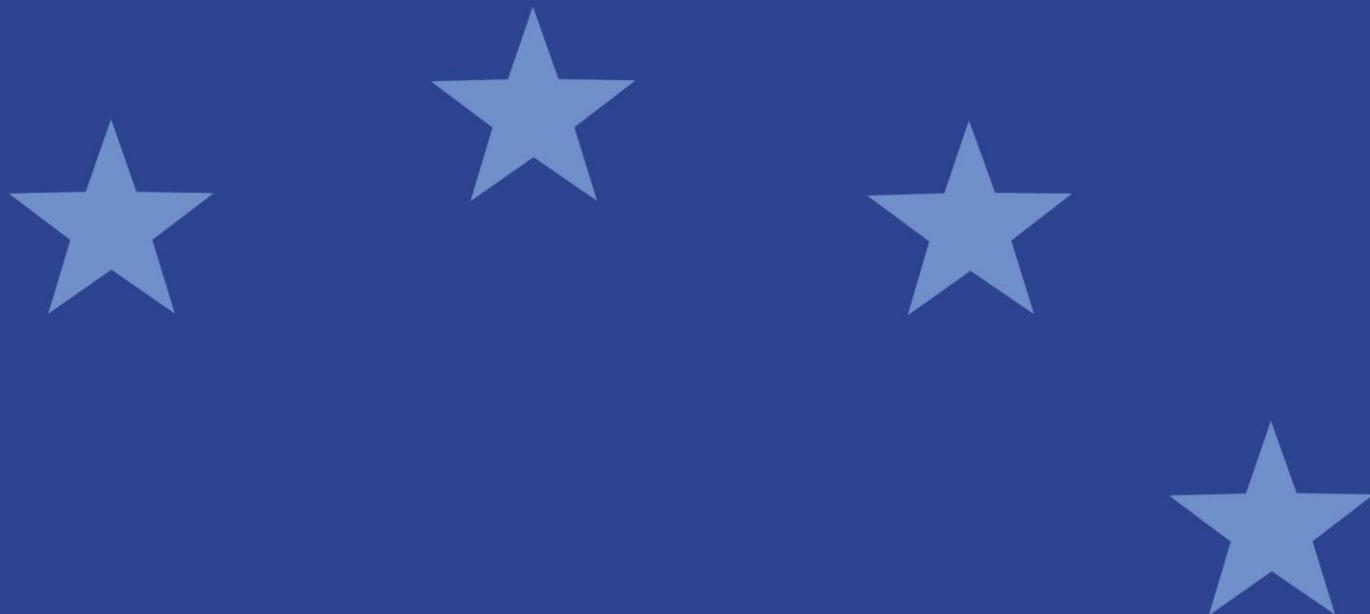


Reply form for the Consultation Paper on MiFID II / MiFIR



Responding to this paper

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) invites responses to the specific questions listed in the ESMA Consultation Paper on MiFID II / MiFIR (reference ESMA/2014/1570), published on the ESMA website.

Instructions

Please note that, in order to facilitate the analysis of the large number of responses expected, you are requested to use this file to send your response to ESMA so as to allow us to process it. Therefore, ESMA will only be able to consider responses which follow the instructions described below:

- i. use this form and send your responses in Word format (do not send pdf files except for annexes);
- ii. do not remove the tags of type <ESMA_QUESTION_CP_MIFID_1> - i.e. the response to one question has to be framed by the 2 tags corresponding to the question; and
- iii. if you do not have a response to a question, do not delete it and leave the text "TYPE YOUR TEXT HERE" between the tags.

Responses are most helpful:

- i. if they respond to the question stated;
- ii. contain a clear rationale, and
- iii. describe any alternatives that ESMA should consider.

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Deadline

Responses must reach us by **2 March 2015**.

All contributions should be submitted online at www.esma.europa.eu under the heading 'Your in-put/Consultations'.



Publication of responses

All contributions received will be published following the end of the consultation period, unless otherwise requested. **Please clearly indicate by ticking the appropriate checkbox in the website submission form if you do not wish your contribution to be publicly disclosed. A standard confidentiality statement in an email message will not be treated as a request for non-disclosure.** Note also that a confidential response may be requested from us in accordance with ESMA's rules on access to documents. We may consult you if we receive such a request. Any decision we make is reviewable by ESMA's Board of Appeal and the European Ombudsman.

Data protection

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General information about respondent

Name of the company / organisation	The Commodity Markets Council – Europe (CMCE) is an industry group bringing together commercial market participants active across the agricultural, energy and metal commodities markets. The group includes commodity producers, merchandisers and end-users, leading global trading venues for commodity derivative contracts and price reporting agencies. Befitting a focus on physical commodity markets, CMCE members use commodity derivative markets predominantly to manage risk that arises from their commercial activities. CMCE advocates appropriate regulation for physical commodity and commodity derivative markets that reflects the key functions of these markets and that is consistent and effective across jurisdictions.
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Introduction

Please make your introductory comments below, if any:

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CMCE welcomes the opportunity to provide comments to ESMA on the MiFID2/R Consultation Paper and Annex B of that paper. We also enclose some suggested amendments to the draft RTS for ESMA's consideration. Our comments and amendments focus on:

- (a) Ancillary Activity exemption;
- (b) Position limits methodology; and
- (c) Application of position limits.

We encourage ESMA to consider practical solutions to the problems perceived by commodity market participants. We appreciate the limits of the ESMA mandate with regard to MiFID 2 and MiFIR implementing measures. We propose approaches that we consider to be consistent with the intentions of the co-legislators in MiFID 2 and MiFIR, those legislative texts and other Union legislation. < ESMA_COMMENT_CP_MIFID_1>

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2. Investor protection

Q1. Do you agree with the list of information set out in draft RTS to be provided to the competent authority of the home Member State? If not, what other information should ESMA consider?

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Q2. Do you agree with the conditions, set out in this CP, under which a firm that is a natural person or a legal person managed by a single natural person can be authorised? If no, which criteria should be added or deleted?

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Q3. Do you agree with the criteria proposed by ESMA on the topic of the requirements applicable to shareholders and members with qualifying holdings? If no, which criteria should be added or deleted?

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Q4. Do you agree with the approach proposed by ESMA on the topic of obstacles which may prevent effective exercise of the supervisory functions of the competent authority?

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Q5. Do you consider that the format set out in the ITS allow for a correct transmission of the information requested from the applicant to the competent authority? If no, what modification do you propose?

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Q6. Do you agree consider that the sending of an acknowledgement of receipt is useful, and do you agree with the proposed content of this document? If no, what changes do you proposed to this process?

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Q7. Do you have any comment on the authorisation procedure proposed in the ITS included in Annex B?

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Q8. Do you agree with the information required when an investment firm intends to provide investment services or activities within the territory of another Member State under the right of freedom to provide investment services or activities? Do you consider that additional information is required?

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Q9. Do you agree with the content of information to be notified when an investment firm or credit institution intends to provide investment services or activities through the use of a tied agent located in the home Member State?

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Q10. Do you consider useful to request additional information when an investment firm or market operator operating an MTF or an OTF intends to provide arrangements to another Member State as to facilitate access to and trading on the markets that it operates by remote users, members or participants established in their territory? If not which type of information do you consider useful to be notified?

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Q11. Do you agree with the content of information to be provided on a branch passport notification?

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Q12. Do you find it useful that a separate passport notification to be submitted for each tied agent the branch intends to use?

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Q13. Do you agree with the proposal to have same provisions on the information required for tied agents established in another Member State irrespective of the establishment or not of a branch?

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Q14. Do you agree that any changes in the contact details of the investment firm that provides investment services under the right of establishment shall be notified as a change in the particulars of the branch passport notification or as a change of the tied agent passport notification under the right of establishment?

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Q15. Do you agree that credit institutions needs to notify any changes in the particulars of the passport notifications already communicated?

