# MARKET PARTICIPANT DIVISION ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2019-2020

## COMMISSION RULEMAKINGS AND ORDERS

Margin Requirements for Uncleared Swaps for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants, 84 FR 56392 (Oct. 22, 2019) (Proposal to exempt European Stability Mechanism from margin requirements)

Margin Requirements for Uncleared Swaps for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants, 84 FR 56950 (Oct. 24, 2019) (Proposal to add final implementation phase)

Privacy of Consumer Financial Information, 84 FR 60963 (Nov. 12, 2019) (Proposal)

Registration and Compliance Requirements for Commodity Pool Operators and Commodity Trading Advisors: Registered Investment Companies, Business Development Companies, and Definition of Reporting Person, 84 FR 67343 (Dec. 10, 2019) (Final rule)

Registration and Compliance Requirements for Commodity Pool Operators and Commodity Trading Advisors: Family Offices and Exempt CPOs, 84 FR 67355 (Dec. 10, 2019) (Final rule)

<u>Capital Requirements of Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants</u>, 84 FR 69664 (Dec. 19, 2010) (Proposal; Request for Additional Comment)

<u>Cross-Border Application of the Registration Thresholds and Certain Requirements Applicable</u> to Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants, 85 FR 952 (Jan. 8, 2020) (Proposal)

<u>Prohibitions and Restrictions on Proprietary Trading and Certain Interests in, and Relationships With, Hedge Funds and Private Equity Funds,</u> 85 FR 12120 (Feb. 28, 2020) (Proposal)

Foreign Futures and Options Transactions, 85 FR 15359 (March 18, 2020) (Final rule)

Margin Requirements for Uncleared Swaps for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants, 85 FR 19878 (April 9, 2020) (Final rule adding final implementation phase)

Amendments to Compliance Requirements for Commodity Pool Operators on Form CPO-PQR, 85 FR 26378 (May 4, 2020) (Proposal)

Margin Requirements for Uncleared Swaps for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants, 85 FR 27674 (May 11, 2020) (Final rule exempting European Stability Mechanism from margin requirements)

Privacy of Consumer Financial Information, 85 FR 29611 (May 18, 2020) (Final rule)

Exemption From Registration for Certain Foreign Persons Acting as Commodity Pool Operators of Offshore Commodity Pools, 85 FR 35820 (June 12, 2020) (Proposal)

Adoption of Revised Registration Form 8-R, 85 FR 37880 (June 24, 2020)

Registration and Compliance Requirements for Commodity Pool Operators and Commodity Trading Advisors: Prohibiting Exemptions on Behalf of Persons Subject to Certain Statutory Disqualifications, 85 FR 40877 (July 8, 2020) (Final rule)

Order Deeming Ineffective Certain Exemptions from Commodity Pool Operator Registration Pursuant to Commission Regulation 4.13(a)(2), (July 10, 2020)

Margin Requirements for Uncleared Swaps for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants, 85 FR 41346 (July 10, 2020) (Interim final rule deferring phase 5 compliance date)

Margin Requirements for Uncleared Swaps for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants, 85 FR 41463 (July 10, 2020) (Proposal to defer phase 6 compliance date)

Prohibitions and Restrictions on Proprietary Trading and Certain Interests in, and Relationships With, Hedge Funds and Private Equity Funds, 85 FR 46422 (July 31, 2020) (Final rule)

<u>Cross-Border Application of the Registration Thresholds and Certain Requirements Applicable to Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants</u>, 85 FR 56924 (Sept. 14, 2020) (Final rule)

<u>Capital Requirements of Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants</u>, 85 FR 57462 (Sept. 15, 2020) (Final rule)

Margin Requirements for Uncleared Swaps for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants, 85 FR 59470 (Sept. 22, 2020) (Proposal to permit the application of separate minimum transfer amounts for IM and VM)

Margin Requirements for Uncleared Swaps for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants, 85 FR 59702 (Sept. 23, 2020) (Proposal; material swaps exposure definition and initial margin calculation)

