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Clearing Rules

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Part 1 General Provisions

Rule 101 *Definitions*

The term "**2003 Credit Derivatives Definitions**" means the document titled "2003 ISDA Credit Derivatives Definitions" dated 2003 published by ISDA as supplemented by (a) the 2009 ISDA Credit Derivatives Determinations Committees, Auction Settlement and Restructuring Supplement to the 2003 Credit Derivatives Definitions (published by ISDA on 14 July 2009) and the Credit Derivatives Determinations Committees Rules (published by ISDA and as amended from time to time) and (b) the 2005 Matrix Supplement to the 2003 ISDA Credit Derivatives Definitions (published by ISDA on 7 March 2005), all including as supplemented or modified by incorporation of any additional provisions thereto (howsoever described) under, and as amended by, the Contract Terms for any relevant CDS Contract from time to time.

The term "**2014 Credit Derivatives Definitions**" means the document titled "2014 ISDA Credit Derivatives Definitions" published by ISDA on 21 February 2014 including as supplemented or modified by incorporation of any additional provisions thereto (howsoever described) under, and as amended by, the Contract Terms for any relevant CDS Contract from time to time.

The term "**2003-type CDS Contract**" means a CDS Contract incorporating the 2003 Credit Derivatives Definitions.

The term "**2014-type CDS Contract**" means a CDS Contract incorporating the 2014 Credit Derivatives Definitions.

The term "**Acceptance Notice**" has the meaning set out in the CDS Procedures.

The term "**Account**" means a Customer Account of a particular Contract Category, a Proprietary Account or an Individually Segregated Sponsored Account.

The term "**Accounting Standards**" means applicable accounting standards and principles.

The term "**Affected Customer**" means a Customer in respect of whom Applicable Laws in the Customer's jurisdiction of establishment or applicable in the context of activity on a relevant trading platform do not prevent or prohibit a Customer Account providing individual client segregation and a Customer Account providing omnibus client segregation (in the manner set out in Articles 39 and 48 of EMIR) being provided to the Customer.

The term "**Affected FM Party**" means a Person prevented, hindered or delayed by a Force Majeure Event.

The term "**Affiliated Person**" or "**Affiliate**" means, with respect to any specified Person, any other Person that Controls, is Controlled by, or is under common Control with, such specified Person.

The term "**Appeals Panel**" means the panel at which an appeal of a decision of a Disciplinary Panel is heard pursuant to Rule 1005.

The term "**Individually Segregated Sponsored Account**" means an Account of a Sponsored Principal, being a kind of Customer Account at the Clearing House for the recording of positions and related Margin, in which solely assets and positions relating to the Sponsored Principal are recorded, enabling the Sponsor and Clearing House to distinguish the assets and positions recorded in the relevant Individually Segregated Sponsored Account from assets and positions relating to other Customers of the Sponsor in its capacity as a Clearing Member and from the assets and positions relating to other Sponsored Principals and Customers.

The term "**Initial Margin**" means the Permitted Cover required to be provided or actually provided (by way of title transfer pursuant to a Clearing Membership Agreement or Sponsored Principal Clearing Agreement or by way of pledge pursuant to a Pledged Collateral Addendum) to the Clearing House as collateral for the obligations of a Clearing Member or Sponsored Principal in respect of CDS Contracts, including Portfolio Risk Margin, Physical Settlement Margin and other margin transferred in relation to CDS Contracts pursuant to Part 5 including any margin provided in relation to CDS Contracts pursuant to Rule 502(g), in each case as calculated or permitted to be called in accordance with the risk policies of the Clearing House, but excluding in any case Mark-to-Market Margin and any Customer-CM Collateral that is not transferred to the Clearing House and includes, where the context so requires, any proceeds of realisation of the same.

