade, but the decision to adjust or cancel an Order Book Trade is at the absolute discretion of the Exchange.
- 4.7.4 The Exchange shall not ordinarily consider a request for cancellation or adjustment of an Order Book Trade when such request relates only to the size of the Order Book Trade. Such an Order Book Trade may only be adjusted or cancelled under exceptional circumstances at the absolute discretion of the Exchange.

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- 4.7.5 A Member Firm that is considered by the Exchange to be requesting cancellations or adjustments of Trades with higher than average regularity may be warned by the Exchange or subject to other disciplinary processes.
- 4.7.6 Without prejudice to Rule 4.7.1, the Exchange shall not ordinarily consider a request for cancellation or adjustment of an Order Book Trade unless such Order Book Trade has been executed outside the fair market spread as detailed in Rule 4.7.10.
- 4.7.7 A request to cancel or adjust an Order Book Trade must be received by the Market Supervision department within 30 minutes of execution of the Order Book Trade or by 20:30, whichever is sooner in order to be processed on the Trade Day. No Order Book Trade will usually be considered for cancellation or adjustment if the request is received more than 30 minutes after the Trade has executed. Where a request to cancel or adjust a Trade is received after 20:30 but within the 30 minutes of the Order Book Trade, the cancellation may be processed the next Trading Day.
- 4.7.8 On receiving a request from a Member Firm to cancel or adjust an Order Book Trade, if the Exchange agrees to the request it will contact the other Counterparty and request that the Order Book Trade be cancelled or adjusted. Should the Counterparty agree, the Order Book Trade will be considered for cancellation or adjustment by the Exchange.
- 4.7.9 If the Counterparty does not agree to cancel or adjust the Order Book Trade, the Exchange will establish whether the Order Book Trade has been executed outside the fair market spread. If the price of the Order Book Trade is strictly outside of the fair market spread, the Exchange will consider cancelling or adjusting the Order Book Trade. The fair market spread will be the Fair Value of the Futures Contracts plus or minus the Futures Contract Value Range as detailed in the CurveGlobal Markets Trading Services Description.
- 4.7.10 In order to calculate the Fair Value of an Interest Rate Derivative for the time of the Order Book Trade the Exchange will use a pricing model with the following non-exhaustive inputs (as applicable):
- i) the index curve relevant to the Listed Product;
 - ii) the sovereign discount curve;
 - iii) the sovereign repo curve; and
 - iv) Government bond prices;
- 4.7.11 If the decision is made to adjust the Order Book Trade, the adjusted price will ordinarily be the Fair Value of the Futures Contract plus or minus the Futures Contract Value Range described in the CurveGlobal Markets Trading Services Description.
- 4.7.12 In exceptional cases, the Exchange may decide to cancel or adjust Order Book Trades that occurred inside the fair market spread (as detailed in Rule 4.7.10) at its absolute discretion.

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POSITION MANAGEMENT POWERS

- 4.8.1 The Exchange has the right to request information on positions held, controlled or carried by Member firms. This includes positions for both proprietary and Customer business, including omnibus accounts and positions held at other firms. The Exchange's authority extends to obtaining ancillary information related to the position or positions of interest, including the nature of the Contracts and related cash positions, and the trading rationale for such holdings. The Exchange's authority to obtain ancillary information is limited to information that the Exchange requires for the discharge of its obligations and limited to information that the Member firms can reasonably obtain. It is the responsibility of Member firms to obtain the requested information and provide it to the Exchange in a timely manner. Failure to provide the information to the Exchange may result in the Exchange directing the Member to close a position out.
- 4.8.2 For purposes of Rule section 4.8, the Exchange shall consider the positions of a Person to be those positions controlled directly or indirectly by that Person. Where the Exchange deems that two or more Persons are acting according to an express or implied agreement to cooperate, the positions shall be assessed by the Exchange as if they were held by the same Person.
- 4.8.3 Where the Exchange determines, in light of circumstances, that exercising position management powers would be proportionate to ensure the fair and orderly functioning of the market (such as to ensure orderly Delivery or Settlement of a Contract, or to manage the occurrence or potential occurrence of market abuse), the Exchange reserves the right to exercise position management powers where it may:
- i) direct a Member not to increase a position;
 - ii) direct a Member to reduce a position; or
 - iii) unilaterally reduce or close out a Member's position.
- 4.8.4 Members shall comply with all directions given by the Exchange under Rule 4.8.3 in a prompt manner. When closing positions, Members shall ensure they are exited in an orderly manner.

POSITION LIMIT RULES

- 4.9.1 The Exchange may set Position Limits prescribing the maximum number of Lots in a Standard Series which may be held by a Member Firm or a Customer at any time. Such Position Limits will be set by the Exchange in the interests of maintaining a proper market in the Listed Product in question.
- 4.9.2 Position Limits may also be set by the Exchange following discussions with the Designated Clearing House where the Exchange and the Designated Clearing House are satisfied that such action is necessary in order to manage the risk represented by the Member Firm in question.

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- 4.9.3 The Exchange will notify Member Firms of the imposition of Position Limits in relation to any Listed Product or of any variation in existing Position Limits.
- 4.9.4 A Member Firm shall not enter into any Trade in a Listed Product if such Trade would result in Position Limits applicable to the Listed Product in question being breached by the Member Firm or the Customer for whom the Member Firm is acting in relation to the Trade.
- 4.9.5 A Member Firm shall take such action as the Exchange may direct in order to rectify any breach of a Position Limit by the Member Firm. Where the Member Firm fails to act in accordance with instructions given by the Exchange in accordance with this Rule, the Exchange may take such action as it considers necessary in the circumstances including, without limitation, excluding the Member Firm from participation in trading at the Exchange and effecting in the name of and at the expense of the Member Firm such Trades as the Exchange at its sole discretion considers are necessary to cure the breach of the relevant Position Limit.
- 4.9.6 Breach of a Position Limit shall be a disciplinary offence under CurveGlobal Markets Rules. A Member Firm which has breached a Position Limit imposed by the Exchange will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with section 8. The Exchange may investigate positions registered in Accounts held by a Member Firm to establish whether the Member Firm has registered positions in more than one Account in an attempt to circumvent Position Limits applicable to such Member Firm.

CHAPTER 5**BILATERALLY NEGOTIATED TRADES & TRADE REPORTING RULES****GENERAL**

- 5.1.1 Members shall not pre-arrange transactions except in accordance with Section 5 of these Rules for Bilaterally Negotiated Trades and Trade Reporting.
- 5.1.2 A Bilaterally Negotiated Trade may be executed as a Block Trade, a Basis Trade, or an Exchange of Future for Swap.
- 5.1.3 A Bilaterally Negotiated Trade is considered a CurveGlobal Markets Trade if the Counterparties have agreed for such trade to be concluded under CurveGlobal Markets Rules and such trade is also reported to, and accepted by, the Exchange in accordance with these Rules. Trade Reports can only be accepted on valid Trading Days for the specific Listed Product as determined by the Exchange from time to time, and as further communicated on the Exchange's website at <http://www.lseg.com/derivatives/document-library>.
- 5.1.4 The provisions of this Rule provide for the Trade Reporting and Recordation of Bilaterally Negotiated Trades to the Exchange in Standard Series.
- 5.1.5 The acceptance of a Trade Report of a Bilaterally Negotiated Trade is at the discretion of the Exchange. If the Bilaterally Negotiated Trade is accepted a Contract between each Member Firm involved in the Bilaterally Negotiated Trade (or as the case may be a Member Firm's General Clearing Member) and the Designated Clearing House will automatically arise. The subsequent Recordation of the Contracts by the Designated Clearing House shall take place subject to customary risk and other operational checks. The acceptance of a Bilaterally Negotiated Trade by the Exchange will not however occur unless a corresponding Trade Report (executed in accordance with the service terms described in the CurveGlobal Markets Bilaterally Negotiated Trade Guidance document) is submitted to the Exchange and accepted by each Counterparty when required to do so by the Exchange.
- 5.1.6 The Exchange may issue guidance, policies or procedures on Bilaterally Negotiated Trades from time to time. A breach of any guidance, policy or procedures published under this Rule 5.1.6 by a Member may constitute a breach of the Rules by such Member.

BLOCK TRADES

- 5.2.1 Block Trades shall be made available in certain Listed Products as detailed by the Exchange from time to time. Where the Exchange permits Block Trades in strategies, the execution of each leg of the strategy will be simultaneous and contingent upon the execution of all other legs.
- 5.2.2 Each Counterparty to a Block Trade must carry all appropriate authorisations and regulatory licences, or hold relevant exemptions in appropriate cases, as is required by applicable laws in order to transact Block Trades.

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- 5.2.3 A Block Trade must be traded in quantities that meet the minimum block threshold as specified in the CurveGlobal Markets Bilaterally Negotiated Trade Guidance document, published and updated by the Exchange from time to time. For certain strategy trades that are Block Trades, the Exchange will require that each leg of the strategy meets the minimum volume threshold.
- 5.2.4 Members must not aggregate Orders from separate Customers in order to meet the minimum block thresholds, except in cases where a fund manager is acting on behalf of two or more Customers pursuant to the same trading strategy.
- 5.2.5 Block Trades must be traded at fair market value prices taking into account, at least, the size of the transaction as well as bids, offers and recently traded prices in the relevant Listed Product and related markets.
- 5.2.6 Block Trades must be Trade Reported to the Exchange in a complete and accurate manner by the time set down in the CurveGlobal Markets Bilaterally Negotiated Trade Guidance document relevant to the product traded.