<u>Portfolio Margining of Uncleared Swaps and Non-Cleared Security-Based Swaps</u>, 85 FR 70536 (Nov. 5, 2020) (Request for Comment)

Margin Requirements for Uncleared Swaps for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants, 85 FR 71246 (Nov. 9, 2020) (Final rule deferring phase 6 compliance date)

Compliance Requirements for Commodity Pool Operators on Form CPO-PQR, 85 FR 71772 (Nov. 10, 2020) (Final rule)

<u>Foreign Futures and Options Transactions</u>, 85 FR 74861 (Nov. 24, 2020) (granting exemption to member firms designated by the National Stock Exchange International Financial Service Centre Limited from certain Commission regulations)

<u>Foreign Futures and Options Transactions</u>, 85 FR 74864 (Nov. 24, 2020) (granting exemption to member firms designated by NZX Limited from certain Commission regulations)

<u>Foreign Futures and Options Transactions</u>, 85 FR 74867 (Nov. 24, 2020) (granting exemption to UBS AG, a firm designated by the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority, from certain Commission regulations)

<u>Foreign Futures and Options Transactions</u>, 85 FR 74869 (Nov. 24, 2020) (granting exemption to member firms designated by the BSE Limited from certain Commission regulations)

<u>Foreign Futures and Options Transactions</u>, 85 FR 74872 (Nov. 24, 2020) (amending prior relief issued pursuant to Commission regulation 30.10 to firms designated by the Montreal Exchange)

Exemption From Registration for Certain Foreign Intermediaries, 85 FR 78718 (Dec. 7, 2020) (Final rule)

Margin Requirements for Uncleared Swaps for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants, (Dec. 9, 2020) (Final rule permitting the application of separate minimum transfer amounts for IM and VM)

Margin Requirements for Uncleared Swaps for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants, (Dec. 9, 2020) (Final rule; material swaps exposure definition and initial margin calculation)

## **STAFF LETTERS**

No-Action Letter 19-22 (Oct. 16, 2019) (Revised no-action position with respect to uncleared swaps with the European Stability Mechanism)

No-Action Letter 19-25 (Dec. 6, 2019) (No-action position regarding minimum transfer amount)

No-Action Letter 19-26 (Dec. 17, 2019) (Relief to facilitate an orderly transition of swaps from inter-bank offered rates to alternative benchmarks)

No-Action Letter 19-29 (Dec. 19, 2019) (Relief granted to a swap dealer concerning the calculation of initial margin)

No-Action Letter 20-02 (March 17, 2020) (No-action positions for certain members of DCMs and SEFs to facilitate physical separation of personnel in response to the COVID-19 pandemic)

No-Action Letter 20-03 (March 17, 2020) (No-action positions for FCMs and IBs to facilitate physical separation of personnel in response to the COVID-19 pandemic)

No-Action Letter 20-04 (March 17, 2020) (No-action positions for floor brokers to facilitate physical separation of personnel in response to the COVID-19 pandemic)

No-Action Letter 20-05 (March 17, 2020) (No-action positions for retail foreign exchange dealers to facilitate physical separation of personnel in response to the COVID-19 pandemic)

No-Action Letter 20-06 (March 17, 2020) (No-action positions for swap dealers to facilitate physical separation of personnel in response to the COVID-19 pandemic)

No-Action Letter 20-10 (March 20, 2020) (No-action position for excluding certain commodity swaps from the major swap participant registration threshold calculation)

No-Action Letter 20-11 (March 20, 2020) (No-action positions for commodity pool operators in response to the COVID-19 pandemic)

<u>No-Action Letter 20-12</u> (March 31, 2020) (No-action position for foreign brokers exempt pursuant to Commission regulation 30.5 to handle U.S. futures market orders)

No-Action Letter 20-14 (April 14, 2020) (Revised no-action position with respect to uncleared swaps with the European Stability Mechanism)