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Q16. Is there any other information which should be requested as part of the notification process either under the freedom to provide investment services or activities or the right of establishment, or any information that is unnecessary, overly burdensome or duplicative?

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Q17. Do you agree that common templates should be used in the passport notifications?

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Q18. Do you agree that common procedures and templates to be followed by both investment firms and credit institutions when changes in the particulars of passport notifications occur?

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Q19. Do you agree that the deadline to forward to the competent authority of the host Member State the passport notification can commence only when the competent authority of the home Member States receives all the necessary information?

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Q20. Do you agree with proposed means of transmission?

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Q21. Do you find it useful that the competent authority of the host Member State acknowledge receipt of the branch passport notification and the tied agent passport notification under the right of establishment both to the competent authority and the investment firm?

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Q22. Do you agree with the proposal that a separate passport notification shall be submitted for each tied agent established in another Member State?

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Q23. Do you find it useful the investment firm to provide a separate passport notification for each tied agent its branch intends to use in accordance with Article 35(2)(c) of MiFID II? Changes in the particulars of passport notification

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Q24. Do you agree to notify changes in the particulars of the initial passport notification using the same form, as the one of the initial notification, completing the new information only in the relevant fields to be amended?

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Q25. Do you agree that all activities and financial instruments (current and intended) should be completed in the form, when changes in the investment services, activities, ancillary services or financial instruments are to be notified?

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Q26. Do you agree to notify changes in the particulars of the initial notification for the provision of arrangements to facilitate access to an MTF or OTF?

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Q27. Do you agree with the use of a separate form for the communication of the information on the termination of the operations of a branch or the cessation of the use of a tied agent established in another Member State?

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Q28. Do you agree with the list of information to be requested by ESMA to apply to third country firms? If no, which items should be added or deleted. Please provide details on your answer.

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Q29. Do you agree with ESMA's proposal on the form of the information to provide to clients? Please provide details on your answer.

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Q30. Do you agree with the approach taken by ESMA? Would a different period of measurement be more useful for the published reports?

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Q31. Do you agree that it is reasonable to split trades into ranges according to the nature of different classes of financial instruments? If not, why?

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Q32. Are there other metrics that would be useful for measuring likelihood of execution?

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Q33. Are those metrics meaningful or are there any additional data or metrics that ESMA should consider?

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Q34. Do you agree with the proposed approach? If not, what other information should ESMA consider?

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Q35. Do you agree with the proposed approach? If not, what other information should ESMA consider?

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Q36. Do you agree with the proposed approach? If not, what other information should ESMA consider?



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3. Transparency

Q37. Do you agree with the proposal to add to the current table a definition of request for quote trading systems and to establish precise pre-trade transparency requirements for trading venues operating those systems? Please provide reasons for your answers.

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Q38. Do you agree with the proposal to determine on an annual basis the most relevant market in terms of liquidity as the trading venue with the highest turnover in the relevant financial instrument by excluding transactions executed under some pre-trade transparency waivers? Please provide reasons for your answers.

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Q39. Do you agree with the proposed exhaustive list of negotiated transactions not contributing to the price formation process? What is your view on including non-standard or special settlement trades in the list? Would you support including non-standard settlement transactions only for managing settlement failures? Please provide reasons for your answers.

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Q40. Do you agree with ESMA's definition of the key characteristics of orders held on order management facilities? Do you agree with the proposed minimum sizes? Please provide reasons for your answers.

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Q41. Do you agree with the classes, thresholds and frequency of calculation proposed by ESMA for shares and depositary receipts? Please provide reasons for your answers.

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Q42. Do you agree with the classes, thresholds and frequency of calculation proposed by ESMA for ETFs? Would you support an alternative approach based on a single large in scale threshold of €1 million to apply to all ETFs regardless of their liquidity? Please provide reasons for your answers.

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Q43. Do you agree with the classes, thresholds and frequency of calculation proposed by ESMA for certificates? Please provide reasons for your answers.

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Q44. Do you agree with the proposed approach on stubs? Please provide reasons for your answers.

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Q45. Do you agree with the proposed conditions and standards that the publication arrangements used by systematic internalisers should comply with? Should systematic internalisers be required to publish with each quote the publication of the time the quote has been entered or updated? Please provide reasons for your answers.

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Q46. Do you agree with the proposed definition of when a price reflects prevailing conditions? Please provide reasons for your answers.

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Q47. Do you agree with the proposed classes by average value of transactions and applicable standard market size? Please provide reasons for your answers.

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Q48. Do you agree with the proposed list of transactions not contributing to the price discovery process in the context of the trading obligation for shares? Do you agree that the list should be exhaustive? Please provide reasons for your answers.

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Q49. Do you agree with the proposed list of information that trading venues and investment firms shall made public? Please provide reasons for your answers.

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Q50. Do you consider that it is necessary to include the date and time of publication among the fields included in Table 1 Annex 1 of Draft RTS 8? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q51. Do you agree with the proposed list of flags that trading venues and investment firms shall make public? Please provide reasons for your answers.

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Q52. Do you agree with the proposed definitions of normal trading hours for market operators and for OTC? Do you agree with shortening the maximum possible delay to one minute? Do you think some types of transactions, such as portfolio trades should benefit from longer delays? Please provide reasons for your answers.

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Q53. Do you agree that securities financing transactions and other types of transactions subject to conditions other than the current market valuation of the financial instrument should be exempt from the reporting requirement under article 20? Do you think other types of transactions should be included? Please provide reasons for your answers.

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Q54. Do you agree with the proposed classes and thresholds for large in scale transactions in shares and depositary receipts? Please provide reasons for your answers.

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Q55. Do you agree with the proposed classes and thresholds for large in scale transactions in ETFs? Should instead a single large in scale threshold and deferral period apply to all ETFs regardless of the liquidity of the financial instrument as described in the alternative approach above? Please provide reasons for your answers.

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Q56. Do you agree with the proposed classes and thresholds for large in scale transactions in certificates? Please provide reasons for your answers

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Q57. Do you agree with ESMA's proposal for the definition of a liquid market? Please provide an answer for SFPs and for each of type of bonds identified (European

Sovereign Bonds, Non-European Sovereign Bonds, Other European Public Bonds, Financial Convertible Bonds, Non-Financial Convertible Bonds, Covered Bonds, Senior Corporate Bonds-Financial, Senior Corporate Bonds Non-Financial, Subordinated Corporate Bonds-Financial, Subordinated Corporate Bonds Non-Financial) addressing the following points:

(1) Would you use different qualitative criteria to define the sub-classes with respect to those selected (i.e. bond type, debt seniority, issuer sub-type and issuance size)?

(2) Would you use different parameters (different from average number of trades per day, average nominal amount per day and number of days traded) or the same parameters but different thresholds in order to define a bond or a SFP as liquid?

(3) Would you define classes declared as liquid in ESMA's proposal as illiquid (or viceversa)? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q58. Do you agree with the definitions of the bond classes provided in ESMA's proposal (please refer to Annex III of RTS 9)? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q59. Do you agree with ESMA's proposal for the definition of a liquid market? Please provide an answer per asset class identified (investment certificates, plain vanilla covered warrants, leverage certificates, exotic covered warrants, exchange-traded-commodities, exchange-traded notes, negotiable rights, structured medium-term-notes and other warrants) addressing the following points:

(1) Would you use additional qualitative criteria to define the sub-classes?

(2) Would you use different parameters or the same parameters (i.e. average daily volume and number of trades per day) but different thresholds in order to define a sub-class as liquid?