The term "**Initial Payment**" means, in relation to a CDS Contract, the payment, if any, specified as the "Initial Payment Amount" under the Contract Terms for such CDS Contract and, in relation to a Bilateral CDS Transaction or CDS Trade Particulars, the payment, usually described therein as the "Initial Payment Amount" or "Additional Amount", payable by one party thereto to the other usually not later than the third business day after the trade date of such Bilateral CDS Transaction or CDS Trade Particulars.

The term "**Insolvency**" means, in relation to any Person: a bankruptcy or winding-up petition being presented; a bankruptcy order being made; a voluntary arrangement being approved; an Insolvency Practitioner being appointed or petition or order being made for such an appointment; a composition or scheme of arrangement being approved by a court or other Governmental Authority; an assignment, compromise or composition being made or approved for the benefit of any creditors or significant creditor; an order being made or resolution being passed for winding up; dissolution; the striking off of that Person's name from a register of companies or other corporate bodies; a distress process being levied or enforced or served upon or against property of that Person; a Governmental Authority making an order pursuant to which any of that Person's securities, property, rights or liabilities are transferred; ~~a Governmental Authority exercising one or more of its stabilisation powers under the Banking Act 2009 in respect of that Person~~ an Insolvency Resolution Step Being taken; a trust deed granted by it becoming a protected trust deed (where the terms 'trust deed' and 'protected trust deed' are construed in accordance with section 73(1) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985) and, for CDS Clearing Members and Sponsored Principals in respect of CDS Contracts only, also any event not otherwise falling within this definition but which constitutes a Bankruptcy in respect of such CDS Clearing Member or Sponsored Principal; or any event analogous to any of the foregoing in any jurisdiction (always excluding any frivolous or vexatious petition or solvent reorganisation, change of Control or merger notified to the Clearing House in accordance with Rule 204(a)(i)).

The term "Insolvency Resolution Step" means:

- (i) in respect of the Clearing House only, a Governmental Authority exercising one or more of its stabilisation powers under the Banking Act 2009 in respect of the Clearing House, except in circumstances in which all the substantive obligations of the Clearing House to Clearing Members (including payment and delivery obligations and the return of any collateral) under the Clearing Membership Agreement, these Rules and the Procedures continue to be performed; or
- (ii) in respect of a Person other than the Clearing House, means a Governmental Authority exercising one or more of its:
 - (A) stabilisation powers under the Banking Act 2009, powers to adopt early intervention measures, powers to appoint an Insolvency Practitioner, powers to exercise resolution tools or resolution powers under national legislation of any European Economic Area jurisdiction implementing the Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive (Directive 2014/59/EU) in either case in respect of that Person, except in circumstances in which all the substantive obligations of that Person to the Clearing House (including payment and delivery obligations and the transfer of any collateral) under the Clearing Membership Agreement, these Rules and the Procedures continue to be performed; or
 - (B) stabilisation, intervention, Insolvency Practitioner appointment, administration, resolution, liquidation, receivership, conservatorship, restructuring or other similar powers or measures (as applicable) under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, the Securities Investor Protection Act, the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, or any other similar Applicable Law ("Resolution Law") in respect of that Person, except in circumstances where the Clearing House is not entitled under the relevant Resolution Law or any Applicable Law made thereunder to declare an Event of Default or exercise its termination and close-out rights under Part 9 with respect to that Person.

The term "**Insolvency Practitioner**" means a receiver, administrator, temporary administrator, bank administrator, manager or administrative receiver, liquidator, conservator, examiner, trustee in bankruptcy, relevant office-holder (under the Companies Act 1989) or any other Person appointed or with powers in relation to an Insolvency in any jurisdiction.

The term "**Intellectual Property**" means copyright, trade marks, design rights, patents, domain names, database rights and know-how, in each case whether registered or unregistered and including applications to register and rights to apply for registration, and all similar or equivalent rights which may subsist anywhere in the world.

The term "**Investment**" means any 'specified investment' as defined in the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) Order 2001 or any loan, bond, obligation or debenture referenced in a CDS Contract.