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Form 19b-4

Proposed Rule Change by

## BANQUE CENTRALE DE COMPENSATION

Pursuant to Rule 19b-4 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

#### Item 1. <u>Text of the Proposed Rule Change</u>

Banque Centrale de Compensation, which conducts business under the name LCH SA ("**LCH SA**") is filing a proposed fee grid for all accounts structures, including those introduced<sup>1</sup> to reflect the indirect clearing requirements<sup>2</sup> under EMIR<sup>3</sup> and MiFIR<sup>4</sup> for authorized CCPs.

#### Item 2. <u>Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization</u>

LCH SA has completed all of the required action to be taken to approve the proposed fee change. The proposed fee grid was approved by the LCH SA's Local Management Committee on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017. No other action is necessary for the filing of this proposed rule change.

Questions should be addressed to François Faure, Chief Compliance Officer, at

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Advisor, Compliance Department, at mohamed.meziane@lch.com or +33 1 70 37 65 52.

## Item 3.Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the<br/>Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

#### A. <u>Purpose</u>

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to adopt the applicable CDSClear fee grid for all accounts structures, including the indirect client accounts structures proposed in accordance with the provisions of MiFIR Article 30.

<sup>1</sup> See SR-LCH SA-2017-010

<sup>2</sup> Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/2155 of 22 September 2017 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) No. 149/2013 supplementing the European Market Infrastructure Regulation (**MiFIR**) with regard to regulatory technical standards (**RTS**) on indirect clearing arrangements.

<sup>3</sup> Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 on OTC derivatives, central counterparties and trade repositories (EMIR)

<sup>4</sup> Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on markets in financial instruments and amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012

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The proposed rule change introduces a fixed annual fee payable to CDSClear by its Clearing Members semi annually for the 6-month periods beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> in accordance with the amount and currency specified in the fee grid attached in Exhibit 5.

The Account structure fees will be calculated on the day immediately preceding each 6month period, being December 31<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year, based on the number of live accounts at that date. It will apply for existing client accounts from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

Any Clearing Member will make its own pricing arrangements with its clients. The Account structure fee does not apply to house accounts.

#### B. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

Section 17A(b)(3)(D) of the Act requires that the rules of a clearing agency provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges.<sup>5</sup>

As noted above, the proposed fee grid will apply equally to all existing and new client accounts, whether Indirect or not, and LCH SA believes that it is reasonable and appropriate. The fee amount applied is constant across all account types reflecting the even workload for each account opened by clients.

LCH believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of Section 17A of the Act<sup>6</sup> and regulations thereunder applicable to it, because it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable fees, dues, and other charges among clearing members

<sup>5 15</sup> U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(D).

<sup>6 15</sup> U.S.C. 78q-1.

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including their clients and market participants by ensuring that they pay reasonable fees and dues for the services that LCH SA provides.

#### Item 4. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

Section 17A(b)(3)(I) of the Act requires that the rules of a clearing agency do not impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.<sup>7</sup> LCH SA does not believe that the proposed rule change would impose any burden on competition that are not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

The proposed rule change will apply equally to all existing and new client accounts and does not adversely affect the ability of Clearing Members and their clients or other market participants generally to engage in cleared transactions or to access clearing services. Therefore, LCH SA does not believe that the proposed rule change would impose a burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

# Item 5.Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed<br/>Rule Change Received from Members, Participants or Others

Written comments relating to the proposed rule change have not been solicited or received. LCH SA will notify the Commission of any written comments received by LCH SA.

#### Item 6. <u>Extension of Time Period for Commission Action</u>

Not applicable.

7 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(I).

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# Item 7.Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for<br/>Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) or Section 19(b)(7)(D)

Subject to any regulatory review or approval process duly completed, the foregoing proposed rule change has become effective upon filing pursuant to Section  $19(b)(3)(A)^8$  of the Act and Rule  $19b-4(f)(2)^9$  thereunder because it establishes a fee or other charge imposed by LCH SA on its Clearing Members. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such proposed rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

# Item 8.Proposed Rule Change Based on Rule of Another<br/>Self-Regulatory Organization or of the Commission

Not applicable.

# Item 9. Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act Not applicable.

# Item 10.Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of<br/>the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act

Not applicable.

#### Item 11. <u>Exhibits</u>

Exhibit 1A. Completed Notice of Proposed Rule Change for publication in the <u>Federal</u>

<sup>8 15</sup> U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>9 17</sup> CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

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Register.

