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Mr Christopher Kirkpatrick  
Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
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## **LCH Limited Self-Certification: SwapClear tenor extensions for Fed Funds and CDOR Indexes**

Dear Mr Kirkpatrick

Pursuant to CFTC regulation §40.6(a), LCH Limited ("LCH"), a derivatives clearing organization registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "CFTC"), is submitting for self-certification changes to its rules to extend the maximum maturity of swaps referencing:

1. the Fed Funds index to 51 years
2. the Canadian Dollar Offered Rate (CDOR) index to 41 years

### **Part I: Explanation and Analysis**

#### Fed Funds tenor extension

On 22nd June 2017 the US Federal Reserve Alternative Reference Rates Committee ("ARRC") selected a Broad Treasuries repo financing rate, to be called the Secured Overnight Financing Rate ("SOFR"), as the preferred alternative rate for use in certain new USD derivatives and other financial contracts. However, the ARRC specifically stated that the USD Fed Funds market should continue to exist in parallel with the USD SOFR market. Hence, following market consultation and feedback, SwapClear propose to extend the maximum maturity of Swaps referencing the USD Fed Funds index currently eligible for clearing from 31 years to 51 years.

#### CDOR tenor extension

The OTC market in Canada is supported by a significant number of market participants and has an active government issuance program. There are long dated CAD bonds with a standard fixed coupon issued as far out as 2068. Following market consultation and feedback, SwapClear propose to extend the maximum maturity of swaps referencing the CDOR index currently eligible for clearing from 31 years to 41 years.

The majority of factors used to determine suitability of maturity extensions are un-impacted by these proposed changes, and the existing risk framework and processes will be unchanged.

Minor changes will be required in the “Product Specific Contract Terms and Eligibility Criteria Manual” and “FCM Product Specific Contract Terms and Eligibility Criteria Manual” to reflect the maximum permitted tenors. No changes are needed to the default rules.

The rule changes will go live on, or after, 20 May 2019.

## **Part II: Description of Rule Changes**

Section 1.2 of Part B of the Product Specific Contract Terms and Eligibility Criteria Manual and Section 1.1 of Part B of the FCM Product Specific Contract Terms and Eligibility Criteria Manual have been updated to reflect that the maximum tenors for swaps referencing the Fed Funds and CDOR indexes.

The texts of the rule changes are attached hereto as:

- i. **Appendix I**, Product Specific Contract Terms and Eligibility Criteria Manual
- ii. **Appendix II**, FCM Product Specific Contract Terms and Eligibility Criteria Manual

## **Part III: Core Principle Compliance**

LCH has reviewed the changes against the requirements of the Core Principles and finds it will continue to comply with all the requirements and standards therein.

## **Part IV: Public Information**

LCH has posted a notice of pending certification with the CFTC and a copy of the submission on LCH's website at:

<http://www.lch.com/rules-regulations/proposed-rules-changes>

## **Part V: Opposing Views**

There were no opposing views expressed to LCH by governing board or committee members, members of LCH or market participants that were not incorporated into the rule.

## **Certification**

LCH hereby certifies to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Commission regulation § 40.6, that attached rule submission complies with the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended, and the regulations promulgated there under.

Should you have any questions please contact me at [julian.oliver@lch.com](mailto:julian.oliver@lch.com).

Yours sincerely



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**Appendix I**  
Product Specific Contract Terms and Eligibility Criteria Manual



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**PRODUCT SPECIFIC CONTRACT TERMS AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA  
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## PART B PRODUCT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR REGISTRATION OF A SWAPCLEAR CONTRACT

### 1. SwapClear Transaction

Without prejudice to the Regulations and the Procedures, the Clearing House will only register a SwapClear Contract pursuant to receipt of particulars of a transaction where at the time of the particulars being presented:

- (a) the transaction meets the eligibility criteria, set out in paragraphs 1.2(a), (b), (c) or (d) below for a SwapClear Transaction; and
- (b) each party to the transaction is either a SwapClear Dealer or a SwapClear Clearing Member (including an SCM Branch),

and the requirements of (a) and (b) continue to be satisfied at Registration Time.