BASIS TRADES AND EXCHANGE OF FUTURE FOR SWAPS

- 5.3.1 Basis Trade and Exchange of Future for Swaps transactions shall be made available for reporting to the Exchange in certain products and during such times as the Exchange authorises, as specified in the CurveGlobal Markets Bilaterally Negotiated Trade Guidance document (as amended from time to time).
- 5.3.2 As part of each Basis Trade or Exchange of Future for Swap transaction:
- i) the buyer of the Contract leg must also be the seller of (or have a short exposure associated with) the Related Position Leg;
 - ii) the seller of the Contract leg must also be the buyer of (or have a long exposure associated with) the Related Position Leg; and
 - iii) the execution of the Contract leg and Related Position leg is simultaneous and contingent upon the execution of each other.

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- 5.3.3 The Contract and the Related Position Leg must be executed for accounts with the same beneficial ownership. The opposing parties to a transaction in a Basis Trade or Exchange of Future for Swap must possess independently controlled accounts with different beneficial ownership unless, for transactions between accounts with beneficial ownership that is common to both the buyer and the seller:
- i) both the buyer and the seller have bona fide commercial rationale for executing the transaction; and
 - ii) there is no explicit or implicit form of common control between the buyer and the seller, and therefore absent a lack of common control they are acting independently.
- 5.3.4 Each component of a transaction in a Basis Trade or Exchange of Future for Swap must bear meaningful economic or financial risk related to all the other components. The Related Position leg must have meaningful economic effect such that there is a consequential bona fide ownership transfer of the underlying asset or a bona fide agreement with legally binding terms, as the context may require.
- 5.3.5 The Related Position Leg must bear reasonable equivalence in terms of physical and/or economic properties with the Underlying of the relevant Listed Product, including price correlation. Upon the request of the Exchange, Members must provide a justification as to how the related position is deemed equivalent.
- 5.3.6 The quantity of the Related Position Leg must be broadly equivalent to the quantity represented by the Contract when considered in light of the overall economic exposure between the two legs.
- 5.3.7 A transaction in a Basis Trade or Exchange of Future for Swap must be executed at a price that is reasonable in light of the commercial circumstances of the buyer and the seller.
- 5.3.8 Members must ensure that for a transaction in a Basis Trade or Exchange of Future for Swap, one of the legs meets the minimum threshold as specified in the CurveGlobal Markets Bilaterally Negotiated Trade Guidance document, published and updated by the Exchange from time to time.
- 5.3.9 Details of the transaction in a Basis Trade or Exchange of Future for Swap must be submitted to the Exchange via a Trade Report within the specified time and in the manner set down in the CurveGlobal Markets Bilaterally Negotiated Trade Guidance document.

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- 5.3.10 Members must maintain or cause to be maintained accurately all relevant records related to a transaction in a Basis Trade or Exchange of Future for Swap, including but not limited to: the placement, negotiation, execution and confirmation of the transaction; evidence of a bona fide underlying swap, forward or physical contract; payment records and/or proof of title transfer for the settlement of physical transactions; and futures statements. Members must produce such records in a timely manner at the request of the Exchange.

TRADE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- 5.4.1 Members must ensure a Bilaterally Negotiated Trade is reported to the Exchange (and where relevant confirmed) by the time specified by the Exchange for that Listed Product.
- 5.4.2 Members that are party to a Bilaterally Negotiated Trade must record the time of the verbal or written agreement of the terms of the Bilaterally Negotiated Trade. This may be requested by the Exchange from time to time to evidence the timely submission of Bilaterally Negotiated Trades.
- 5.4.3 In order to facilitate the acceptance of a Bilaterally Negotiated Trade as a Trade by the Exchange, a Trade Report of a Bilaterally Negotiated Trade in accordance with this Rule must be submitted directly to the Exchange by either:
- (a) using the appropriate automated technical functionality to submit the transaction details specified in the CurveGlobal Markets Trading Services Description; or
 - (b) submitting the transaction details to the Exchange by completing predefined email templates (as further described in the CurveGlobal Markets Bilaterally Negotiated Trade Guidance document).

The Exchange will inform each Member Firm (including any Reporting Broker) submitting such request promptly as to whether it has been accepted or not.

- 5.4.4 The Member Firm or the Reporting Broker must provide details of the Bilaterally Negotiated Trade they wish to report and must meet the criteria for acceptance as specified in the CurveGlobal Markets Bilaterally Negotiated Trade Guidance document.
- 5.4.5 The acceptance of a Trade Report will be at the discretion of the Exchange. Where relevant, parties to a Bilaterally Negotiated Trade must promptly confirm their participation in the Bilaterally Negotiated Trade to facilitate a timely acceptance.

EXCHANGE PRICE PARAMETER CONTROLS FOR TRADE REPORTING AND ACCEPTANCE

- 5.5.1 Bilaterally Negotiated Trades reported to the Exchange may be subject to Exchange price parameter controls as further described in the CurveGlobal Markets Bilaterally Negotiated Trade Guidance document. Where price controls are in place and a Bilaterally Negotiated Trade falls outside of the price control, the Exchange may refuse to accept the Trade. In such cases, no Contract will be formed and the Bilaterally Negotiated Trade may be renegotiated at the discretion of the parties.

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- 5.5.2 Without prejudice to Rule 5.5.1, the Exchange reserves the right in its absolute discretion to accept Bilaterally Negotiated Trades that fall outside the price control parameters, providing a request is promptly lodged with the Exchange by a Member firm. The decision of the Exchange as to whether to accept or reject a Bilaterally Negotiated Trade shall be final.
- 5.5.3 Where a Bilaterally Negotiated Trade is accepted by the Exchange, the relevant particulars will be communicated to the Designated Clearing House.
- 5.5.4 Where the Designated Clearing House is informed by the Exchange that a Trade Report has been received and accepted before the relevant deadline and agrees to register the resulting Contract or Contracts, the Contract(s) in question shall be registered by the Designated Clearing House on that day. Where a report is received by the Designated Clearing House after such time, the Contract(s) in question shall be considered for registration by the Designated Clearing House on the next Business Day for the market in question.

CANCELLATION OF INCORRECT BILATERALLY NEGOTIATED TRADES

- 5.6.1 The Exchange may, at its discretion accept requests from Member Firms to cancel or adjust the price of a Bilaterally Negotiated Trade. The Exchange will only accept such requests from a Registered Person at the Member Firm as documented by the Member Firm in the Schedule of Registered Persons. On receiving a request from a Member Firm to cancel a Bilaterally Negotiated Trade, the Exchange will contact the other Counterparty and request that the Trade be cancelled if in the opinion of the Exchange there are legitimate grounds for doing so. Should the Counterparty not agree, that will be taken into account in the Exchange's determination as to whether to cancel the Bilaterally Negotiated Trade.
- 5.6.2 Bilaterally Negotiated Trades will not be considered for cancellation if the request to cancel is received by the Market Supervision department after the close of business on the second Trading Day following the Trade Day. Where a request to cancel or adjust a Bilaterally Negotiated Trade is received after 20:30, the cancellation may be processed the next Trading Day provided however that is not later than 20:30 the second Trading Day following the Trade Day.
- 5.6.3 Where both Counterparties wish to make Account adjustments to a Bilaterally Negotiated Trade that has already been registered, the Rules for Re-Registration apply.
- 5.6.4 The Exchange reserves the right to forcibly cancel or price adjust any Bilaterally Negotiated Trades without the permission of either Counterparty.

CHAPTER 6**TRANSACTION REPORTING RULES**

- 6.1.1 Chapter 6 shall only apply to Third Country Member Firms.
- 6.1.2 Third Country Member Firms shall, for all Trades executed in a Listed Product on a Trading Day, submit to the Exchange all requested Transaction Reporting Fields in a complete, accurate and timely manner. The specific times and means by which the Transaction Reporting Fields are requested by the Exchange, and the means and format by which the Transaction Reporting Fields shall be subsequently transmitted to the Exchange, are set out in the LSEG Transaction Reporting Services Description for Third Country Firms.
- 6.1.3 In certain cases, in order to minimise the number of Transaction Reporting Fields the Exchange requests Third Country Member Firms to complete, the Exchange may rely on additional information populated by a Third Country Member Firm in the Member Portal. In such cases, it is the responsibility of the Third Country Member Firm to ensure that this additional information is accurate and is completed by the time set down in Rule 4.2.6(b).
- 6.1.4 In addition to Rule 4.2.3, where a Customer of a Third Country Member Firm is eligible for a legal entity identifier code, the Third Country Member Firm must ensure it has obtained a legal entity identifier code from that Customer prior to any Trades executed on behalf of the Customer in Listed Products, including by way of Direct Market Access.
- 6.1.5 Third Country Member Firm shall have appropriate controls in place to ensure that Transaction Reporting Fields are accurately populated. Acceptance of Transaction Reporting Fields by the Exchange does not provide or imply that the Exchange considers this requirement has been met. In the event a Third Country Member Firm discovers one or more Transaction Reporting Fields have been inaccurately or incompletely populated, a Third Country Member Firm must report this to the Exchange immediately and must cooperate with the Exchange to rectify any errors.

