

ISDA® JAPAN MONTHLY UPDATE

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COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

REGULATORY: Contact: Tomoko Morita (tmorita@isda.org)

In response to the “Further Proposed Guidance Regarding Compliance with Certain Swap Regulations” published by CFTC in December, Japan OTC Derivatives Working Group was requested to submit comments, and framed a response to the issues about which the CFTC is asking for further comment, including 1) Definition of U.S. Person, 2) Aggregation of Affiliates’ Swaps for Purposes of the De Minimis Test, and 3) Investment Vehicles. ISDA’s comment letter to CFTC to be found [here](#).

TRR Working Group: Contact: Kaori Horaguchi (khoraguchi@isda.org)

On January 23, a meeting was held among member firms, DTCC, and JFSA to exchange views over the topic related to TRR, to go through the questions and the concerns arisen from the industry, and to obtain the comments directly from JFSA and DTCC. This was aimed to come up with the same understanding and a full readiness towards the compliance date, throughout an intensive dialogue.

On January 30, a conference call was held subsequently where member firms and DTCC attended to clear the concerned points by receiving answers from DTCC, which was remaining portion of agenda from the meeting held on January 23 where JFSA also attended.

Further to the meeting events in January, it was decided to have the TRR sub-working group established and to have continuous sessions for information sharing regularly on a weekly basis going forward.

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On January 24, Asia Pacific Equity Derivatives Operations Working Group conference call was held, where several member firms in Japan also attended, to discuss subsequently over the key issues found during the process in consolidating the various MCAs for index variance equity swaps used across Japan and AEJ, producing its matrix applicable for the open markets based on the 2011 Equity Derivatives Definitions. Discussions will be continued. On January 31, there was an education call on how to read Appendix to the 2011 Equity Derivatives Definitions version 2.0 for better understanding of the relevant topics for further discussions.

UPCOMING COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP MEETINGS / CONFERENCES

OTC Derivatives Regulations Working Group
(Japanese language meeting)

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TRR Sub Working Group
(Japanese language meeting/conference call)

February 5, 8, 12, 15, 22

Japan Collateral Committee
(Japanese language meeting)

February 27