(3) Would you qualify certain sub-classes as illiquid? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q60. Do you agree with the definition of securitised derivatives provided in ESMA's proposal (please refer to Annex III of the RTS)? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q61. Do you agree with ESMA's proposal for the definition of a liquid market? Please provide an answer for each of the asset classes identified (FRA, Swaptions, Fixed-to-Fixed single currency swaps, Fixed-to-Float single currency swaps, Float -to- Float

single currency swaps, OIS single currency swaps, Inflation single currency swaps, Fixed-to-Fixed multi-currency swaps, Fixed-to-Float multi-currency swaps, Float -to-Float multi-currency swaps, OIS multi-currency swaps, bond options, bond futures, interest rate options, interest rate futures) addressing the following points:

(1) Would you use different criteria to define the sub-classes (e.g. currency, tenor, etc.)?

(2) Would you use different parameters (among those provided by Level 1, i.e. the average frequency and size of transactions, the number and type of market participants, the average size of spreads, where available) or the same parameters but different thresholds in order to define a sub-class as liquid (state also your preference for option 1 vs. option 2, i.e. application of the tenor criteria as a range as in ESMA's preferred option or taking into account broken dates. In the latter case please also provide suggestions regarding what should be set as the non-broken dates)?

(3) Would you define classes declared as liquid in ESMA's proposal as illiquid (or vice versa)? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q62. Do you agree with the definitions of the interest rate derivatives classes provided in ESMA's proposal (please refer to Annex III of draft RTS 9)? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q63. With regard to the definition of liquid classes for equity derivatives, which one is your preferred option? Please be specific in relation to each of the asset classes identified and provide a reason for your answer.

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Q64. If you do not agree with ESMA's proposal for the definition of a liquid market, please specify for each of the asset classes identified (stock options, stock futures, index options, index futures, dividend index options, dividend index futures, stock dividend options, stock dividend futures, options on a basket or portfolio of shares, futures on a basket or portfolio of shares, options on other underlying values (i.e. volatility index or ETFs), futures on other underlying values (i.e. volatility index or ETFs):

(1) your alternative proposal

(2) which qualitative criteria would you use to define the sub-classes

(3) which parameters and related threshold values would you use in order to define a sub-class as liquid.

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Q65. Do you agree with the definitions of the equity derivatives classes provided in ESMA's proposal (please refer to Annex III of draft RTS 9)? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q66. Do you agree with ESMA's proposal for the definition of a liquid market? Please provide an answer detailed per contract type, underlying type and underlying identified, addressing the following points:

(1) Would you use different qualitative criteria to define the sub-classes? In particular, do you consider the notional currency as a relevant criterion to define sub-classes, or in other words should a sub-class deemed as liquid in one currency be declared liquid for all currencies?

(2) Would you use different parameters or the same parameters (i.e. average number of trades per day and average notional amount traded per day) but different thresholds in order to define a sub-class as liquid?

(3) Would you define classes declared as liquid in ESMA's proposal as illiquid (or vice versa)? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q67. Do you agree with ESMA's proposal for the definition of a liquid market? Please provide an answer detailed per contract type, underlying type and underlying identified, addressing the following points:

(1) Would you use different qualitative criteria to define the sub-classes? In particular, do you consider the notional currency as a relevant criteria to define sub-classes, or in other words should a sub-class deemed as liquid in one currency be declared liquid for all currencies?

(2) Would you use different parameters or the same parameters (i.e. average number of trades per day and average notional amount traded per day) but different thresholds in order to define a sub-class as liquid?

(3) Would you define classes declared as liquid in ESMA's proposal as illiquid (or vice versa)? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q68. Do you agree with ESMA's proposal for the definition of a liquid market? Please provide an answer detailed per contract type and underlying (identified addressing the following points:

(1) Would you use different qualitative criteria to define the sub-classes?

(2) Would you use different parameters or the same parameters (i.e. average number of trades per day and average notional amount traded per day) but different thresholds in order to define a sub-class as liquid?

(3) Would you define classes declared as liquid in ESMA's proposal as illiquid (or vice versa)? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q69. Do you agree with ESMA's proposal for the definition of a liquid market? Please provide an answer per asset class identified (EUA, CER, EUAA, ERU) addressing the following points:

(1) Would you use additional qualitative criteria to define the sub-classes?

(2) Would you use different parameters or the same parameters (i.e. average number of trades per day and average number of tons of carbon dioxide traded per day) but different thresholds in order to define a sub-class as liquid?

(3) Would you qualify as liquid certain sub-classes qualified as illiquid (or vice versa)? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q70. Do you agree with ESMA's proposal with regard to the content of pre-trade transparency? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q71. Do you agree with ESMA's proposal with regard to the order management facilities waiver? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q72. ESMA seeks further input on how to frame the obligation to make indicative prices public for the purpose of the Technical Standards. Which methodology do you prefer? Do you have other proposals?

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Q73. Do you consider it necessary to include the date and time of publication among the fields included in Annex II, Table 1 of RTS 9? Do you consider that other relevant fields should be added to such a list? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q74. Do you agree with ESMA's proposal on the applicable flags in the context of post-trade transparency? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q75. Do you agree with ESMA's proposal? Please specify in your answer if you agree with:

- (1) a 3-year initial implementation period**
- (2) a maximum delay of 15 minutes during this period**
- (3) a maximum delay of 5 minutes thereafter. Please provide reasons for your answer.**

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Q76. Do you agree that securities financing transactions and other types of transactions subject to conditions other than the current market valuation of the financial instrument should be exempt from the reporting requirement under article 21? Do you think other types of transactions should be included? Please provide reasons for your answers.

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Q77. Do you agree with ESMA's proposal for bonds and SFPs? Please specify, for each type of bonds identified, if you agree on the following points, providing reasons for your answer and if you disagree providing ESMA with your alternative proposal:

- (1) deferral period set to 48 hours**
- (2) size specific to the instrument threshold set as 50% of the large in scale threshold**
- (3) volume measure used to set the large in scale threshold as specified in Annex II, Table 3 of draft RTS 9**
- (4) pre-trade and post-trade thresholds set at the same size**
- (5) large in scale thresholds: (a) state your preference for the system to set the thresholds (i.e. annual recalculation of the thresholds vs. no recalculation of the thresholds) (b) in the case of a preference for a system with no recalculation (i.e. option 1) provide feedback on the thresholds determined. In the case of a preference for a system with recalculation (i.e. option 2) provide feedback on the thresholds determined for 2017 and on the methodology to recalculate the thresholds from 2018 onwards including the level of granularity of the classes on which the recalculations will be performed.**

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Q78. Do you agree with ESMA's proposal for interest rate derivatives? Please specify, for each sub-class (FRA, Swaptions, Fixed-to-Fixed single currency swaps, Fixed-to-Float single currency swaps, Float -to- Float single currency swaps, OIS single currency swaps, Inflation single currency swaps, Fixed-to-Fixed multi-currency swaps, Fixed-to-Float multi-currency swaps, Float -to- Float multi-currency swaps, OIS multi-currency swaps, bond options, bond futures, interest rate options, interest rate futures) if you agree on the following points providing reasons for your answer and, if you disagree, providing ESMA with your alternative proposal:

- (1) deferral period set to 48 hours**
- (2) size specific to the instrument threshold set as 50% of the large in scale threshold**
- (3) volume measure used to set the large in scale and size specific to the instrument threshold as specified in Annex II, Table 3 of draft RTS 9**
- (4) pre-trade and post-trade thresholds set at the same size**
- (5) large in scale thresholds: (a) state your preference for the system to set the thresholds (i.e. annual recalculation of the thresholds vs. no recalculation of the thresholds) (b) in the case of a preference for a system with no recalculation (i.e. option 1), provide feedback on the thresholds determined. In the case of a preference for a system with recalculation (i.e. option 2), provide feedback on the thresholds determined for 2017 and on the methodology to recalculate the thresholds from 2018 onwards including the level of granularity of the classes on which the recalculations will be performed (c) irrespective of your preference for option 1 or 2 and, with particular reference to OTC traded interest rates derivatives, provide feedback on the granularity of the tenor buckets defined. In other words, would you use a different level of granularity for maturities shorter than 1 year with respect to those set which are: 1 day- 1.5 months, 1.5-3 months, 3-6 months, 6 months – 1 year? Would you group maturities longer than 1 year into buckets (e.g. 1-2 years, 2-5 years, 5-10 years, 10-30 years and above 30 years)?**