No-Action Letter 20-15 (April 22, 2020) (No-action positions for FCMs and IBs to address net capital treatment of covered loans under the CARES Act in response to COVID-19 pandemic)

No-Action Letter 20-16 (April 24, 2020) (No-action position in response to the COVID-19 pandemic for persons required to submit fingerprints in connection with registration application)

No-Action Letter 20-18 (May 18, 2020) (No-action relief from certain Commission regulations with respect to certain warrants listed on foreign exchanges)

No-Action Letter 20-19 (June 9, 2020) (Extension of relief provided in Staff Letters Nos. 20-02, 20-03, 20-04, 20-05, 20-06, 20-07, and 20-09 (the "COVID-19 Letters") until September 30, 2020)

No-Action Letter 20-20 (July 14, 2020) (Extension of relief provided in response to the COVID-19 pandemic for persons required to submit fingerprints in connection with registration application)

No-Action Letter 20-21 (July 23, 2020) (Relief from certain transaction-level requirements for non-U.S. swap dealers)

<u>No-Action Letter 20-23</u> (August 31, 2020) (Relief to swap dealers from certain requirements in order to facilitate the orderly transition from swaps that reference the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) to alternative benchmarks)

No-Action Letter 20-26 (Sept. 11, 2020) (Extension of relief provided in the COVID-19 Letters until January 15, 2021)

No-Action Letter 20-27 (Sept. 14, 2020) (No-action position regarding the treatment of a deferred tax liability under Regulation 1.17)

No-Action Letter 20-39 (Nov. 24, 2020) (Extension of no-action letter 19-08 granted to ensure the continued availability, following completion of Brexit, of regulatory relief)

No-Action Letter 20-40 (Nov. 24, 2020) (Ensures regulatory relief provided by staff letters 12-70 and 13-45 affecting EU entities continues to be available for UK entities following the completion of Brexit)

No-Action Letter 20-42 (Dec. 4, 2020) (No-action letter permitting market participants to transfer certain swaps to an affiliate without such swaps becoming subject to certain Commission requirements in relation to the end of Brexit transition period)

#### **STAFF ADVISORIES AND ALERTS**

<u>Staff Advisory 19-24</u> (Dec. 4, 2019) (Advisory to swap dealers and FCMs regarding annual compliance report requirements)

Statement on Supporting Innovation in Digital Asset Products, including Pooled Investment Vehicles (Feb. 10, 2020)

Cybersecurity during Coronavirus (COVID-19) Alert (March 19, 2020)

<u>Staff Advisory 20-17</u> (May 13, 2020) (Advisory on risk management and market integrity under current market conditions)

<u>Customer Advisory: Learn About Risks Before Investing in Commodity ETPs or Funds</u> (May 22, 2020)

<u>Staff Advisory 20-34</u> (Oct. 21, 2020) (Advisory to FCMs regarding accepting virtual currencies from customers into segregation)

#### PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND REMARKS

Remarks of DSIO Director Joshua B. Sterling Before the District of Columbia Bar Association, New Day Rising: Focusing the Division of Swap Dealer and Intermediary Oversight to Embrace Today's Challenges and Tomorrow's Opportunities (Sept. 25, 2019)

Remarks of DSIO Director Joshua B. Sterling Before the ABA Securities Association, What's Going On: Our Division's Measured Approach to Key Derivatives Market Issues for Bank-Affiliated CFTC Registrants (Sept. 26, 2019)

Remarks by DSIO Director Joshua B. Sterling Before the Alternative Investment Management Association (AIMA), Don't Flip Your Wig: Contextualizing the Thematic Review Program for Registered Firms (Oct. 30, 2019)

Remarks of DSIO Director Joshua B. Sterling Before the K&L Gates Chicago Investment Management Conference (Nov. 14, 2019)

<u>CFTC Participates in Operation Income Illusion to Raise Retail Fraud Awareness</u> (Dec. 14, 2020)