Exhibit 5. CDSClear Fee Grid for Accounts Structures

#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Banque Centrale de

Compensation has caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

#### **BANQUE CENTRALE DE COMPENSATION**

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By: Francois Faure Chief Compliance Officer

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#### **EXHIBIT 1A**

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

(Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-LCH SA-2017-011)

#### [DATE]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; LCH SA; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change Relating to the [CDSClear fee grid for all accounts structures]

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, Banque Centrale de Compensation, which conducts business under the name LCH SA ("**LCH SA**"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("**Commission**") the proposed rule change described in Items I, II and III below, which Items have been prepared primarily by LCH SA. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

#### I. <u>Clearing Agency's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule</u> <u>Change</u>

Banque Centrale de Compensation, which conducts business under the name LCH SA ("**LCH SA**") is filing a proposed fee grid for all accounts structures, including those introduced<sup>3</sup> to reflect the indirect clearing requirements<sup>4</sup> under EMIR<sup>5</sup> and MiFIR<sup>6</sup> for authorized CCPs. The text of the proposed rule change has been annexed as Exhibit 5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See SR-LCH SA-2017-010

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/2155 of 22 September 2017 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) No. 149/2013 supplementing the European Market Infrastructure Regulation (MiFIR) with regard to regulatory technical standards (RTS) on indirect clearing arrangements.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 on OTC derivatives, central counterparties and trade repositories (EMIR).

#### II. <u>Clearing Agency's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the</u> <u>Proposed Rule Change</u>

In its filing with the Commission, LCH SA included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. LCH SA has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of these statements.

#### A. <u>Clearing Agency's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for,</u> <u>the Proposed Rule Change</u>

1. <u>Purpose</u>

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to adopt the applicable CDSClear fee grid for all accounts structures, including the indirect client account structures proposed in accordance with the provisions of MiFIR Article 30.

The proposed rule change introduces a fixed annual fee payable to CDSClear by its Clearing Members semi annually for the 6-month periods beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> in accordance with the amount and currency specified in the fee grid attached in Exhibit 5.

The Account structure fees will be calculated on the day immediately preceding each 6-month period, being December 31<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year, based on the number of live accounts at that date. It will apply for existing client accounts from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

Any Clearing Member will make its own pricing arrangements with its clients. The Account structure fee does not apply to house accounts.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on markets in financial instruments and amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012

#### 2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

Section 17A(b)(3)(D) of the Act requires that the rules of a clearing agency provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges.<sup>7</sup>

As noted above, the proposed fee grid will apply equally to all existing and new client accounts, whether Indirect or not, and LCH SA believes that it is reasonable and appropriate. The fee amount applied is constant across all account types reflecting the even workload for each account opened by clients.

LCH believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of Section 17A of the Act<sup>8</sup> and regulations thereunder applicable to it, because it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable fees, dues, and other charges among clearing members including their clients and market participants by ensuring that they pay reasonable fees and dues for the services that LCH SA provides.

#### B. <u>Clearing Agency's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

Section 17A(b)(3)(I) of the Act requires that the rules of a clearing agency not impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.<sup>9</sup> LCH SA does not believe that the proposed rule change would impose any burden on competition that are not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

The proposed rule change will apply equally to all existing and new client accounts and does not adversely affect the ability of Clearing Members and their clients

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(D).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(I).

or other market participants generally to engage in cleared transactions or to access clearing services. Therefore, LCH SA does not believe that the proposed rule change would impose a burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

#### C. <u>Clearing Agency's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change</u> <u>Received from Members, Participants or Others</u>

Written comments relating to the proposed rule change have not been solicited or received. LCH SA will notify the Commission of any written comments received by LCH SA.

#### III. <u>Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for</u> <u>Commission Action</u>

Subject to any regulatory review or approval process duly completed, the foregoing proposed rule change has become effective upon filing pursuant to Section  $19(b)(3)(A)^{10}$  of the Act and Rule  $19b-4(f)(2)^{11}$  thereunder because it establishes a fee or other charge imposed by LCH SA on its Clearing Members. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such proposed rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

<sup>11</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

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#### IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

#### **Electronic Comments:**

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. <u>Please include File Number SR-LCH</u> <u>SA-2017-011 on the subject line</u>.

#### Paper Comments:

 Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-LCH SA-2017-011. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet website (<u>http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</u>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549 on official business days between the hours of 10:00 am and

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3:00 pm. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of LCH SA and on LCH SA's website at http://www.lch.com/asset-classes/cdsclear. All comments received will be posted without change; Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-LCH SA-2017-011 and should be submitted on or before [Commission to insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>12</sup>

Secretary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

### APPENDIX <u>New CDSClear fee grid for account structures effective upon filing\*</u>

	ISA	OSA Net	<b>OSA Gross</b>
Business	Fee	Fee	Fee
CDSClear	€3,500	€3,500	€3,500 *

#### **CDSClear Account Charges**

#### Annual Account Fees for CDSClear will only be applicable from 1 January 2018.

CDSClear charges a semi-annual account fee for the 6 month periods beginning 1 January and 1 July. Account fees are calculated on the day immediately preceding each 6 month period, being 31 December and 30 June of each year ('Billing Points'). The account fee is calculated based on the number of Live Accounts^ of the relevant type within the CDSClear service on the last day of the previous period (i.e. 31 December and 30 June).

\*OSA Gross Account Charges - The first OSA Gross is charged at €0/€0, subsequent OSA Gross arrangements will be charged at €1,750 for each 6 month period (comparison annual cost €3,500).

^ 'Live Account' means any account that has been onboarded and could accept transactions for clearing on the calculation date.

\* Subject to any appropriate regulatory review and/or approval process duly completed