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Q79. Do you agree with ESMA's proposal for commodity derivatives? Please specify, for each type of commodity derivatives, i.e. agricultural, metals and energy, if you agree on the following points providing reasons for your answer and if you disagree, providing ESMA with your alternative proposal:

- (1) deferral period set to 48 hours**
- (2) size specific to the instrument threshold set as 50% of the large in scale threshold**
- (3) volume measure used to set the large in scale threshold as specified in Annex II, Table 3 of draft RTS 9**
- (4) pre-trade and post-trade thresholds set at the same size**
- (5) large in scale thresholds: (a) state your preference for the system to set the thresholds (i.e. annual recalculation of the thresholds vs. no recalculation of the**

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Q80. Do you agree with ESMA's proposal for equity derivatives? Please specify, for each type of equity derivatives [stock options, stock futures, index options, index futures, dividend index options, dividend index futures, stock dividend options, stock dividend futures, options on a basket or portfolio of shares, futures on a basket or portfolio of shares, options on other underlying values (i.e. volatility index or ETFs), futures on other underlying values (i.e. volatility index or ETFs)], if you agree on the following points providing reasons for your answer and if you disagree, providing ESMA with your alternative proposal:

(1) deferral period set to 48 hours

(2) size specific to the instrument threshold set as 50% of the large in scale threshold

(3) volume measure used to set the large in scale threshold as specified in Annex II, Table 3 of draft RTS 9

(4) pre-trade and post-trade thresholds set at the same size

(5) large in scale thresholds: (a) state your preference for the system to set the thresholds (i.e. annual recalculation of the thresholds vs. no recalculation of the thresholds) (b) in the case of a preference for a system with no recalculation (i.e. option 1) provide feedback on the thresholds determined. In the case of a preference for a system with recalculation (i.e. option 2) provide feedback on the thresholds determined for 2017 and on the methodology to recalculate the thresholds from 2018 onwards including the level of granularity of the classes on which the recalculations will be performed.

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Q81. Do you agree with ESMA's proposal for securitised derivatives? Please specify if you agree on the following points providing reasons for your answer and if you disagree, providing ESMA with your alternative proposal:

(1) deferral period set to 48 hours

(2) size specific to the instrument threshold set as 50% of the large in scale threshold

(3) volume measure used to set the large in scale threshold as specified in Annex II, Table 3 of draft RTS 9

(4) pre-trade and post-trade thresholds set at the same size

(5) large in scale thresholds: (a) state your preference for the system to set the thresholds (i.e. annual recalculation of the thresholds vs. no recalculation of the thresholds) (b) in the case of a preference for a system with no recalculation (i.e.

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Q82. Do you agree with ESMA's proposal for emission allowances? Please specify if you agree on the following points providing reasons for your answer and if you disagree, providing ESMA with your alternative proposal:

(1) deferral period set to 48 hours

(2) size specific to the instrument threshold set as 50% of the large in scale threshold

(3) volume measure used to set the large in scale threshold as specified in Annex II, Table 3 of draft RTS 9

(4) pre-trade and post-trade thresholds set at the same size

(5) large in scale thresholds: (a) state your preference for the system to set the thresholds (i.e. annual recalculation of the thresholds vs. no recalculation of the thresholds) (b) in the case of a preference for a system with no recalculation (i.e. option 1) provide feedback on the thresholds determined. In the case of a preference for a system with recalculation (i.e. option 2) provide feedback on the thresholds determined for 2017 and on the methodology to recalculate the thresholds from 2018 onwards including the level of granularity of the classes on which the recalculations will be performed.

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Q83. Do you agree with ESMA's proposal in relation to the supplementary deferral regime at the discretion of the NCA? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q84. Do you agree with ESMA's proposal with regard to the temporary suspension of transparency requirements? Please provide feedback on the following points:

(1) the measure used to calculate the volume as specified in Annex II, Table 3

(2) the methodology as to assess a drop in liquidity

(3) the percentages determined for liquid and illiquid instruments to assess the drop in liquidity. Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q85. Do you agree with ESMA's proposal with regard to the exemptions from transparency requirements in respect of transactions executed by a member of the ESCB? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q86. Do you agree with the articles on the double volume cap mechanism in the proposed draft RTS 10? Please provide reasons to support your answer.

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Q87. Do you agree with the proposed draft RTS in respect of implementing Article 22 MiFIR? Please provide reasons to support your answer.

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Q88. Are there any other criteria that ESMA should take into account when assessing whether there are sufficient third-party buying and selling interest in the class of derivatives or subset so that such a class of derivatives is considered sufficiently liquid to trade only on venues?

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Q89. Do you have any other comments on ESMA's proposed overall approach?

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Q90. Do you agree with the proposed draft RTS in relation to the criteria for determining whether derivatives have a direct, substantial and foreseeable effect within the EU?

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Q91. Should the scope of the draft RTS be expanded to contracts involving European branches of non-EU non-financial counterparties?

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Q92. Please indicate what are the main costs and benefits that you envisage in implementing of the proposal.



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4. Microstructural issues

Q93. Should the list of disruptive scenarios to be considered for the business continuity arrangements expanded or reduced? Please elaborate.

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Q94. With respect to the section on Testing of algorithms and systems and change management, do you need clarification or have any suggestions on how testing scenarios can be improved?

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Q95. Do you have any further suggestions or comments on the pre-trade and post-trade controls as proposed above?

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Q96. In particular, do you agree with including “market impact assessment” as a pre-trade control that investment firms should have in place?

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Q97. Do you agree with the proposal regarding monitoring for the prevention and identification of potential market abuse?

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Q98. Do you have any comments on Organisational Requirements for Investment Firms as set out above?

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Q99. Do you have any additional comments or questions that need to be raised with regards to the Consultation Paper?

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Q100. Do you have any comments on Organisational Requirements for trading venues as set out above? Is there any element that should be clarified? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q101. Is there any element in particular that should be clarified with respect to the outsourcing obligations for trading venues?

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Q102. Is there any additional element to be addressed with respect to the testing obligations?

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Q103. In particular, do you agree with the proposals regarding the conditions to provide DEA?

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Q104. Do you agree with the proposed draft RTS? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q105. Should an investment firm pursuing a market making strategy for 30% of the daily trading hours during one trading day be subject to the obligation to sign a market making agreement? Please give reasons for your answer.

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Q106. Should a market maker be obliged to remain present in the market for higher or lower than the proposed 50% of trading hours? Please specify in your response the type of instrument/s to which you refer.

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Q107. Do you agree with the proposed circumstances included as “exceptional circumstances”? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q108. Have you any additional proposal to ensure that market making schemes are fair and non-discriminatory? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q109. Do you agree with the proposed regulatory technical standards? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q110. Do you agree with the counting methodology proposed in the Annex in relation to the various order types? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q111. Is the definition of “orders” sufficiently precise or does it need to be further supplemented? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q112. Is more clarification needed with respect to the calculation method in terms of volume?

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Q113. Do you agree that the determination of the maximum OTR should be made at least once a year? Please specify the arguments for your view.

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Q114. Should the monitoring of the ratio of unexecuted orders to transactions by the trading venue cover all trading phases of the trading session including auctions, or just the continuous phase? Should the monitoring take place on at least a monthly basis? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q115. Do you agree with the proposal included in the Technical Annex regarding the different order types? Is there any other type of order that should be reflected? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q116. Do you agree with the proposed draft RTS with respect to co-location services? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q117. Do you agree with the proposed draft RTS with respect to fee structures? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q118. At which point rebates would be high enough to encourage improper trading? Please elaborate.