CHAPTER 7**CLEARING AND SETTLEMENT RULES****GENERAL RULES FOR CLEARING AND SETTLEMENT OF ALL LISTED PRODUCTS**

7.1.1 The Designated Clearing House acts as the Central Counterparty for Contracts which result from Trades which are executed by means of the Exchange's facilities or reported to and accepted by the Exchange in accordance with these Rules. The Clearing House Regulations provide for the clearing and settlement of the obligations in respect of Contracts to be performed by the Member Firm directly if it is a Clearing Member at the Designated Clearing House or by the General Clearing Member acting on behalf of the Member Firm.

A Member Firm shall ensure that it makes all arrangements which are required in order to ensure such obligations will be duly discharged in the manner provided for in the Clearing House Regulations, or where applicable, for such matters to be discharged by the General Clearing Member acting on behalf of the Member Firm.

7.1.2 Member Firms should ensure that they or, where applicable, the General Clearing Member acting on their behalf, comply with the Clearing House Regulations which require them to:

- i) make arrangements with a bank approved by the Designated Clearing House for such purposes to enable its Settlement and payment obligations to the Designated Clearing House to be performed by way of a PPS transfer. The list of banks approved for such purposes together with copies of the documents required to be completed by Member Firms in connection with the PPS arrangements are available from the Designated Clearing House on request;
- ii) complete the necessary administrative procedures specified by the Designated Clearing House concerning the performance of delivery obligations appropriate to its activities at the Designated Clearing House.

7.1.3 Contracts shall be settled on Expiration in accordance with the Clearing House Regulations applicable to the Contract in question.

7.1.4 Settlement of Contracts shall be effected between the Designated Clearing House and the Clearing Member or General Clearing Member of the Designated Clearing House responsible for the Account in which the Contract which has expired was registered at the relevant time.

7.1.5 Member Firms which act as Clearing Members of the Designated Clearing House shall ensure that they comply with their obligations to provide Collateral to the Designated Clearing House in the manner provided for in the Clearing House Regulations to cover any Margin obligations in relation to Contracts in the Account at the Designated Clearing House.

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Member Firms which use the services of a General Clearing Member in relation to the clearing and Settlement of Contracts shall ensure that such General Clearing Member complies with the abovementioned obligations to provide Collateral to the Designated Clearing House.

- 7.1.6 Member Firms should note that in accordance with the Clearing House Regulations, the Designated Clearing House may cancel a Contract where it fails the Registration process or where it is required to take such action in order to comply with applicable laws or regulations or any order or direction given by or a requirement imposed by any relevant regulator or pursuant to the rules of any such regulator.

In such circumstances the Exchange shall take the necessary steps in conjunction with the Designated Clearing House. Where any such action is taken, the Exchange may at its sole discretion effect such Trades in the name of and for the Account of the Member Firm to whom such law, regulation, order, direction or requirement applies as may be necessary in order to ensure that following such action and the registration of the resulting Contracts at the Designated Clearing House, the balanced position of the Designated Clearing House is maintained.

- 7.1.7 The Member Firm shall inform the Exchange immediately of any change in the Member Firm's status as a Clearing Member or of any arrangements made by it with a General Clearing Member.
- 7.1.8 Member Firms which are not Clearing Members must obtain the approval of the General Clearing Member acting on their behalf of any changes they intend to introduce to their trading profile before such changes are implemented.
- 7.1.9 Member Firms are responsible for settling Contracts executed on the Exchange and in the event of a settlement default are bound by the rules and procedures of the Designated Clearing House, and for Interest Rate Derivatives that are physically settled the Deliverable Bond Futures Contract Procedures.
- 7.1.10 Where a Designated Clearing House declares a Member Firm to be a defaulter, the Exchange shall terminate the membership of that Member Firm.
- 7.1.11 In the event that the Designated Clearing House ceases to accept Contracts for registration or suspends its services, the Exchange will suspend trading in affected Listed Products on the derivatives market.

CONTRACTS ARISING FROM TRADES AND SUBSEQUENT REGISTRATION

- 7.2.1 Upon execution of a Trade in a Standard Series or the acceptance of a Trade Report in accordance with these Rules relating to any Listed Product, the Clearing House Regulations provide that the Designated Clearing House shall immediately enter into a Contract, so that:
- i) where a Clearing Member is the Seller in such Trade, the Designated Clearing House shall enter into a Contract as Buyer from the Clearing Member; and

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- ii) where a Clearing Member is the Buyer in such Trade, the Designated Clearing House shall enter into a Contract as Seller to the Clearing Member.

As a party to such Contracts, the Designated Clearing House is responsible for the performance of its obligations to the Clearing Member in question.

- 7.2.2 In its capacity as Central Counterparty to Contracts the Designated Clearing House accordingly maintains a neutral position at all times by entering into matching Contracts as Buyer and Seller contemporaneously.
- 7.2.3 Where a Trade is effected by means of the Exchange's electronic Trading System or is Trade Reported to the Exchange in accordance with these Rules, the resulting Contract(s) immediately created, will normally subsequently be Recorded.
- 7.2.4 Where a Trade is effected by other means provided for in these Rules or is Trade Reported to the Exchange in accordance with these Rules, upon acceptance by the Exchange the resulting Contract(s) immediately created will be registered at the time that the Contract(s) in question is accepted and matched in the Clearing System of the Designated Clearing House.
- 7.2.5 The acceptance of a Trade Report and immediate creation of a Contract shall be at the sole discretion of the Exchange. Trade Reports may be submitted to the Exchange by the Member Firm or Member Firms which are the counterparties to the Trade referred to in such request.
- 7.2.6 Trade Reports relating to Bilaterally Negotiated Trades in a Standard Series may be submitted during the normal Trading Hours for the Listed Product in question. For Trade Reporting outside of normal Trading Hours, the Exchange may exercise its discretion as to whether to accept such Trade Report in consultation with the Designated Clearing House.

GIVE-UPS

- 7.3.1 A Member Firm may for all or certain specified Contracts in its Account Give-up Trades for clearing and Settlement purposes to another Member Firm.
- 7.3.2 The transferring and accepting Clearing Member shall be bound by the requirements laid down in the Clearing House Regulations, including that Give-ups must be performed no later than the time specified in the Clearing House Regulations.

RE-REGISTRATION

- 7.4.1 A Request for Re-Registration requesting the transfer of all or certain specified Contracts Registered in an Account at the Designated Clearing House may be submitted to the Exchange in accordance with the following provisions of this Rule.
- 7.4.2 A Request for Re-Registration may be submitted to the Exchange on the grounds that:

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- i) the Member Firm has decided to use the services of a General Clearing Member and seeks the Re-Registration of Contracts registered in its Account to the Account of the General Clearing Member;
- ii) the Member Firm has decided to terminate its existing arrangements with a General Clearing Member and seeks the Re-Registration of Contracts registered in the Account of such General Clearing Member pursuant to the execution of Trades by such Member Firm to the Account of the Member Firm or the Account of another General Clearing Member whose services the Member Firm has decided to use;
- iii) the Registration of Contracts to which the request relates were effected on behalf of a Customer who has requested that its positions be transferred to another Clearing Member;
- iv) the Registration of Contracts to which the request relates was effected on behalf of a Member Firm as a Customer of a Broker, and the Member Firm has requested that the positions in question be transferred to its Proprietary Account;
- v) the Re-Registration is requested following the transfer of the business of the transferor Member Firm to the transferee Member Firm, or due to a takeover, merger, corporate restructuring, or other similar event;
- vi) the Registration of the Contract in the Account in question was the result of an error by a Member Firm, including where a Contract has been cleared into an incorrect Account or a mistake in execution occurred, and provided the error is notified to the Exchange within 3 Business Days of occurring. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in exceptional circumstances after this timeframe the Exchange may determine in its absolute discretion to permit an error correction where this would be in the sole opinion of the Exchange the best remedy to a good faith error or omission by any party; or
- vii) the Re-Registration is requested by a Member Firm for a Trade that has failed to be accepted by the receiving party via a Give-Up;

7.4.3 Requests for Re-Registration shall be submitted to the Exchange by submitting a duly completed request in writing. Any request which seeks the Re-Registration of a Contract to or from a Customer Account shall not be considered unless the Member Firm requesting Re-Registration provides satisfactory confirmation that the Customer affected thereby have consented to the Re-Registration.

7.4.4 Requests for Re-Registration of a Contract to or from the Account of a General Clearing Member (other than an Account used solely for the Registration of positions entered into by such General Clearing Member on its own Account) shall be submitted by a completed request in writing by the party affected by such request.

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7.4.5 A Request for Re-Registration shall be submitted within the Trading Hours of a given Listed Product, as set out in the Contract Specifications. The request must contain the following details:

- i) the Contracts to be Re-Registered;
- ii) the Account of the transferor; and
- iii) the Account of the transferee.
- iv) the reasons for the Request for Re-Registration.

