

RISK NOTICE 2015-087

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NOTICE on Cash & Derivatives Default Fund parameters and the Default Fund Additional Margin

LCH.Clearnet SA publishes hereinafter a Notice on the Cash and Derivatives Default Fund parameters and Default Fund Additional Margin for Transactions registered in the Cash & Derivatives Clearing System, pursuant to Instruction IV.3-1.

These changes will be applicable for the calculation of the **August 2015** Default Fund's contributions payable on **6 August 2015**:

- **Enhancement of the Default Fund size based on the STLOIM and the contributions based on the IM (described in annex).**

THE CASH AND DERIVATIVES DEFAULT FUND**Article 1**

The date of calculation of the Cash and Derivatives Default Fund size and Clearing Members contributions ("Contribution Determination Date") mentioned in Articles 2, 12 and 16 of Instruction IV.3-1 is the latest Clearing Day of each month (position at end of day).

The contributions are called on the morning of the 4th Clearing Day of each month.

Article 2

The cap mentioned in Article 13 of Instruction IV.3-1 is set at 1,750,000,000 Euros.

Article 3

The floor mentioned in Article 14 of Instruction IV.3-1 is set at 750,000,000 Euros.

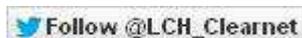
Article 4

The Minimum Contribution mentioned in Article 16 of Instruction IV.3-1 is set at 100,000 Euros.

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ANNEX

This annex aims at:

- Providing the method used for the calculation of the so-called Stress Test Loss Over Initial Margin (STLOIM);
- Presenting how the size of the Cash and Derivatives Default Fund is set and how the individual contributions of the Clearing Members are calculated.

1. The daily Stress Test Loss Over Initial Margin (STLOIM)

STLOIM_Dⁱ means in respect of each Clearing Member active on Cash and/or Derivatives markets and any day, the stress-tested loss (calculated by LCH. Clearnet SA for a given scenario i which is determined by LCH. Clearnet SA) in excess of Initial Margin¹, which could be incurred by LCH. Clearnet SA in respect of that Clearing Member's Cash and/or Derivatives business if that Clearing Member became a Defaulting Member on that day.

STLOIM is computed at Margin Account level using a set of both historical and theoretical scenarios, reviewed at least yearly.

For derivatives,

$$STLOIM_D^i = \text{Stress Test Loss}_D^i - \text{Final Risk}_D$$

Final Risk is the Final Risk computed by SPAN[®].

$$\text{Final Risk} = \sum_{\text{ALL CC}} [\max([\text{Scanning Risk} + \text{inter month charge} + \text{delivery month charge} - \text{intercommodity spread credit}]; \text{short option minimum}) \times \text{Currency Exchange Rate}]$$

For cash equity,

$$STLOIM^i = \text{Stress Test Loss}_D^i - \text{Liquidation Risk}_D \times \text{Currency Exchange Rate}$$

Then STLOIMs for a given day and a given scenario are aggregated at Clearing Member ("CMF") level for all cash equity and derivatives markets where offsets inside a market are allowed on House accounts of the same Clearing Member but not between Client accounts.

For each CMF, the STLOIM for scenario i is;

$$STLOIM_{CMF}^i = \max\left(\sum_{u=1}^n (STLOIM_u^i) - \text{ICS Margin}_{GC}; 0\right)$$

2. Default Fund Size

i. Determine the daily measure for the default fund size

At this stage, a set of X scenarios i is available for every CMF. For each scenario i, the first and the second worst STLOIMs are retained.

$$\text{Daily Overall STLOIM}^i = \max_1\{STLOIM_{\text{all CMF}}^i\} + \max_2\{STLOIM_{\text{all CMF}}^i\}$$

Where Daily Overall STLOIMⁱ is the daily STLOIM computed for scenario i with the two worst STLOIMs selected among all the CMF.

$$\text{Daily Max STLOIM}^D = \max_{i=1 \text{ to } n} (\text{Daily Overall STLOIM}^i)$$

Where Daily Max STLOIM is the worst daily overall STLOIM among the X scenarios. Thus, every day, a Daily Max STLOIM is retained; the scenario can be different from one day to another.

ii. Determine the theoretical size of the Cash and Derivatives Default Fund

The Cash and Derivatives Default Fund Size (DF Size) is set, on a monthly basis, from the maximum over a 60 Clearing Day period of the daily Max STLOIM + a 10% buffer.

$$\text{Default Fund theoretical size} = \max_{D=1 \text{ to } 60 \text{ days}} (\text{Daily Max STLOIM}^D) \times 1.1$$

¹ Retreated from the Net Option Value for derivatives and corresponding to the Liquidation Risk for cash equity.

iii. Apply Cap and Floor to the Default Fund Size

To determine the size of the default fund used to calculate the contributions, the cap and the floor, defined above in this notice are applied to the Default Fund theoretical size.

3. Member Contribution

The Cash and Derivatives Default Fund contributions are calculated at CMF level, once a month. The individual DF Contributions “shall be proportional to the exposures” (EMIR; art 42-2) of the Clearing Member. Therefore, the individual contribution is computed as the pro-rata of the average IM over the last 60 Clearing Days.

$$\text{Average Overall IM}_{\text{CMF}} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^n (\text{Daily Overall IM}_{\text{CMF}})$$

Where:

- m is the number of actual days of IM among the 60 historical Clearing Days.
- Average Overall IM_{CMF} is the average IM over the last 60 Clearing Days for the CMF.
- Daily Overall IM_{CMF} is the consolidated IM, for la cash and derivative markets for the CMF.
- IM here stands for Final Risk for derivatives markets and Liquidation Risk for cash equity markets.

Then the pro-rata of the average IM is calculated and the Cash and Derivatives Default Fund Contribution Floor is applied if the individual DF contribution provided by the pro rata methodology is too low or if the member has no Open Positions.

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Individual DF Contribution}_{\text{CMF}} \\ &= \max \left(\frac{\text{Average Overall IM}_{\text{CMF}}}{\sum_{\text{all CMF}} (\text{Average Overall IM}_{\text{CMF}})} \times \text{Default Fund theoretical size; Contribution floor} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Where:

- Individual DF Contribution_{CMF} is the individual contribution for the CMF.
- $\sum_{\text{all CMF}} (\text{Average Overall IM}_{\text{CMF}})$ is the sum of the average IM over the last 60 Clearing Days for all the CMFs.
- Default Fund theoretical size is the theoretical DF based on the cover 2 principle + a 10% buffer.
- Contribution floor is the minimum contribution floor defined above in this Risk Notice.

Due to this floor, the final size of the Default Fund can be higher than the theoretical size. Therefore, the sum of contributions can be higher than the theoretical DF and potentially higher than the cap.

$$\text{Production DF} = \sum_{\text{all CMF}} \text{Individual DF Contribution}_{\text{CMF}}$$

4. Date of calculation and contribution call

❖ Monthly reviews of the Default Fund

The date of calculation, i.e. the latest day of the 60 Clearing Day period used for monthly review of the contribution is the latest Clearing Day of each month (position at end of day).

❖ Date of pre-advice

The pre-advice report is provided the 2nd and 3rd Clearing Day of each month in the treasury report.

❖ Date of contribution calls

The contributions are called on the morning of the 4th Clearing Day of each month.

5. The default fund additional margin

An additional margin (Default Fund) can be called intra-day the D Day of the observation of the event described in Article 15 of the IV.3-1 Instruction.

The additional margin (Default Fund) is released in the morning call process of the 2nd following day (D+2) if this excess is not anymore observed on the following day (D+1).