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Q119. Is there any other type of incentives that should be described in the draft RTS?

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Q120. Can you provide further evidence about fee structures supporting payments for an “early look”? In particular, do you agree with ESMA’s preliminary view regarding the differentiation between that activity and the provision of data feeds at different latencies?

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Q121. Can you provide examples of fee structures that would support non-genuine orders, payments for uneven access to market data or any other type of abusive behaviour? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q122. Is the distinction between volume discounts and cliff edge type fee structures in this RTS sufficiently clear? Please elaborate

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Q123. Do you agree that the average number of trades per day should be considered on the most relevant market in terms of liquidity? Or should it be considered on another market such as the primary listing market (the trading venue where the financial instrument was originally listed)? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q124. Do you believe a more granular approach (i.e. additional liquidity bands) would be more suitable for very liquid stocks and/or for poorly liquid stocks? Do you consider the proposed tick sizes adequate in particular with respect to the smaller price ranges and less liquid instruments as well as higher price ranges and highly liquid instruments? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q125. Do you agree with the approach regarding instruments admitted to trading in fixing segments and shares newly admitted to trading? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q126. Do you agree with the proposed approach regarding corporate actions? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q127. In your view, are there any other particular or exceptional circumstances for which the tick size may have to be specifically adjusted? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q128. In your view, should other equity-like financial instruments be considered for the purpose of the new tick size regime? If yes, which ones and how should their tick size regime be determined? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q129. To what extent does an annual revision of the liquidity bands (number and bounds) allow interacting efficiently with the market microstructure? Can you propose other way to interact efficiently with the market microstructure? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q130. Do you envisage any short-term impacts following the implementation of the new regime that might need technical adjustments? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q131. Do you agree with the definition of the “corporate action”? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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Q132. Do you agree with the proposed regulatory technical standards?

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Q133. Which would be an adequate threshold in terms of turnover for the purposes of considering a market as “material in terms of liquidity”?

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5. Data publication and access

Q134. Do you agree with ESMA's proposal to allow the competent authority to whom the ARM submitted the transaction report to request the ARM to undertake periodic reconciliations? Please provide reasons.

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Q135. Do you agree with ESMA's proposal to establish maximum recovery times for DRSPs? Do you agree with the time periods proposed by ESMA for APAs and CTPs (six hours) and ARMs (close of next working day)? Please provide reasons.

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Q136. Do you agree with the proposal to permit DRSPs to be able to establish their own operational hours provided they pre-establish their hours and make their operational hours public? Please provide reasons. Alternatively, please suggest an alternative method for setting operating hours.

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Q137. Do you agree with the draft technical standards in relation to data reporting services providers? Please provide reasons.

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Q138. Do you agree with ESMA's proposal?

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Q139. Do you agree with this definition of machine-readable format, especially with respect to the requirement for data to be accessible using free open source software, and the 1-month notice prior to any change in the instructions?

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Q140. Do you agree with the draft RTS's treatment of this issue?

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Q141. Do you agree that CTPs should assign trade IDs and add them to trade reports? Do you consider necessary to introduce a similar requirement for APAs?

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Q142. Do you agree with ESMA's proposal? In particular, do you consider it appropriate to require for trades taking place on a trading venue the publication time as assigned by the trading venue or would you recommend another timestamp (e.g. CTP timestamp), and if yes why?

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Q143. Do you agree with ESMA's suggestions on timestamp accuracy required of APAs? What alternative would you recommend for the timestamp accuracy of APAs?

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Q144. Do you agree with ESMA's proposal? Do you think that the CTP should identify the original APA collecting the information from the investment firm or the last source reporting it to the CTP? Please explain your rationale.

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Q145. Do you agree with the proposed draft RTS? Please indicate which are the main costs and benefits that you envisage in case of implementation of the proposal.

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Q146. Do you agree with the proposed draft RTS? Please indicate which are the main costs and benefits that you envisage in case of implementation of the proposal.

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Q147. With the exception of transaction with SIs, do you agree that the obligation to publish the transaction should always fall on the seller? Are there circumstances under which the buyer should be allowed to publish the transaction?

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Q148. Do you agree with the elements of the draft RTS that cover a CCP's ability to deny access? If not, please explain why and, where possible, propose an alternative approach.

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Q149. Do you agree with the elements of the draft RTS that cover a trading venue's ability to deny access? If not, please explain why and, where possible, propose an alternative approach.

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Q150. In particular, do you agree with ESMA's assessment that the inability to acquire the necessary human resources in due time should not have the same relevance for trading venues as it has regarding CCPs?

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Q151. Do you agree with the elements of the draft RTS that cover an CA's ability to deny access? If not, please explain why and, where possible, propose an alternative approach.

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Q152. Do you agree with the elements of the draft RTS that cover the conditions under which access is granted? If not, please explain why and, where possible, propose an alternative approach.

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Q153. Do you agree with the elements of the draft RTS that cover fees? If not, please explain why and, where possible, propose an alternative approach.

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Q154. Do you agree with the proposed draft RTS? Please indicate which are the main costs and benefits that do you envisage in case of implementation of the proposal.

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Q155. Do you agree with the elements of the draft RTS specified in Annex X that cover notification procedures? If not, please explain why and, where possible, propose an alternative approach.

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Q156. Do you agree with the elements of the draft RTS specified in [Annex X] that cover the calculation of notional amount? If not, please explain why and, where possible, propose an alternative approach.

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Q157. Do you agree with the elements of the draft RTS that cover relevant benchmark information? If not, please explain why and, where possible, propose an alternative approach. In particular, how could information requirements reflect the different nature and characteristics of benchmarks?

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Q158. Do you agree with the elements of the draft RTS that cover licensing conditions? If not, please explain why and, where possible, propose an alternative approach.

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Q159. Do you agree with the elements of the draft RTS that cover new benchmarks? If not, please explain why and, where possible, propose an alternative approach.

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6. Requirements applying on and to trading venues

Q160. Do you agree with the attached draft technical standard on admission to trading?

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Q161. In particular, do you agree with the arrangements proposed by ESMA for verifying compliance by issuers with obligations under Union law?

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Q162. Do you agree with the arrangements proposed by ESMA for facilitating access to information published under Union law for members and participants of a regulated market?

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Q163. Do you agree with the proposed RTS? What and how should it be changed?

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Q164. Do you agree with the approach of providing an exhaustive list of details that the MTF/OTF should fulfil?

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Q165. Do you agree with the proposed list? Are there any other factors that should be considered?

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Q166. Do you think that there should be one standard format to provide the information to the competent authority? Do you agree with the proposed format?

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Q167. Do you think that there should be one standard format to notify to ESMA the authorisation of an investment firm or market operator as an MTF or an OTF? Do you agree with the proposed format?



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7. Commodity derivatives

Q168. Do you agree with the approach suggested by ESMA in relation to the overall application of the thresholds? If you do not agree please provide reasons.

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Yes. CMCE generally agrees with the approach suggested by ESMA at paragraph 20. We welcome the changes to the calculation of the denominator for the first test (capital employed) of the exemption. We concur with the express exclusion of “licensed activity” of MiFID investment firm subsidiaries from both numerator calculations. We also believe that the calculations should expressly exclude any relevant activity of subsidiaries using any other applicable MiFID 2 exemption.

We consider that ESMA’s proposed approach requires some clarification, particularly with regard to the ability of non-EU persons to avail of the exemption. We are concerned that Recital (9) and Article 1(e) may be interpreted as requiring non-EU persons to have a branch in an EU Member State to avail of the exemption. We would consider any such requirement to be inappropriate and inconsistent with Article 39 MiFID 2 and we would not support such a requirement. We are mindful of how notifications required for the exemption would work and we enclose suggested amendments to Recital (9) and Articles 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the draft RTS.