7.4.6 All Requests for Re-Registration will be considered at the discretion of the Exchange and the Designated Clearing House and shall, if accepted, result in the Re-Registration of the Contract in question being effected at the time specified by the Designated Clearing House.

The Exchange will inform the Member Firm which submitted the Request for Re-Registration of the decision with regard to the request as soon as practicable following receipt of the Request.

The decision of the Exchange and the Designated Clearing House in this respect shall be final and binding.

Where a Request for Re-Registration is accepted, the Exchange shall arrange for the terms of any Contract affected by its decision to be amended by the Designated Clearing House. Standard fees shall apply to Re-Registration of Contracts.

CHAPTER 8**COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES****DISCIPLINARY PROCESS**

Where the Exchange believes there has been a breach of these Rules by a Member Firm, the Exchange may commence disciplinary action against such Member Firm. The Exchange may impose a fixed penalty, issue a warning notice and/or refer disciplinary matters to either the Executive Panel or the Disciplinary Committee. In appropriate cases (including where a greater sanction than the Executive Panel is authorised to impose is deemed appropriate by the Executive Panel), the Executive Panel may refer the case to the Disciplinary Committee.

There are a number of factors which the Exchange takes into account when considering what disciplinary action to take in relation to a Rule breach. These are set out below:

- The seriousness, size and nature of the Rule breach;
- How the Rule breach came to light;
- The actual or potential market impact of the Rule breach, and any other repercussions;
- The extent to which the Rule breach was deliberate or reckless;
- The general compliance history of the Member Firm, and specific history regarding the Rule breach in question;
- Consistent and fair application of the Rules (any precedents of previous similar Rule breaches);
- The responsiveness and conduct of the Member Firm in relation to the matter under investigation.

The Exchange's approach to regulation is aimed at maintaining the integrity, orderliness, transparency and good reputation of its markets and changing Member Firms' behaviour in those markets where necessary. The Exchange will investigate the facts of each case, seeking to understand why the Rule breach occurred and will assess whether any remedial action the Member Firm has taken is adequate to prevent similar future occurrence.

The Executive Panel is a panel comprised of appropriately experienced senior personnel from the Exchange's staff. The procedures followed by the Executive Panel are set out in Rules 8.2.1 to 8.2.34. The Executive Panel also considers appeals against fixed penalties. Any final decision of the Executive Panel (other than a decision to refer a matter to the Disciplinary Committee) may be appealed to the appeals committee. There is no appeal on interim decisions.

The Disciplinary Committee is drawn from a pool of appropriately experienced (non-Exchange) personnel and its procedures are set out in Rules 8.3.1 to 8.3.41. The Disciplinary Committee may

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impose a wider range of sanctions than the Executive Panel and has discretion to publicise its findings. Any final decision of the Disciplinary Committee may be appealed to the appeals committee. There is no appeal on interim decisions.

The Appeals Committee is also drawn from a pool of appropriately experienced (non-Exchange) personnel and hears appeals against the findings of both the Executive Panel and the Disciplinary Committee. The procedures followed by the appeals committee are set out in Rules 8.4.1 to 8.4.35. The Appeals Committee may uphold, quash or vary any decision it is asked to consider.

The table below summarises the disciplinary process operated by the Exchange.

Process	Normal use	Constitution	Appellate body
Warning Notices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rule breaches 	(no hearing)	
Fixed penalties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rule breaches where a fixed penalty notice is in issue 	(no hearing)	Executive Panel
Executive Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disciplinary matters • Appeals against fixed penalties 	Senior Exchange staff	Appeals Committee
Disciplinary Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disciplinary matters 	Appropriately experienced (non-Exchange) personnel	Appeals Committee
Appeals Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disciplinary appeals against Executive Panel findings • Disciplinary appeals against Disciplinary Committee findings 	Appropriately experienced (non-Exchange) personnel	

The table below summarises the sanctions available to the Exchange for any breach of these Rules.

Process	Available sanctions	Appellate body
Warning Notices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May stipulate corrective action required • Formal record of action for Member Firm's case history 	
Fixed Penalty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As set out in any applicable fixed penalty notice 	Executive Panel
Executive Panel ⁽¹⁾	One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private censure • Fine up to £50,000 per breach • Referral to Disciplinary Committee 	Appeals Committee
Disciplinary Committee ⁽²⁾	One or more of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private censure • Public censure • Unlimited fine 	Appeals Committee

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Process	Available sanctions	Appellate body
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspension of activities • Restitution • Expulsion from membership 	
Appeals Committee ⁽²⁾	Executive Panel referrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any sanction available to the Executive Panel 	
	Disciplinary Committee referrals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any sanction available to the Disciplinary Committee 	

- i) Findings of the Executive Panel in respect of breaches of these Rules by Member Firms are published anonymously by the Exchange from time to time.
- ii) Disclosure of findings is at the discretion of the committee hearing the case (subject to Rule 8.1.2) in accordance with these Rules. Matters subject to appeal will not be published before the appeal is completed.

NON-DISCIPLINARY APPEAL PROCESS

In the first instance, appeals against decisions of the Exchange permitted under these Rules are heard by the Executive Panel. The Executive Panel may uphold, quash or vary any decision it is asked to consider. There is no appeal on the Exchange's decision to refer a matter to the Executive Panel or the Disciplinary Committee.

Appeals against the findings of the Executive Panel, and referrals from the Executive Panel are heard by the Appeals Committee. The Appeals Committee may uphold, quash or vary any decision it is asked to consider.

The table below summarises the non-disciplinary appeals process operated by the Exchange.

Process	Normal use	Constitution	Appellate body
Executive Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All non-disciplinary appeals (in the first instance) 	Senior Exchange staff	Appeals Committee
Appeals Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appeals against Executive Panel findings in non-disciplinary matters 	Appropriately experienced (non-Exchange) personnel	

The table below summarises the sanctions available to the **Exchange** for any breach of these Rules.

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Process	Sanction	Appellate body
Executive Panel	One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uphold decision• Quash decision• Vary decision	Appeals Committee
Appeals Committee	One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uphold decision• Quash decision• Vary decision	

PROCESS AND PROCEDURES

- 8.1.1 The burden of proof shall be on the Exchange. The Exchange, the Executive Panel, the Disciplinary Committee or the Appeals Committee (as appropriate) shall not find an allegation proved unless it is satisfied on the balance of probabilities.
- 8.1.2 The Exchange reserves the right to publish, without disclosing the identity of any party concerned, in part, in summary or in full the findings of the Executive Panel, Disciplinary Committee or Appeals Committee where the Exchange believes that to do so would be of assistance to the market.
- 8.1.3 The Exchange may issue a warning notice to a Member Firm for a breach of these Rules.
- 8.1.4 A warning notice forms part of a Member Firm's formal compliance record.

FIXED PENALTIES

- 8.1.5 The Exchange may impose a fixed penalty on a Member Firm for a breach of these Rules if the breach is one for which the Exchange has set out a fixed penalty by a notice in force at the time of the breach.
- 8.1.6 The Exchange imposes a fixed penalty by notifying a Member Firm's compliance department in writing of the breach and the amount of the fine, and specifying that the fine be paid within 30 days of receipt of the notification.
- 8.1.7 If the Exchange considers the circumstances of a case sufficiently serious, the Exchange may issue a warning notice or refer the matter to the Executive Panel or the Disciplinary Committee.
- 8.1.8 A Member Firm may appeal against a fixed penalty imposed by the Exchange to the Executive Panel.
- 8.1.9 Appeals must be made by service of a notice in writing on the Exchange within five days of being notified of the penalty, setting out the name of the Member Firm and the decision appealed against. Within 10 days of being notified of the penalty the Member Firm shall notify

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the Exchange of the grounds of appeal and all material facts and shall provide copies of all documents relevant to the appeal.

- 8.1.10 Within 10 days of receipt of the Member Firm's notice of appeal, the Exchange may submit to the Member Firm a statement of case setting out all material facts and attaching to it copies of all documents relevant to the charge(s).
- 8.1.11 The Member Firm may respond to the Exchange's statement of case in writing, within five days of receipt of the Exchange's statement of case. The Exchange and the Member Firm may vary this period for response by written agreement.
- 8.1.12 At the expiry of the period referred to in Rule 8.1.11, the Exchange shall submit to the Executive Panel the statement of case (which shall include the notice of appeal) and the Member Firm's response (if any), together with copies of all other relevant documents.
- 8.1.13 The Executive Panel will conduct the appeal in accordance with the procedure set out in Rules 8.2.1 to 8.2.34.

EXECUTIVE PANEL

- 8.2.1 The Executive Panel shall, when acting as a tribunal of first instance, hear and determine charges against a Member Firm in respect of a breach of these Rules.
- 8.2.2 The Executive Panel shall, when acting as an appellate tribunal, hear and determine appeals:
- i) by a Member Firm against a fixed penalty;
 - ii) by an appellant against a decision of the Exchange.
- 8.2.3 Where the Executive Panel acting as a tribunal of first instance finds an allegation proven on the balance of probabilities the Executive Panel may:
- i) issue a written warning (a private censure);
 - ii) impose a fine of up to £50,000 for each breach; or
 - iii) refer the case to the Disciplinary Committee for hearing.
- 8.2.4 The Executive Panel may grant a consent order in respect of any settlement within its powers that may be negotiated between the Exchange and a Member Firm in relation to any disciplinary action taken by the Exchange.
- 8.2.5 The Executive Panel may, when acting as an appellate tribunal, uphold, quash or vary (in accordance with these Rules) any decision by the Exchange which can be appealed under these Rules or refer the matter to the Appeals Committee for further consideration.