### 1.2 SwapClear Product Eligibility Criteria for a SwapClear Transaction

- (a) Vanilla interest rate swaps and notional interest rate swaps having the characteristics set out in the table below:

<u>Instrument</u>	<u>Currency</u>	<u>Leg 1</u>	<u>Leg 2</u>	<u>Variable Notional</u>	<u>Maximum Tenor</u>	<u>Notional Amount</u>
Interest rate swap	GBP	Fixed	GBP-LIBOR-BBA	Yes	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Basis Swap	GBP	GBP-LIBOR-BBA	GBP-LIBOR-BBA	Yes	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Basis swap	GBP	GBP-SONIA-COMPOUND	GBP-LIBOR-BBA	No	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
OIS	GBP	Fixed	GBP-SONIA-COMPOUND	No	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Interest rate swap	USD	Fixed	USD-LIBOR-BBA	Yes	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
OIS	USD	Fixed	USD-SOFR-COMPOUND	No	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Basis swap	USD	USD-LIBOR-BBA	USD-LIBOR-BBA	Yes	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Basis swap	USD	USD-LIBOR-BBA	USD-SOFR-COMPOUND	Yes	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Basis swap	USD	USD-FEDERAL FUNDS-H.15	USD-LIBOR-BBA	No	<del>11,375</del> 18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Basis swap	USD	USD-FEDERAL FUNDS-H.15-OIS-COMPOUND	USD-SOFR-COMPOUND	No	<del>11,375</del> 18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
OIS	USD	Fixed	USD-Federal Funds H.15-OIS-COMPOUND	No	<del>11,375</del> 18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99

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Interest rate swap	EUR	Fixed	EUR-LIBOR-BBA	Yes	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Interest rate swap	EUR	Fixed	EUR-EURIBOR-Telerate	Yes	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Interest rate swap	EUR	Fixed	EUR-EURIBOR-Reuters	Yes	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Basis swap	EUR	EUR-LIBOR-BBA	EUR-LIBOR-BBA	Yes	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Basis swap	EUR	EUR-LIBOR-BBA	EUR-EURIBOR-Telerate	Yes	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Basis swap	EUR	EUR-LIBOR-BBA	EUR-EURIBOR-Reuters	Yes	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Basis swap	EUR	EUR-EURIBOR-Telerate	EUR-EURIBOR-Telerate	Yes	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Basis swap	EUR	EUR-EURIBOR-Reuters	EUR-EURIBOR-Reuters	Yes	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Basis swap	EUR	EUR-EONIA-OIS-COMPOUND	EUR-EURIBOR-Telerate	No	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Basis swap	EUR	EUR-EONIA-OIS-COMPOUND	EUR-EURIBOR-Reuters	No	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
OIS	EUR	Fixed	EUR-EONIA-OIS-COMPOUND	No	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Interest rate swap	AUD	Fixed	AUD-BBR-BBSW	Yes	11,375 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Basis swap	AUD	AUD-BBR-BBSW	AUD-BBR-BBSW	Yes	11,375 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Basis swap	AUD	AUD-AONIA-OIS-COMPOUND	AUD-BBR-BBSW	No	2,025 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
OIS	AUD	Fixed	AUD-AONIA-OIS-COMPOUND	No	2,025 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Interest rate swap	CAD	Fixed	CAD-BA-CDOR	Yes	<del>11,375</del> 15,025 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Basis swap	CAD	CAD-BA-CDOR	CAD-BA-CDOR	Yes	<del>11,375</del> 15,025 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
OIS	CAD	Fixed	CAD-CORRA-OIS-COMPOUND	No	850 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Interest rate swap	CZK	Fixed	CZK-PRIBOR-PRBO	Yes	4,050 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Basis swap	CZK	CZK-PRIBOR-PRBO	CZK-PRIBOR-PRBO	Yes	4,050 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99

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**PART B**  
**PRODUCT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR REGISTRATION OF AN FCM SWAPCLEAR CONTRACT**

**1. FCM SwapClear Transaction**

Without prejudice to the FCM Regulations and the FCM Procedures, the Clearing House will only register an FCM SwapClear Contract pursuant to receipt of particulars of a transaction where at the time of the particulars being presented:

- (a) the transaction meets the FCM SwapClear Product Eligibility Criteria for registration as an FCM SwapClear Transaction; and
- (b) each party to the transaction is an Executing Party;

and the requirements of (a) and (b) continue to be satisfied at Registration Time.