More generally, we ask ESMA to implement the exemption mindful that:

(a) The Article 2(1)(j) exemption is the only exemption available to commercial market participants that enter into commodity derivative contracts to manage the risk of their commercial activity; and

(b) The application of the exemption depends on an as yet unclear and prospectively much-expanded definition of “financial instrument” in MiFID 2.

We caution that restricting use of the exemption would have a ‘ripple effect’ along agricultural, energy and metal commodity supply chains as non-exempt market participants reduce or relocate risk management activities. We are concerned that dramatically increased risk management costs will raise costs for the consumer.

Furthermore, we urge ESMA to carefully consider the consequences for commercial market participants of authorisation as a MiFID investment firm. We fear that ESMA’s analysis at paragraph 14 understates the effects for investment firms dealing on own account of key provisions of Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms (Capital Requirements Regulation). So-called “commodity dealers” currently benefit from the transitional provisions on large exposures and exemption from own funds requirements out in Articles 493 and 498 CRR respectively. These derogations will lapse on 31 December 2017. From that date investment firms will be subject to all CRR large exposure and own funds requirements and may be required to calculate own funds requirements on a consolidated basis per Article 98 CRR. We caution that consolidated own funds requirements for some commercial market participants may be very high and grossly

disproportionate to participants' trading in financial instruments. We believe such requirements would force commercial market participants out of commodity derivative markets in the EU with the effect of significantly reducing liquidity in and quality of these markets.<ESMA_QUESTION_CP_MIFID_168>

Q169. Do you agree with ESMA's approach to include non-EU activities with regard to the scope of the main business?

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We agree with ESMA's approach and concur with its analysis at paragraph 25.

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Q170. Do you consider the revised method of calculation for the first test (i.e. capital employed for ancillary activity relative to capital employed for main business) as being appropriate? Please provide reasons if you do not agree with the revised approach.

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We consider the revised calculation of the denominator for the first test (capital employed) of the exemption to be appropriate.

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Q171. With regard to trading activity undertaken by a MiFID licensed subsidiary of the group, do you agree that this activity should be deducted from the ancillary activity (i.e. the numerator)?

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We support excluding capital employed for the "licensed activity" of MiFID investment firms. We also believe that both numerator calculations should exclude respectively the capital employed and trading activity of any relevant subsidiary using any other applicable Article 2(1) or Article 3(1) MiFID 2 exemption.

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Q172. ESMA suggests that in relation to the ancillary activity (numerator) the calculation should be done on the basis of the group rather than on the basis of the person. What are the advantages or disadvantages in relation to this approach? Do you think that it would be preferable to do the calculation on the basis of the person? Please provide reasons. (Please note that altering the suggested approach may also have an impact on the threshold suggested further below).

<ESMA_QUESTION_CP_MIFID_172>

We generally support ESMA's proposed approach for numerator calculations and the corresponding provisions of the draft RTS. We understand the exemption to be available to and to be used by eligible persons and their subsidiaries that engage in ancillary activity per the "group" definition at Article 4(1)(34) MiFID 2. We consider this approach in line with the provisions of Article 2(1)(j) and the directions to ESMA in Article 2(4). We see disadvantages to and would not support an approach that would require a parent undertaking and each of its subsidiary undertakings to apply the calculations and separately notify competent authorities on use of the exemption.

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Q173. Do you consider that a threshold of 5% in relation to the first test is appropriate? Please provide reasons and alternative proposals if you do not agree.

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We do not consider the proposed 5% threshold to be appropriate. We believe that any combination of varying commodity prices, foreign exchange rate movements, regulatory intervention or revised margin requirements could significantly affect the sum of capital employed by a person and its subsidiaries for eligible activities over a short time period. We recognise that some physical commodity and commodity derivative markets are inherently more volatile than others and that commercial participants in those markets may be subject to generally higher margin requirements. We believe that a threshold for the first test (capital employed) should account for such effects and differences across heterogeneous markets. We consider a 15% threshold appropriate and suggest that ESMA include provisions to review the threshold on an agreed schedule.

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Q174. Do you agree with ESMA's intention to use an accounting capital measure?

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We agree with the proposed use of accounting capital. We agree that initial margin would be the prevalent calculation for the purposes of the first test (capital employed) of the exemption. We consider that additional guidance will be required in assessing "capital employed" otherwise for eligible activities.

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Q175. Do you agree that the term capital should encompass equity, current debt and non-current debt? If you see a need for further clarification of the term capital, please provide concrete suggestions.

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We concur with ESMA's proposed interpretation of the term.

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Q176. Do you agree with the proposal to use the gross notional value of contracts? Please provide reasons if you do not agree.

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We generally agree with the proposal. We note that gross notional value is not currently a field that is reported to trade repositories per Article 9 EMIR. We consider however that it can be calculated for each transaction from the information that is currently reported.

We believe that in order for the exemption to be correctly applied, ESMA should make public annual measures of EU trading activity in relevant commodity derivatives, emission allowances and derivatives thereof with its methodology for calculating this activity. While such a requirement may be interpreted from Article 2(4) MiFID 2 we note no reference to such a requirement in draft RTS 28.

<ESMA_QUESTION_CP_MIFID_176>

Q177. Do you agree that the calculation in relation to the size of the trading activity (numerator) should be done on the basis of the group rather than on the basis of the person? (Please note that that altering the suggested approach may also have an impact on the threshold suggested further below)

<ESMA_QUESTION_CP_MIFID_177>

We generally support ESMA's proposed approach for numerator calculations and the corresponding provisions of the draft RTS.

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Q178. Do you agree with the introduction of a separate asset class for commodities referred to in Section C 10 of Annex I and subsuming freight under this new asset class?

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We do not agree with the proposed separate C10 asset class. We note ESMA's MiFID2/R Addendum Consultation Paper of 18 February, which indicates that freight derivatives constitute over 57% of all trading activity in the EU in C10 financial instruments. We believe that a C10 asset class would in effect be a stand-alone asset class for freight. We are concerned that due to the unique characteristics of freight derivative markets, many participants would have positions that do not meet the Article 10 EMIR requirements in excess of the threshold proposed by ESMA. We propose three alternative approaches:

1. Disregard C10 financial instruments for the purposes of the Ancillary Activity exemption; or
2. Require that a person breaching a threshold in any C10 asset class must also breach a threshold in another asset class to be prevented from availing of the exemption; and/or
3. Set an appropriately high threshold for any C10 asset class.

We do not consider C10 financial instruments material for the Ancillary Activity exemption and we favour the first alternative approach. On the second and third alternative approaches, we consider that persons with genuinely speculative positions in freight derivatives would likely exceed another asset class threshold and this alternative approach would reduce the risk of charterers, ship owners and operators exceeding a C10 asset class threshold and being unable to use the exemption.

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Q179. Do you agree with the threshold of 0.5% proposed by ESMA for all asset classes? If you do not agree please provide reasons and alternative proposals.

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We do not agree with the proposed single threshold. We consider it entirely inappropriate. We believe that ESMA should propose thresholds that reflect the scale, nature and participants of commodity derivative, emission allowance and related derivative markets. We propose the following thresholds per each of the eight (8) proposed asset classes:

Metals – 10%
Oil and oil products – 10%
Coal – 10%
Gas – 10%
Power – 10%
Agricultural products – 10%
C10 – 20%
Emission allowances and related derivatives – 30%

Pending further information as to how ESMA proposes to quantify asset classes we do not consider it appropriate to set thresholds any lower than 10% of overall EU trading activity. We believe in any case that a 10% threshold would be appropriate for the "metals", "oil and oil products", "coal", "gas" and "agricultural products" asset class most relevant to CMCE members. We propose an appropriate threshold for any C10 asset class in line with the third alternative approach set out in our response to Q178.

We propose a higher threshold for the emission allowances/derivatives asset class mindful of uncertainty as to the treatment of positions in emission allowances or derivatives relating to emission allowances held in compliance with the provisions of the ETS Directive.

