

ISDA Statement on IBA, UK FCA and Federal Reserve Board Announcements on US Dollar LIBOR Consultation

NEW YORK, November 30, 2020 – The International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. (ISDA) has published the following statement in response to today's announcements by <u>ICE Benchmark Administration</u> (IBA), the administrator of LIBOR, the <u>UK Financial</u> Conduct Authority (FCA) and the Federal Reserve Board (FRB).

"Today, IBA announced that it will consult on its intention to cease publication of the one-week and two-month US dollar LIBOR settings immediately following the LIBOR publication on December 31, 2021, and the remaining US dollar LIBOR settings immediately following the LIBOR publication on June 30, 2023. The FCA separately published a statement acknowledging IBA's announcement and setting out its potential approach to the use of proposed new powers under the Financial Services Bill to prohibit some or all new use by supervised entities in the UK of a critical benchmark (such as LIBOR currency tenor settings) where a benchmark administrator has confirmed its intention that the benchmark will cease. The FRB welcomed the IBA and FCA announcements.

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