**1.1 FCM SwapClear Product Eligibility Criteria for an FCM SwapClear Transaction**

- (a) Vanilla interest rate swaps and notional interest rate swaps having the characteristics set out in the table below:

<u>Instrument</u>	<u>Currency</u>	<u>Leg 1</u>	<u>Leg 2</u>	<u>Variable Notional</u>	<u>Maximum Tenor</u>	<u>Notional Amount</u>
Interest rate swap	GBP	Fixed	GBP-LIBOR-BBA	Yes	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Basis Swap	GBP	GBP-LIBOR-BBA	GBP-LIBOR-BBA	Yes	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Basis swap	GBP	GBP-SONIA-COMPOUND	GBP-LIBOR-BBA	No	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
OIS	GBP	Fixed	GBP-SONIA-COMPOUND	No	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Interest rate swap	USD	Fixed	USD-LIBOR-BBA	Yes	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
OIS	USD	Fixed	USD-SOFR-COMPOUND	Yes	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Basis swap	USD	USD-LIBOR-BBA	USD-LIBOR-BBA	Yes	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Basis swap	USD	USD-LIBOR-BBA	USD-SOFR-COMPOUND	Yes	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Basis swap	USD	USD-FEDERAL FUNDS-H.15	USD-LIBOR-BBA	No	<del>18,675</del> days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Basis swap	USD	USD-FEDERAL FUNDS-H.15-OIS-COMPOUND	USD-SOFR-COMPOUND	No	<del>18,675</del> days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
OIS	USD	Fixed	USD-Federal Funds H.15-OIS-COMPOUND	No	<del>18,675</del> days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99

Interest rate swap	EUR	Fixed	EUR-LIBOR-BBA	Yes	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Interest rate swap	EUR	Fixed	EUR-EURIBOR-Telerate	Yes	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Interest rate swap	EUR	Fixed	EUR-EURIBOR-Reuters	Yes	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Basis swap	EUR	EUR-LIBOR-BBA	EUR-LIBOR-BBA	Yes	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Basis swap	EUR	EUR-LIBOR-BBA	EUR-EURIBOR-Telerate	Yes	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Basis swap	EUR	EUR-LIBOR-BBA	EUR-EURIBOR-Reuters	Yes	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Basis swap	EUR	EUR-EURIBOR-Telerate	EUR-EURIBOR-Telerate	Yes	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Basis swap	EUR	EUR-EURIBOR-Reuters	EUR-EURIBOR-Reuters	Yes	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Basis swap	EUR	EUR-EONIA-OIS-COMPOUND	EUR-EURIBOR-Telerate	No	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Basis swap	EUR	EUR-EONIA-OIS-COMPOUND	EUR-EURIBOR-Reuters	No	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
OIS	EUR	Fixed	EUR-EONIA-OIS-COMPOUND	No	18,675 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Interest rate swap	AUD	Fixed	AUD-BBR-BBSW	Yes	11,375 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Basis swap	AUD	AUD-BBR-BBSW	AUD-BBR-BBSW	Yes	11,375 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Basis swap	AUD	AUD-AONIA-OIS-COMPOUND	AUD-BBR-BBSW	No	2,025 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
OIS	AUD	Fixed	AUD-AONIA-OIS-COMPOUND	No	2,025 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Interest rate swap	CAD	Fixed	CAD-BA-CDOR	Yes	<del>44,375</del> 15,025 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Basis swap	CAD	CAD-BA-CDOR	CAD-BA-CDOR	Yes	<del>44,375</del> 15,025 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
OIS	CAD	Fixed	CAD-CORRA-OIS-COMPOUND	No	850 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Interest rate swap	CZK	Fixed	CZK-PRIBOR-PRBO	Yes	4,050 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99
Basis swap	CZK	CZK-PRIBOR-PRBO	CZK-PRIBOR-PRBO	Yes	4,050 days	0.01-99,999,999,999.99