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- 8.2.6 Members of the Executive Panel shall be appropriately experienced senior Member Firms of the Exchange's staff.
- 8.2.7 The Executive Panel appointed pursuant to a referral or an appeal shall have between three and five members (including the Chairman) and shall have a quorum of three.
- 8.2.8 No member of the Exchange's staff who has been involved in the investigation or prosecution of the charge(s) in a disciplinary case shall be appointed to the Executive Panel considering that disciplinary case.
- 8.2.9 No member of the Exchange's staff who has been involved in a decision by the Exchange which is the subject of an appeal to the Executive Panel shall be appointed to the Executive Panel considering an appeal against that decision.
- 8.2.10 The names of the member of the Executive Panel will be disclosed to the Member Firm.
- 8.2.11 Each Executive Panel hearing a case shall appoint one of its members to be the Chairman.
- 8.2.12 A party may object to the membership of the Executive Panel on the grounds of conflict of interest or breach of Rules 8.2.9 or 8.2.10. Such objection must be notified promptly, and prior to the hearing of the case, to the Exchange. If the Executive Panel upholds the objection, it will take appropriate action to address the objection. The decision of the Executive Panel under this Rule is an interim decision and cannot be appealed separately from an appeal against the final decision of the Executive Panel under Rule 8.2.30.
- 8.2.13 Other than as set out in these Rules, and other than as between a party and its advisers, each party shall keep confidential any matters relating to any proceedings save where disclosure is permitted or required by law.
- 8.2.14 Proceedings before the Executive Panel shall be commenced by the Exchange submitting a statement of case to the Member Firm. The statement of case shall set out the charge(s) and all material facts taken into account and shall have attached to it copies of all documents relevant to the charge(s).
- 8.2.15 The Member Firm may, within five days (or such other period agreed between the parties) of receipt of the statement of case, submit to the Exchange a statement in response setting out all material facts and having attached to it copies of all documents relied upon.
- 8.2.16 The Chairman of the Executive Panel may vary the period referred to in Rule 8.2.15 at the request of the Member Firm.
- 8.2.17 Following receipt of the Member Firm's statement of response, the Exchange shall submit to the Executive Panel the statement of case and the Member Firm's response (if any), together with copies of all other relevant documents.
- 8.2.18 Appeals to the Executive Panel must be commenced by service of a notice in writing on the Exchange within 10 Business Days of the service of the decision by the Exchange. The notice

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should set out the name of the appellant, the decision appealed against, the grounds of appeal, all material facts and shall have attached to it copies of all documents relevant to the appeal. The notice should be copied to the Exchange's Company Secretary, who will ensure that the notice is transmitted to the Chairman of the Executive Panel.

- 8.2.19 The Exchange may, within 10 Business Days (or such other period agreed between the parties) of receipt of the notice under Rule 8.2.18, submit to the Chairman of the Executive Panel a statement in response setting out all material facts and having attached to it copies of all documents relied upon. Such statement shall be copied to the appellant (subject to any legal duty of confidentiality with respect to any details in such response).
- 8.2.20 On receipt of a notice under Rule 8.2.18 and any statement in response under Rule 8.2.19, the Chairman of the Executive Panel will arrange a hearing as soon as reasonably practicable.
- 8.2.21 The Chairman of the Executive Panel may vary the time periods referred to in Rules 8.2.18 – 8.2.20 (other than the period during which an appeal may be made under Rule 8.2.18) at the request of either party.
- 8.2.22 Save in circumstances where either party notifies the Chairman of the Executive Panel that it believes an oral hearing is essential to establish all the relevant facts and requests the Chairman to hold such an oral hearing, proceedings before the Executive Panel will take place through the consideration of documents with no oral hearing.
- 8.2.23 Where there is to be a hearing in accordance with Rule 8.2.22, the Executive Panel will conduct it in private
- 8.2.24 The parties may attend the hearing but any hearing may proceed in the absence of one or both of the parties.
- 8.2.25 The Executive Panel will give not less than five Business Days' notice of the time and place of any hearing to the parties. This notice period may be shortened with the agreement of the parties.
- 8.2.26 The Executive Panel may deliberate at any time and make any decision in the absence of the parties. The Executive Panel is entitled to reach decisions on a majority basis. Where a majority decision is reached, this will not be disclosed.
- 8.2.27 When considering appeals, the Executive Panel will only quash or vary a decision of the Exchange if it is satisfied, on the balance of probabilities, that the decision is a misinterpretation or an erroneous application of any of these Rules or is not justified by the evidence on which it is based.
- 8.2.28 Following its determination, the Executive Panel will notify the parties in writing of:
- i) its decision;
 - ii) the reason(s) for its decision;

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- iii) in disciplinary cases, whether any penalty is to be imposed under Rule 8.2.3. Any fine must be paid by the Member Firm within 30 days of receipt of such notification unless appealed in accordance with these Rules; and
- iv) a time limit for lodging any appeal against the decision or any part thereof, which will be not less than 10 days from the date of service of the decision on the parties.

8.2.29 If the Executive Panel decides to refer a case to the Disciplinary Committee as set out under Rule 8.2.3(iii), no public announcement will be made until the Disciplinary Committee has reached a decision.

8.2.30 Appeals against final decisions of the Executive Panel (as notified to the parties under Rule 8.2.28) are heard by the Appeals Committee, in accordance with its procedures. Appeals must be commenced by service of a notice in writing on the Chairman of the Executive Panel within 10 days of the service of the Executive Panel's decision (or such other time period as prescribed under Rule 8.2.28 (iv)), setting out the name of the appellant, the decision appealed against, the grounds of appeal, all material facts and attaching copies of all documents relevant to the appeal.

8.2.31 On receipt of a notice under Rule 8.2.30, the Chairman of the Executive Panel will arrange for the appointment of a Secretary of the Appeals Committee who will arrange a hearing as soon as reasonably practicable.

8.2.32 The Chairman of the Executive Panel or the Appeals Committee may extend the time for appeal.

8.2.33 Notwithstanding Rule 8.2.30, appeals against decisions of the Executive Panel on grounds of new evidence (including those where there are other grounds of appeal), shall be heard by way of rehearing by the Executive Panel before the right of appeal to the Appeals Committee arises. Where the appellant wishes to rely on evidence which was not before the Executive Panel, this shall be stated in the appeal notice and copies or details of such evidence shall be attached to the notice.

8.2.34 The Executive Panel may vary any of its procedures to adapt to the circumstances of any particular case.

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

8.3.1 The Disciplinary Committee shall, as a tribunal of first instance, hear and determine charges against a Member Firm in respect of a breach of these Rules.

8.3.2 If the Disciplinary Committee finds an allegation proven on the balance of probabilities it may impose one or more of the following sanctions:

- i) a written warning (censure) which may be public or private;

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- ii) an unlimited fine for each breach;
- iii) an order that the Member Firm make restitution to any Person (when the Member Firm has profited from a breach of the Exchange's Rules at that Person's expense); and
- iv) where the Exchange recommends:
 - a) suspension of the right to use any system of the Exchange;
 - b) suspension from dealing in securities, or any class of securities, dealt on Exchange; and
 - c) expulsion from membership.

8.3.3 The Disciplinary Committee may grant a consent order in respect of any settlement that may be negotiated between the Exchange and a Member Firm in relation to any disciplinary action taken.

8.3.4 The Disciplinary Committee appointed pursuant to a referral shall have a quorum of three (including the Chairman). The maximum number of members of the Disciplinary Committee shall be seven. Any person whom the Disciplinary Committee co-opts will count as a member of the Disciplinary Committee.

8.3.5 Members of the Disciplinary Committee are drawn from a panel ("the panel") appointed by the Exchange.

8.3.6 The Disciplinary Committee may co-opt any person whom it considers appropriate.

8.3.7 No-one who is a member of the Exchange's staff may be appointed or co-opted.

8.3.8 The Chairman may appoint a legally qualified adviser who shall be independent of any party. Such legal adviser will not be counted as a member of the Disciplinary Committee, but shall advise the Disciplinary Committee on legal matters. The Chairman may replace the legal adviser.

8.3.9 Members of the Disciplinary Committee will notify the Secretary or the Chairman of any possible conflict of interest at the earliest possible opportunity and in any event prior to any hearing to be held under Rule 8.3.22 or 8.3.23 below. The Chairman will take appropriate action and will then notify the parties to the disciplinary proceedings of the names of the member of the Disciplinary Committee and any proposed legal adviser. If any party to the disciplinary proceedings believes that a potential conflict of interest exists, it shall notify the Chairman at the earliest possible opportunity. The Chairman will take appropriate action.