We would support provisions in the final RTS to review the asset class thresholds on an agreed schedule and we welcome the opportunity to discuss these thresholds further with ESMA.

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Q180. Do you think that the introduction of a *de minimis* threshold on the basis of a limited scope as described above is useful?

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We support the proposal to include a *de minimus* threshold. However, we consider that it must be adjusted in line with amendments to the asset class thresholds. We propose that ESMA resets the threshold at 5%.

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Q181. Do you agree with the conclusions drawn by ESMA in relation to the privileged transactions?

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We generally agree with ESMA's conclusions and we are encouraged that ESMA recognises the limited application of EMIR provisions and guidance at paragraph 70. Mindful of the directions in the MiFID 2 legislation regarding EMIR, we consider that at the very least revised guidance, applicable to both positions of commercial market participants in on-venue and OTC commodity derivatives, emission allowances and related derivatives is required.

We reiterate our concerns regarding the treatment of positions in emission allowances or derivatives relating to emission allowances held for compliance with the provisions of the ETS Directive. We urge ESMA to include such positions as "privileged transactions". We recognise that ESMA has no direct direction to do under Article 2(4) MiFID 2. However, we consider appropriate interpretation is needed if the exemption is to be workable.

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Q182. Do you agree with ESMA's conclusions in relation to the period for the calculation of the thresholds? Do you agree with the calculation approach in the initial period suggested by ESMA? If you do not agree, please provide reasons and alternative proposals.

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We agree with the proposed rolling three-year average for the calculations. However, we urge ESMA to consider an appropriate application period. It is obviously impossible for a person to assess whether or not it may avail of the exemption using 2016 data and seek authorisation as an investment firm where it cannot prior to application of the MiFID 2 legislation on 03 January 2017. We consider a 12-month application period sufficient for a person to seek authorisation as an investment firm or for that person to commence an orderly unwinding or transfer of open positions.

<ESMA_QUESTION_CP_MIFID_182>

Q183. Do you have any comments on the proposed framework of the methodology for calculating position limits?

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We generally support the methodology proposed by ESMA. However, we are mindful of the challenges of determining deliverable supply for individual commodity derivatives. We consider that trading venues will be the main source for the information to measure deliverable supply. However, we caution that assessments should not be restricted to trading venue information alone and NCAs should seek out information on commodities in storage and scheduled production as appropriate in measuring deliverable supply.

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Q184. Would a baseline of 25% of deliverable supply be suitable for all commodity derivatives to meet position limit objectives? For which commodity derivatives would 25% not be suitable and why? What baseline would be suitable and why?

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Q185. Would a maximum of 40% position limit be suitable for all commodity derivatives to meet position limit objectives. For which commodity derivatives would

40% not be suitable and why? What maximum position limit would be suitable and why?

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Q186. Are +/- 15% parameters for altering the baseline position limit suitable for all commodity derivatives? For which commodity derivatives would such parameters not be suitable and why? What parameters would be suitable and why?

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Q187. Are +/- 15% parameters suitable for all the factors being considered? For which factors should such parameters be changed, what to, and why?

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Q188. Do you consider the methodology for setting the spot month position limit should differ in any way from the methodology for setting the other months position limit? If so, in what way?

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For spot month limits, in both cash and physically settled contracts, we believe that deliverable supply is the correct basis for setting limits. We consider that anchoring spot month limits in this physical market metric is consistent with the objective of the regime set out in Article 57 MiFID 2 – primarily, preventing abusive squeezes and ensuring orderly delivery and settlement. We consider that an appropriate percentage will need to be applied according the specific factors in each market, and we welcome the flexibility the proposed formula affords in this regard.

However, for the “all other months’ limit”, deliverable supply would be an inappropriate metric. We are concerned this structure could artificially restrict legitimate trading activity down the curve, harming price formation, the efficiency of the market, and the ability of non-financial entities to adequately hedge their risks. It is not clear, for example, whether it is ESMA’s intention to apply a single month’s deliverable supply metric to positions held across multiple maturities outside of the spot month; this would result in an unnecessarily restrictive limit. Even if this is not the case, calculating a meaningful deliverable supply estimate for multiple maturities, potentially years, into the future would be difficult at best. Further, the maturity profile of a contract changes over time, and therefore a deliverable supply metric covering multiple long-dated periods is at risk of becoming obsolete and outdated as markets change, develop and grow.

We would therefore support an “all other months limit” based on open interest. This would be consistent with proposals in the US and would allow participants to hold positions in proportion to the liquidity of the contract. In order to address concerns around new and illiquid contracts, ESMA could establish a *de minimis* level below which an “all other months limit” could not fall.

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Q189. How do you suggest establishing a methodology that balances providing greater flexibility for new and illiquid contracts whilst still providing a level of constraint in a clear and quantifiable way? What limit would you consider as appropriate per product class? Could the assessment of whether a contract is illiquid, triggering a potential wider limit, be based on the technical standard ESMA is proposing for non-equity transparency?

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Q190. What wider factors should competent authorities consider for specific commodity markets for adjusting the level of deliverable supply calculated by trading venues?

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Q191. What are the specific features of certain commodity derivatives which might impact on deliverable supply?

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Q192. How should ‘less-liquid’ be considered and defined in the context of position limits and meeting the position limit objectives?

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Q193. What participation features in specific commodity markets around the organisation, structure, or behaviour should competent authorities take into account?

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Q194. How could the calculation methodology enable competent authorities to more accurately take into account specific factors or characteristics of commodity derivatives, their underlying markets and commodities?

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Q195. For what time period can a contract be considered as “new” and therefore benefit from higher position limits?

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Q196. Should the application of less-liquid parameters be based on the age of the commodity derivative or the ongoing liquidity of that contract.

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Q197. Do you have any further comments regarding the above proposals on how the factors will be taken into account for the position limit calculation methodology?

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Q198. Do you agree with ESMA’s proposal to not include asset-class specific elements in the methodology?

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Q199. How are the seven factors (listed under Article 57(3)(a) to (g) and discussed above) currently taken into account in the setting and management of existing position limits?

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Q200. Do you agree with the proposed draft RTS regarding risk reducing positions?

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CMCE members broadly agree with ESMA's proposed approach on risk reducing positions insofar as it follows the provisions of EMIR. However, we have reservations as regards the proposal to follow the current ESMA EMIR Q&A guidance on macro and portfolio hedging. We consider this specific guidance applicable only to positions in OTC derivative contracts and therefore inappropriate in assessing risk reducing positions in both on-venue and OTC derivative contracts. We note the reference in Recital (6) of draft RTS 30 to a "criterion" being adjusted to be relevant for exchange-traded contracts. We see no such adjustment in Article 1 of the draft RTS. We suggest that ESMA amends Recital (6) to refer to separate guidance specific to MiFID 2 on risk reducing positions to be developed and published prior to application of the legislation.

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Q201. Do you have any comments regarding ESMA's proposal regarding what is a non-financial entity?

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We support the proposal at paragraph 14 to treat non-EU persons according to their respective status as a "financial entity" or "non-financial entity" if established in an EU Member State. We consider this proposal essential to the effective and efficient application of position limits. We note that there is neither a definition of "financial entity" or "non-financial entity" included in draft RTS 30. We encourage ESMA to include the appropriate definition in the body of the RTS and to follow the Article 2(8) EMIR definition with express application to non-EU persons on the basis of their status if established in an EU Member State.

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Q202. Do you agree with the proposed draft RTS regarding the aggregation of a person's positions?

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We agree with ESMA's proposals to apply position limits at the level of the end-customer and to include positions held on behalf of a person by a third party. We also agree with the proposal to exclude from aggregation the positions of fellow subsidiaries of a mutual parent, intermediate or ultimate holding company. We are mindful that this proposal assumes that a mutual parent, intermediate or ultimate holding company does not hold positions in commodity derivatives subject to position limits under Article 57 MiFID 2.