8.3.10 Where the Disciplinary Committee wishes to co-opt a person or to appoint a person to replace a member unable to act whether because of illness, conflict of interest or otherwise and/or the Chairman wishes to replace the legal adviser and the hearing has commenced:

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- i) the appointment shall only take effect with the consent of the parties and the person co-opted or appointed will be subject to the provisions of Rule 8.3.28; and
- ii) if, in the absence of such consent, the Disciplinary Committee does not wish or is not able to continue with the hearing, it will cease to deal with the referral and an entirely new Disciplinary Committee will be appointed from the panel, and a new legal adviser will be appointed by the new Chairman in both cases in accordance with these procedures, and the hearing, but not any pre-hearing procedures, will start afresh in front of the new Disciplinary Committee.

8.3.11 A Secretary (“the Secretary”) to the Disciplinary Committee shall be appointed by the Exchange. The parties will be notified of the name of the Secretary as soon as reasonably practicable. For the avoidance of doubt, the Secretary may be a member of the Exchange’s staff.

8.3.12 The Secretary will carry out any administrative functions. Any notices, notifications and other documents required to be submitted to the Disciplinary Committee must be served upon the Secretary who will ensure that copies are provided to the other parties, the members of the Disciplinary Committee and any legal adviser as appropriate. Where the Disciplinary Committee wishes to notify the parties of any matter it shall do so through the Secretary.

8.3.13 Any notices or other documents required to be served shall be served by delivering by hand or posting by first class post or by sending a fax with a confirmatory copy by first class post to the addresses set out below, save that the Secretary may agree with any of those referred to at 8.3.13 (i) to 8.3.13 (iii) a different place for service upon them:

- i) in the case of a Member Firm, to its head office;
- ii) in the case of the Exchange, to the Secretary with a copy to the Company Secretary, at the Exchange's registered office; and
- iii) in the case of any other party, to a place agreed with the Secretary.

8.3.14 Service shall be deemed effective on the date of delivery by hand or, where first class post is used, on the second day after posting.

Member Firms can send a courtesy copy in advance by fax, but service is deemed effective on the date of delivery either by hand, or on the second day, after posting first class.

8.3.15 All communications relating to the proceedings (save those which would be privileged from production in a court of law) between the parties and with the Disciplinary Committee shall be channelled through the Secretary.

8.3.16 If any Disciplinary Committee Member or the legal adviser is approached by any person to discuss any matter connected with the proceedings such member shall, without delay, notify the Chairman who will take appropriate action.

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- 8.3.17 Other than as set out in these Rules, and other than as between the parties and their advisers, all parties shall keep confidential any matters relating to any proceedings save where disclosure is permitted or required by law.
- 8.3.18 The Exchange shall refer cases to the Disciplinary Committee by service of a written statement of case on the Secretary, who will as soon as reasonably practicable serve a copy of the statement of case on the Member Firm. The statement of case shall set out the charges and a summary of the main facts to be relied on.
- 8.3.19 In the case of referral by the Executive Panel (under Rule 8.2.3 (iii)), the Exchange shall serve a copy of the statement of case together with the statement of response made by the Member Firm.
- 8.3.20 Following service of a statement of case pursuant to Rule 8.3.18 or 8.3.19:
- i) the Member Firm may submit to the Disciplinary Committee a statement in response (or in the event of referral under Rule 8.2.3 (iii) – a further statement of response) and shall submit to the Disciplinary Committee a statement of all material facts and attach to it copies of all documents relied upon; and
 - ii) each party will then notify the Disciplinary Committee of any directions to be sought at a pre-hearing review or their assessment that there is no need for a pre-hearing review.
- 8.3.21 The Secretary may by agreement with the parties set a timetable for the completion of the steps under Rule 8.3.20. If no agreement is reached, the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee may specify by notice in writing to the parties the time limits within which the steps at Rule 8.3.20 are to be carried out.
- 8.3.22 Following the completion of the procedures set out in Rule 8.3.20, the Chairman or any member of the Disciplinary Committee whom he nominates may give any directions and take any other steps he considers appropriate for the clarification of the facts and issues and generally for their just, efficient and expeditious presentation and the determination of the matters in issue. The Chairman or any member of the Disciplinary Committee whom he nominates may hold one or more pre-hearing reviews for those purposes and the determination of the matters in issue. By way of example, these directions may include:
- i) fixing a time and place for any pre-hearing review and hearing;
 - ii) by written consent of all parties, directing that the hearing or any part of the hearing shall proceed by written representations;
 - iii) recording any admissions made by any party and any request to any party to make admissions;
 - iv) directing any party to indicate whether it admits any particular fact(s) or document(s);

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- v) directing any party to disclose and serve copies of any documents;
- vi) setting time limits for any purpose of the proceedings;
- vii) extending or abridging time limits;
- viii) adjourning the pre-hearing review, with such orders as it thinks fit;
- ix) granting leave to amend (including adding documents to) any statement submitted pursuant to Rule 8.2.20;
- x) varying any previous directions; and
- xi) making any order for the payment of costs of or in connection with pre-hearing preparation or any pre-hearing review.

8.3.23 The Disciplinary Committee will usually conduct hearings in private, although a Member Firm which is subject to proceedings has the right to ask for such hearing to be conducted in public. A Member Firm requiring such hearing to be conducted in public shall notify the Chairman at least five days prior to commencement of the hearing.

8.3.24 A party may be legally represented at any pre-hearing review or hearing.

8.3.25 A party may submit evidence to the Disciplinary Committee at any time until two business days before the hearing.

8.3.26 The parties will be given not less than three business days' notice of the time and place of a pre-hearing review and seven business days' notice of the time and place of the hearing by the Secretary. Any shorter notice period may apply if the parties agree.

8.3.27 If any party fails to attend or be represented at a pre-hearing review or a hearing, the Disciplinary Committee may proceed in its absence.

8.3.28 At the hearing:

- i) the members of the Disciplinary Committee and the legal adviser will be introduced to the parties by the Chairman who will state that each of the members and the legal adviser believes himself to have no conflict of interest in hearing the case;
- ii) the parties will be asked to confirm that there is no reasonable objection to any of the Disciplinary Committee members hearing the case or the legal adviser on the grounds of conflict of interest; and
- iii) if the Disciplinary Committee, which for these purposes shall exclude any member objected to and shall have a quorum of two, upholds an objection it may appoint another person from the panel to replace any relevant member and where the

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objection relates to the legal adviser the Chairman may appoint another person to replace the legal adviser; in all cases the appointment shall be made in accordance with these procedures.

8.3.29 Unless otherwise ordered by the Disciplinary Committee, the order of proceedings at the hearing shall be as follows:

- i) the allegation(s) made by the Exchange will be read and the Member Firm will state whether the allegation(s) is/are admitted;
- ii) each party (the Exchange followed by the other party(ies)) may present its evidence and/or call witnesses, who may be cross-examined and re-examined by the other parties and questioned by the Disciplinary Committee, and may make submissions to the Disciplinary Committee; and
- iii) where the Disciplinary Committee is satisfied that any allegation has been proved it shall take into account any representations made by the parties on whether any and if so what sanction(s) should be imposed before deciding whether and if so what sanction(s) should be imposed.

8.3.30 At a hearing the Disciplinary Committee may:

- i) admit any evidence whether oral or written, whether direct or hearsay, without any requirement that it be on oath and whether or not the same would be admissible in a court of law;
- ii) make any directions which may be given at a pre-hearing review, and vary any direction which has been made; and
- ii) make all such directions with regard to the conduct of and procedure at the hearing as the Disciplinary Committee considers appropriate for securing a proper opportunity for the parties to present their cases and otherwise as may be just.

8.3.31 A record of the pre-hearing review may be made at the request of any party or if the Chairman so decides. A transcription or copy of the record will be made available to a party on payment of the cost of making such transcription or copy or a proportion thereof as the Secretary in his discretion shall determine. For the avoidance of doubt, it shall be sufficient for such record to be in the form of minutes taken by the Secretary.

8.3.32 A record of the hearing will be made. A transcription or copy of the record will be made available to a party on payment of the cost of making such transcription or copy or a proportion thereof as the Secretary in his discretion shall determine. For the avoidance of doubt, it shall be sufficient for such record to be in the form of minutes taken by the Secretary

8.3.33 The Disciplinary Committee may deliberate at any time and make any decision in the absence of the parties. The Disciplinary Committee may adjourn any hearing at any time as it thinks fit. The Disciplinary Committee is entitled to reach decisions on a majority basis. Where a

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majority decision is reached, this fact will not be disclosed. In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote which shall be exercised in favour of the Member Firm.

8.3.34 Following the conclusion of the proceedings, the Disciplinary Committee will notify the parties in writing of:

- i) its decision(s), including any penalty under Rule 8.3.2 and any statement intended for publication;
- ii) the reason(s) for its decision(s);
- iii) any order for costs to be imposed; and
- iv) a time limit for the lodging of any appeal against the written decision or any part thereof which will be not less than 10 days from the date of service on the parties of the written decision save in exceptional circumstances where the Disciplinary Committee may order a shorter period.

8.3.34 The matters at Rules 8.3.34 (i) to 8.3.34 (iii) will not take effect until the expiry of the period for the lodging of any appeal or any extension thereof. If an appeal is lodged in relation to any or all of Rules 8.3.34 (i) to 8.3.34 (iii) the relevant matters at Rules 8.3.34 (i) to 8.3.34 (iii) will not take effect until the appeal is withdrawn or the Disciplinary Appeals Committee orders that they or any of them shall take effect.

8.3.35 The Disciplinary Committee may order any party to pay such reasonable costs as it thinks fit, regardless of any finding or the outcome of the case. Such costs may include the remuneration and expenses of members of the Disciplinary Committee, the legal adviser, the Secretary and any costs incurred by the other party in the preparation and presentation of its case. Costs may be awarded against the Exchange only if, in the opinion of the Disciplinary Committee, the Exchange has acted in bad faith in bringing or conducting the proceedings. Such order will be made only after the parties to the proceedings have been given the opportunity to make submissions on costs to the Disciplinary Committee.

8.3.36 Any fine shall be paid within 30 days of receipt of the written decision of the Disciplinary Committee or the conclusion of any appeal against that determination and any costs ordered to be paid shall be paid within 30 days of receipt of the notification in writing of the amount payable.

8.3.37 The Disciplinary Committee may publish part or all of its written decision or a summary of it, and the reasons for the decision. Where the sanction imposed is a private censure the Disciplinary Committee may publish its decision in part or a summary of it and the reasons for the decision without revealing the identity of the Member Firm sanctioned.

8.3.38 Appeals must be made by service of a notice in writing, within 10 days of the service of the Disciplinary Committee's decision, setting out the name of the appellant, the decision appealed against, the grounds of appeal, the principal matters relied upon and attaching

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copies of any documents relied upon on the Secretary to the Disciplinary Committee who will as soon as reasonably practicable serve a copy on the other party. Where the appellant wishes to rely on evidence or documentation which was not before the Disciplinary Committee, this shall be stated in the notice together with details of such evidence and copies of such documentation shall be attached to the notice.

- 8.3.39 On receipt of a notice under Rule 8.3.38, the Secretary to the Disciplinary Committee will arrange for the Exchange to appoint the Chairman and members of the Appeals Committee and the Chairman will arrange a hearing as soon as reasonably practicable.
- 8.3.40 The Disciplinary Committee or the Appeals Committee may extend the time for appeal.
- 8.3.41 The Disciplinary Committee may vary any of these procedures to adapt to the circumstances of any particular case.

APPEALS COMMITTEE

- 8.4.1 The Appeals Committee shall hear and determine appeals against decisions of the Disciplinary Committee made pursuant to referrals made under Rule 8.3.38 and appeals against decisions of the Executive Panel made pursuant to Rule 8.2.30.
- 8.4.2 The Appeals Committee may uphold, quash or vary any decision by the Disciplinary Committee or the Executive Panel. In the case of an appeal from the Executive Panel in a disciplinary case, the Appeals Committee may vary any penalty imposed by the Executive Panel subject to awarding a maximum fine of £50,000 for each breach.
- 8.4.3 The Appeals Committee appointed following service of a notice pursuant to Rule 8.2.30 or Rule 8.3.38 (as applicable) shall have a quorum of three (including the Chairman). The maximum number of members of the Appeals Committee shall be seven. Any person whom the Appeals Committee co-opts will count as a member of the Appeals Committee.
- 8.4.4 Members of the Appeals Committee are drawn from the panel referred to in Rule 8.3.5.
- 8.4.5 The Appeals Committee may co-opt any person whom it considers appropriate.
- 8.4.6 The Chairman may appoint a legally qualified adviser who shall be independent of any party. Such legal adviser will not be counted as a member of the Appeals Committee but shall advise the Appeals Committee on legal matters. The Chairman may replace the legal adviser.
- 8.4.7 No-one who served on the Disciplinary Committee, whose decision is the subject of the appeal, nor its legal adviser nor anyone who is at the relevant time a member of the Exchange's staff, may be appointed or co-opted to the Appeals Committee.
- 8.4.8 Members of the Appeals Committee will notify the Secretary or the Chairman of any possible conflict of interest at the earliest possible opportunity and in any event prior to any hearing to be held under Rule 8.4.19 or 8.4.20 below. The Chairman will take appropriate action and will then notify the parties to the disciplinary proceedings of the names of the members of the

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Appeals Committee and any proposed legal adviser. If any party to the disciplinary proceedings believes that a potential conflict of interest exists, it shall notify the Chairman at the earliest possible opportunity. The Chairman will take appropriate action.

- 8.4.9 Where the Appeals Committee wishes to co-opt a person or to appoint a person to replace a member unable to act whether because of illness, conflict of interest or otherwise and the hearing has commenced:
- i) the appointment shall only take effect with the consent of the parties and the person co-opted or appointed will be subject to the provisions of Rule 8.4.23; or
 - ii) if in the absence of such consent the Appeals Committee does not wish or is not able to continue with the hearing it will cease to deal with the appeal and an entirely new Appeals Committee will be appointed in accordance with these procedures and the hearing, but not any pre-hearing procedures, will start afresh in front of the new Appeals Committee.
- 8.4.10 The Secretary will carry out any administrative functions and act as secretary to the Appeals Committee. The parties will be notified of the name of such person as soon as reasonably practicable. For the avoidance of doubt, the Secretary may be a member of the Exchange's staff and notwithstanding Rule 8.4.7 may be the same Secretary who was Secretary of the Disciplinary Committee.
- 8.4.11 Any notices, notifications and other documents required to be submitted to the Appeals Committee must be served upon the Secretary who will ensure that copies are provided to the other parties, the members of the Appeals Committee and any legal adviser as appropriate. Where the Appeals Committee wishes to notify the parties of any matter it shall do so through the Secretary.
- 8.4.12 Any notices or other documents required to be served shall be served by delivering by hand or posting by first class post or by sending by fax with a confirmatory copy by first class post to the addresses set out below, save that the Secretary may agree with any of those referred to at 8.4.12 (i) to 8.4.12 (iii) a different place for service upon them:
- i) in the case of an appellant, to its head office;
 - ii) in the case of the Exchange, to the Secretary with a copy to the Company Secretary, at the Exchange's registered office; and
 - iii) in the case of any other party, to a place agreed with the Secretary.
- 8.4.13 Service shall be deemed effective on the date of delivery by hand or, where first class post is used, on the second day after posting.

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- 8.4.14 All communications relating to the proceedings (save those which would be privileged from production in a court of law) between the parties and with the Appeals Committee shall be channelled through the Secretary.
- 8.4.15 If any Appeals Committee member or the legal adviser is approached by any person to discuss any matter connected with the hearing the member or legal adviser, as appropriate, shall notify the Chairman without delay, who will take appropriate action.
- 8.4.16 Other than as set out in these Rules, and other than as between the parties and their advisers, all parties shall keep confidential any matters related to the appeal save where disclosure is permitted or required by law.
- 8.4.17 Following service of a notice pursuant to Rule 8.2.30 or 8.3.38 and the appointment of the Appeals Committee:
- i) the appellant may submit to the Appeals Committee a statement amending or expanding upon the notice; and
 - ii) any other party may submit to the Appeals Committee a statement in support of its case and any such party wishing to rely on evidence or documents not already before the Appeals Committee must submit a statement containing details thereof and attach to it copies of any such documents.
- 8.4.18 If both parties consent in writing to the Secretary, the appeal may be by written submissions only.
- 8.4.19 The Appeals Committee shall make any directions including any that may be made by the Disciplinary Committee and take any other steps it considers appropriate including holding pre-hearing reviews for the clarification of the facts and issues and generally for their just, efficient and expeditious presentation and the proper determination of the appeal.
- 8.4.20 The Appeals Committee will usually conduct hearings in private, although an appellant which is subject to proceedings has the right to ask for such hearing to be conducted in public. An appellant requiring such hearing to be conducted in public shall notify the Chairman at least five days prior to commencement of the hearing.
- 8.4.21 Any party may be legally represented at any hearing.
- 8.4.22 The parties will be given not less than 10 days' notice of the time and place of the hearing by the Secretary. The notice period may be shortened with the consent of the parties.
- 8.4.23 If a party fails to attend or be represented at any hearing or pre-hearing review, the Appeals Committee may proceed in its absence.

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8.4.24 At the hearing:

- i) the members of the Appeals Committee and the legal adviser will be introduced to the parties by the Chairman who will state that each of the members and the legal adviser believes himself to have no conflict of interest in hearing the appeal;
- ii) the parties will be asked to confirm that there is no reasonable objection to any of the Appeals Committee Member hearing the appeal or to the legal adviser on the grounds of conflict of interest or otherwise; and
- iii) if the Appeals Committee, which for these purposes shall exclude any member objected to and shall have a quorum of two, upholds an objection, the Chairman may appoint a replacement in accordance with these procedures.

8.4.25 The order of proceedings shall be at the discretion of the Appeals Committee.

8.4.26 No party may rely on any statement or document not served on the Appeals Committee more than two business days before the hearing save with the leave of the Appeals Committee.