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Q203. Do you agree with ESMA's proposal that a person's position in a commodity derivative should be aggregated on a 'whole' position basis with those that are under the beneficial ownership of the position holder? If not, please provide reasons.

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We have reservations as regards the 'whole position basis' approach for aggregating positions. We believe that this should be restricted to fully consolidated subsidiaries. We also believe that parent undertakings should be able to exclude from aggregation positions of

subsidiaries over which they have no control and for which they may be unable to use the proposed hedging exemption.

We enclose suggested amendments to Article 2 of the draft RTS for ESMA's consideration. We believe the suggested amendments to be consistent with the provisions of Directive 2013/34/EU as well as the application of comparable provisions of EMIR.

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Q204. Do you agree with the proposed draft RTS regarding the criteria for determining whether a contract is an economically equivalent OTC contract?

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We agree with the proposed application of the term “economically equivalent OTC contract” as set out in Article 3 of the draft RTS.

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Q205. Do you agree with the proposed draft RTS regarding the definition of same derivative contract?

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We agree with the proposed application of the term “same derivative contract” as set out in Article 4 of the draft RTS.

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Q206. Do you agree with the proposed draft RTS regarding the definition of significant volume for the purpose of article 57(6)?

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Q207. Do you agree with the proposed draft RTS regarding the aggregation and netting of OTC and on-venue commodity derivatives?

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We broadly agree with the methodology presented in Article 5 of the draft RTS. However, we suggest that ESMA amends Article 5(3) of the draft RTS in line with the amended Article 2 requirements on aggregation.

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Q208. Do you agree with the proposed draft RTS regarding the procedure for the application for exemption from the Article 57 position limits regime?

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We have grave concerns as to the proposed approach in the draft RTS and we do not believe the approach would be practical for non-financial entities that may need to exceed a position limit on an ongoing basis for the purposes of commercial hedging. We caution that it is also not possible for persons to precisely predict the amount by which it may need to exceed a position limit at a future date as commercial risks being hedged can fluctuate significantly day to day. Consequently, any approach that requires regular renewal of an exemption application would be unworkable. We propose an alternative approach for ESMA's consideration, which would be similar to procedures in US agricultural commodity derivative markets that have worked effectively for many years. Under this approach, a non-financial entity would apply annually to the competent authority of the trading venue for a

general exemption in a commodity derivative. The applicant entity would demonstrate how a position in the commodity derivative would be considered as objectively measurable as reducing risks directly relating to the commercial activity of that entity or its subsidiaries based on its relevant physical market exposures in the preceding 12 months, relevant forward purchases and other information. The general exemption would cover the entity's aggregated position in the relevant commodity derivative.

We also suggest that ESMA consider a procedure whereby a non-financial entity may seek a temporary exemption from a position limit in exceptional circumstances and where it has not applied for a general exemption in the relevant commodity derivative.

We enclose suggested amendments to Article 6 of the draft RTS for ESMA's consideration.

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Q209. Do you agree with the proposed draft RTS regarding the aggregation and netting of OTC and on-venue commodity derivatives?

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Q210. Do you agree with the reporting format for CoT reports?

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Q211. Do you agree with the reporting format for the daily Position Reports?

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Q212. What other reporting arrangements should ESMA consider specifying to facilitate position reporting arrangements?

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8. Market data reporting

Q213. Which of the formats specified in paragraph 2 would pose you the most substantial implementation challenge from technical and compliance point of view for transaction and/or reference data reporting? Please explain.

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Q214. Do you anticipate any difficulties with the proposed definition for a transaction and execution?

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Q215. In your view, is there any other outcome or activity that should be excluded from the definition of transaction or execution? Please justify.

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Q216. Do you foresee any difficulties with the suggested approach? Please justify.

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Q217. Do you agree with ESMA's proposed approach to simplify transaction reporting? Please provide details of your reasons.

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Q218. We invite your comments on the proposed fields and population of the fields. Please provide specific references to the fields which you are discussing in your response.

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Q219. Do you agree with the proposed approach to flag trading capacities?

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Q220. Do you foresee any problem with identifying the specific waiver(s) under which the trade took place in a transaction report? If so, please provide details

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Q221. Do you agree with ESMA's approach for deciding whether financial instruments based on baskets or indices are reportable?

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Q222. Do you agree with the proposed standards for identifying these instruments in the transaction reports?

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Q223. Do you foresee any difficulties applying the criteria to determine whether a branch is responsible for the specified activity? If so, do you have any alternative proposals?

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Q224. Do you anticipate any significant difficulties related to the implementation of LEI validation?

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Q225. Do you foresee any difficulties with the proposed requirements? Please elaborate.

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Q226. Are there any cases other than the AGGREGATED scenario where the client ID information could not be submitted to the trading venue operator at the time of order submission? If yes, please elaborate.

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Q227. Do you agree with the proposed approach to flag liquidity provision activity?

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Q228. Do you foresee any difficulties with the proposed differentiation between electronic trading venues and voice trading venues for the purposes of time stamping? Do you believe that other criteria should be considered as a basis for differentiating between trading venues?

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Q229. Is the approach taken, particularly in relation to maintaining prices of implied orders, in line with industry practice? Please describe any differences?

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Q230. Do you agree on the proposed content and format for records of orders to be maintained proposed in this Consultation Paper? Please elaborate.

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Q231. In your view, are there additional key pieces of information that an investment firm that engages in a high-frequency algorithmic trading technique has to maintain to comply with its record-keeping obligations under Article 17 of MiFID II? Please elaborate.

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Q232. Do you agree with the proposed record-keeping period of five years?

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Q233. Do you agree with the proposed criteria for calibrating the level of accuracy required for the purpose of clock synchronisation? Please elaborate.

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Q234. Do you foresee any difficulties related to the requirement for members or participants of trading venues to ensure that they synchronise their clocks in a timely manner according to the same time accuracy applied by their trading venue? Please elaborate and suggest alternative criteria to ensure the timely synchronisation of members or participants clocks to the accuracy applied by their trading venue as well as a possible calibration of the requirement for investment firms operating at a high latency.

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Q235. Do you agree with the proposed list of instrument reference data fields and population of the fields? Please provide specific references to the fields which you are discussing in your response.

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Q236. Do you agree with ESMA's proposal to submit a single instrument reference data full file once per day? Please explain.

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Q237. Do you agree that, where a specified list as defined in Article 2 [RTS on reference data] is not available for a given trading venue, instrument reference data is submitted when the first quote/order is placed or the first trade occurs on that venue? Please explain.

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Q238. Do you agree with ESMA proposed approach to the use of instrument code types? If not, please elaborate on the possible alternative solutions for identification of new financial instruments.

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9. Post-trading issues

Q239. What are your views on the pre-check to be performed by trading venues for orders related to derivative transactions subject to the clearing obligation and the proposed time frame?

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Q240. What are your views on the categories of transactions and the proposed timeframe for submitting executed transactions to the CCP?

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Q241. What are your views on the proposal that the clearing member should receive the information related to the bilateral derivative contracts submitted for clearing and the timeframe?

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Q242. What are your views on having a common timeframe for all categories of derivative transactions? Do you agree with the proposed timeframe?

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Q243. What are your views on the proposed treatment of rejected transactions?

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Q244. Do you agree with the proposed draft RTS? Do you believe it addresses the stakeholders concerns on the lack of indirect clearing services offering? If not, please provide detailed explanations on the reasons why a particular provision would limit such a development as well as possible alternatives.

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Q245. Do you believe that a gross omnibus account segregation, according to which the clearing member is required to record the collateral value of the assets, rather than the assets held for the benefit of indirect clients, achieves together with other requirements included in the draft RTS a protection of equivalent effect to the indirect clients as the one envisaged for clients under EMIR?



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