8.4.27 Save in exceptional circumstances and with the leave of the Appeals Committee, no party may present evidence (including calling new witnesses) that was not available to the Disciplinary Committee or the Executive Panel, although additional submissions may be made. Whether such new evidence should be permitted and, where it is permitted, the procedure for its presentation shall be decided on a case by case basis by the Appeals Committee.

8.4.28 A record of any hearing will be made. A transcription or copy of the record will be available to any party, on payment of the cost of making such transcription or copy or a proportion thereof as the Secretary in his discretion shall determine. For the avoidance of doubt, it shall be sufficient for such record to be in the form of minutes taken by the Secretary.

8.4.29 The Appeals Committee may deliberate at any time and make any decision in the absence of the parties.

The Appeals Committee may adjourn any hearing at any time as it thinks fit. The Appeals Committee is entitled to reach decisions on a majority basis. Where a majority decision is reached this will not be disclosed. In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote which shall be exercised in favour of the appellant.

8.4.30 The Appeals Committee will only quash or vary a decision of the Disciplinary Committee or the Executive Panel if it is satisfied, on the balance of probabilities, that the decision is a misinterpretation of or an erroneous application of any of these Rules or is not justified by the evidence on which it is based.

8.4.31 Following the conclusion of the proceedings, the Appeals Committee will notify the parties in writing of:

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- i) its decision(s), including any statement intended for publication;
- ii) the reason(s) for its decision; and
- iii) any order for costs to be imposed.

8.4.32 The Appeals Committee may order any party to the proceedings to pay such reasonable costs as it thinks fit regardless of any finding or the outcome of the case. Such costs may include the remuneration and expenses of members of the Appeals Committee, the Secretary and the legal adviser and any costs incurred by any other party in the preparation and presentation of its case. Costs may be awarded against the Exchange only if, in the opinion of the Appeals Committee, the Exchange has acted in bad faith in bringing or conducting the proceedings. Such order will be made only after the parties to the proceedings have been given the opportunity to make submissions on costs to the Appeals Committee.

8.4.33 Any fine shall be paid within 30 days of receipt of the written decision of the Appeals Committee and any costs ordered to be paid shall be paid within 30 days of receipt of the notification in writing of the amount payable.

8.4.34 The Appeals Committee may publish part or all of its written decision or a summary of it, and the reasons for the decision.

8.4.35 The Appeals Committee may vary any of these procedures to adapt to the circumstances of any particular case.

CONSENT ORDERS

8.5.1 At any time after the Exchange has decided to refer a case to the Executive Panel or Disciplinary Committee, the Exchange and the Member Firm may without prejudice negotiate a proposed settlement ("consent order") and jointly submit it in writing to the Executive Panel or Disciplinary Committee for approval. A disciplinary action may at the discretion of the Exchange be delayed, and if already commenced – halted, by the commencement of the negotiation of a consent order.

8.5.2 At the request of the Member Firm, the consent order submitted to the Disciplinary Committee for approval may be anonymous, provided the Exchange has reasonable grounds for believing that this will have no impact on the decision taken by the Disciplinary Committee. The Disciplinary Committee retains the right to insist that the name of the Member Firm is disclosed to it.

8.5.3 If the Executive Panel or Disciplinary Committee approves the proposed consent order, or any variation agreed by the Exchange and the Member Firm, it shall immediately make the order.

8.5.4 The consequences of a consent order made by the Executive Panel or Disciplinary Committee shall be the same as those of a decision made by the Executive Panel or Disciplinary Committee sitting as a tribunal of first instance, except that there can be no appeal and the consent order and penalties on any charges to which it relates shall have immediate effect.

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- 8.5.5 The Executive Panel or Disciplinary Committee shall, in considering the consent order, take into account and give due weight to the fact that the parties are jointly applying for the consent order to be made.
- 8.5.6 If the Executive Panel or Disciplinary Committee does not approve the proposed consent order, there shall be no reference in any hearing before the Executive Panel or Disciplinary Committee to the negotiations, the proposed consent order or the submissions made to the Executive Panel or Disciplinary Committee, all of which shall be confidential.
- 8.5.7 Where Rule 8.5.6 applies, the Executive Panel or Disciplinary Committee constituted to hear the disciplinary charges shall contain no person who was part of the Executive Panel or Disciplinary Committee that considered the consent order.

SCHEDULE 1**DELIVERABLE BOND FUTURES CONTRACT PROCEDURES****SCOPE AND APPLICATION**

- 1.1.1 Schedule 1 to CurveGlobal Markets Rules shall be referred to as the “Deliverable Bond Futures Contract Procedures” or “Contract Procedures” and shall apply to Deliverable Bond Futures.
- 1.1.2 By entering into a Trade in Deliverable Bond Futures, Members party to the resulting Contract agree to be bound these Contract Procedures. In the event of a conflict between these Contract Procedures and the Clearing House Regulations, the Clearing House Regulations shall prevail.
- 1.1.3 Where a Member breaches Clearing House Regulations, the Member shall be deemed to be in breach of the Contract Procedures.

LIST OF DELIVERABLE GOVERNMENT BONDS

- 1.2.1 Notwithstanding that the Exchange will publish a List of Deliverable Government Bonds in accordance with the criteria and timeframes set down in the relevant Contract Specifications, the Exchange reserves the right in its absolute discretion and without explanation to exclude bonds from the List of Deliverable Government Bonds that otherwise satisfy the Deliverable Bond Standards criteria contained in the Contract Specifications.
- 1.2.2 The details contained in the List of Deliverable Government Bonds published by the Exchange shall be final and binding, save in instances where the Exchange, in its absolute discretion and as it deems appropriate, including but not limited to instances where good faith errors or omissions have been identified, chooses to update the List, and in such cases the updated List shall be deemed final and binding. No liability whatsoever shall be incurred by the Exchange, its employees, or its agents, in respect of the implications of any decision as to whether or not to update or amend the List.

DELIVERY SYSTEM ACCOUNTS

- 1.3.1 Deliveries must be made and taken via accounts held at the Delivery Systems set down in the Clearing House Regulations. Members going to Delivery must maintain appropriate membership and access rights to relevant accounts held at the Delivery Systems in order to fulfil obligations to make and take Delivery, as required under these Contract Procedures and the Clearing House Regulations.

BUYER AND SELLER WARRANTIES

- 1.4.1 In submitting a Delivery Notice to the Designated Clearing House, the Seller will be deemed to represent to the Clearing House and the Buyer, that the Seller or his agent:

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- (i) will transfer the delivery amount of a Deliverable Government Bond specified in the Seller's Delivery Notice on the Delivery Day by a time specified in the Clearing House Regulations;
- (ii) will be entitled to transfer all right, title and interest in such Deliverable Government Bond which shall be free of any proprietary or equitable interest on any other Person; and
- (iii) without prejudice to (ii) above, if the Seller is not the Person which transfers the Deliverable Government Bond, the Seller shall have no proprietary or equitable interest in such Deliverable Government Bond.

1.4.2 Upon being allocated by the Clearing House, the Buyer is deemed to represent to the Designated Clearing House and the Seller that the Buyer or his agent will accept the delivery amount of a Deliverable Government Bond on the Delivery Day by a time specified in the Clearing House Regulations. To the extent an agent is acting on behalf of the Buyer:

- (i) the agent is confirmed as having no proprietary or equitable interest in such Deliverable Government Bond; and
- (ii) the Buyer agrees to be solely and fully responsible for making payment in satisfaction of the Deliverable Government Bond transfer.

SETTLEMENT

1.5.1 Buyers and Sellers must ensure Settlement occurs by the time required by the Designated Clearing House. Settlement shall be deemed to have occurred if on Delivery Day, the Buyer and Seller (or their agent(s)) and the Designated Clearing House shall have completed all transfers of Deliverable Government Bonds against payment in accordance with the Designated Clearing House instructions by the cut off time set down in the Clearing House Regulations and procedures, or as further communicated by the Designated Clearing House, to the full satisfaction of the Designated Clearing House.

DELIVERY FAILURE

1.6.1 Delivery Failure will be deemed to have occurred where the Seller does not make delivery of Deliverable Government Bonds, or the Buyer does not make the required payment in exchange for the Deliverable Government Bonds, for whatsoever reason, by the time required by the Designated Clearing House and to the full satisfaction of the Designated Clearing House as further specified in the Clearing House Regulations.

1.6.2 The Designated Clearing House retains the final authority as to whether a Delivery Failure has occurred. Upon such occurrence, the Designated Clearing House shall give prompt notice to the Exchange.

1.6.3 A Delivery Failure shall constitute of breach of Rule 1.5.1 of the Contract Procedures.

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- 1.6.4 Without prejudice to the fact the Designated Clearing House may in its absolute discretion take whatever steps are necessary for the protection of the Designated Clearing House, or another party (Buyer or Seller, as the case may be), in accordance with the Clearing House Regulations and procedures, where a Delivery Failure has occurred the Buyer, the Seller and the Designated Clearing House shall work with all reasonable efforts to ensure Settlement occurs as soon as possible.
- 1.6.5 The Buyer and Seller are obligated to follow any reasonable instruction of the Designated Clearing House in pursuit of Settlement. In the case of any dispute, the Designated Clearing House retains the final authority as to whether Settlement has occurred.



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