

generating profits through trading activities or submitting new cash and/or collateral. Margin calls are not rounded to the nearest major currency unit.

(iii) *Guaranty Fund adjustments*

Each relevant Guaranty Fund Period, the total value of the Guaranty Funds and required Guaranty Fund Contributions of Clearing Members are reviewed and may be amended. Each Clearing Member will be notified of its total Guaranty Fund Contribution requirements at each Guaranty Fund Period end by Circular. The Clearing House Contributions will also be notified to Clearing Members. Adjustments to Guaranty Fund Contributions will be notified to individual Clearing Members by e-mail to a nominated e-mail account of each Clearing Member the Business Day after the end of the relevant Guaranty Fund Period. For the F&O Guaranty Fund, adjustments will be made ~~ten~~five Business Days after the date of notification unless the relevant Circular specifies otherwise. For the CDS Guaranty Fund and FX Guaranty Fund, adjustments will be made two Business Days after the date of notification unless the relevant Circular specifies otherwise. Other than in exceptional circumstances, any additional required Guaranty Fund Contribution payments will be included together with overnight calls and details will be included in daily reports provided to Clearing Members through ECS.

(iv) *Interest*

The Clearing House will notify Clearing Members of its interest rate in each currency on the Business Day following the day to which the rate applies. The Clearing House rates payable on Original Margin, Initial Margin and FX Original Margin are referred to as the ICE Deposit Rate (IDR). Interest rates are payable on Mark-to-Market Margin for CDS Contracts by Clearing Members and the Clearing House. FX Mark-to-Market Interest is payable by Clearing Members and the Clearing House as set out in the FX Procedures.

Payments in respect of interest will be made to Clearing Members in respect of cash, assets and securities held by the Clearing House as Margin, Guaranty Fund Contributions or Permitted Cover. The rate of return may vary for different cash and asset classes and between types of cover. IDR and accumulated interest over each month will be available to Clearing Members through the ECS-GUI.

Interest will be calculated on a simple daily basis and will become available for payment to Clearing Members, subject to any required deduction or withholding tax, monthly, on the fourth Business Day after the end of each month. Once credited, the interest is available to meet Margin payments or may be withdrawn by Clearing Members. If used to meet Margin payments, the interest then itself becomes eligible to accrue interest.

(v) *Income (interest and collateral) and Redemption*

The Clearing House will make payment to Clearing Members in respect of income and redemptions on non-cash assets transferred to the Clearing House as Margin, Guaranty Fund Contributions or Permitted Cover. Distributions will be executed direct to the Clearing Member by the relevant custodian pursuant to a standing instruction made by the Clearing House based on account information provided by the Clearing Member. Clearing Members are required to provide account details in relation to accounts in all applicable currencies to the Clearing House. Changes in account details must be notified at least five Business Days in advance.

announcing such changes, normally five Business Days after the date of the Circular. With respect to Permitted Cover for F&O Contracts, changes to haircuts will be based on an analysis of appropriate factors as determined by the Clearing House, including historical and implied price volatility of such assets, current and anticipated conditions in the market for those assets, spreads and correlations between relevant assets, liquidity in the trading market for those assets, composition of the relevant market, default risk (including sovereign risk) with respect to those assets, relevant foreign exchange market conditions and other relevant information.

### **13.8 Permitted Capital Limits**

The Clearing House monitors the relationship between Capital and outstanding Original Margin, Initial Margin and FX Original Margin obligations of Clearing Members. If, on aggregate, a Clearing Member's Original Margin, Initial Margin or FX Original Margin is greater than three times the Clearing Member's Capital, the Clearing House may require that further Capital (or substitute Capital) be put in place by the Clearing Member.

The Clearing House will endeavour to contact Clearing Members that may be required to put in place additional Capital in advance of such requirement becoming necessary, in order to agree steps to be taken by the Clearing Members.

### **13.9 Concentrated Positions**

The Clearing House monitors Open Contract Positions on a daily basis. Where the Clearing House determines an Open Contract Position to be concentrated, as defined by its large positions policy, the Clearing House may, at its discretion, require that the Clearing Member or Disclosed Principal do any of the following:

- (a) reduce an Open Contract Position; or
- (b) lodge additional Permitted Cover with the Clearing House.

Positions will be subject to an extra Margin requirement in the case that a single Clearing Member holds more than 20% of the total Margin requirement in the margined product group.

## **14. GUARANTY FUND PARAMETERS AND RESTRICTIONS**

### **14.1 F&O Guaranty Fund**

The following parameters apply to the F&O Guaranty Fund and F&O Guaranty Fund Contributions, in addition to those parameters specified in the Rules (in the case of currencies save to the extent that the Clearing House notifies otherwise whether by Circular or to a particular Clearing Member or allows a different currency to be used to cover the relevant requirements in accordance with these Finance Procedures):

- (a) F&O Guaranty Fund Contributions will be calculated in USD;
- (b) the Clearing House will establish from time to time a minimum F&O Guaranty Fund Contribution for each Clearing Member, based on a methodology adopted by the Clearing House, of not less than USD 1 million;
- (c) minimum cash portion of F&O Guaranty Fund Contribution is 50%;
- (d) in addition to the above requirement, first USD10 million in cash (such that any F&O Guaranty Fund Contribution of less than USD10 million must be provided entirely as cash) unless agreed otherwise by the Clearing House; and

- (e) other Permitted Cover for F&O Guaranty Fund Contributions must be USD denominated for F&O Guaranty Fund Contributions.
- (f) The start and end dates of Guaranty Fund Periods will be communicated to F&O Clearing Members.

#### **14.2 CDS Guaranty Fund**

The following parameters apply to the CDS Guaranty Fund and CDS Guaranty Fund Contributions, in addition to those parameters specified in the Rules (in the case of currencies save to the extent that the Clearing House notifies otherwise whether by Circular or to a particular Clearing Member or allows a different currency to be used to cover the relevant requirements in accordance with these Finance Procedures):

- (a) CDS Guaranty Fund Contributions calculated in EUR, except for Guaranty Fund Contributions relating to Open Contract Positions in Sovereign Contracts, which are calculated in USD;
- (b) minimum CDS Guaranty Fund Contribution of EUR 15 million for CDS Contracts other than Sovereign Contracts;
- (c) minimum cash portion of CDS Guaranty Fund Contribution is 50% for each currency;
- (d) in addition to the above requirements, minimum of EUR 15 million in cash (such that any CDS Guaranty Fund Contribution of EUR 15 million must be provided entirely as cash) unless agreed otherwise by the Clearing House;
- (e) other Permitted Cover for CDS Guaranty Fund Contributions must be EUR denominated, except for Guaranty Fund Contribution in relation to Sovereign Contracts, which must be USD denominated;
- (f) the start and end dates of Guaranty Fund Periods will be communicated to CDS Clearing Members; and
- (g) the parameters for determining the CDS Guaranty Fund Contributions of CDS Clearing Members will be determined by the Clearing House in consultation with the CDS Risk Committee.

#### **14.3 FX Guaranty Fund**

The following parameters apply to the FX Guaranty Fund and FX Guaranty Fund Contributions, in addition to those parameters specified in the Rules (in the case of currencies save to the extent that the Clearing House notifies otherwise whether by Circular or to a particular Clearing Member or allows a different currency to be used to cover the relevant requirements in accordance with these Finance Procedures):

- (a) FX Guaranty Fund Contributions calculated in USD;
- (b) minimum FX Guaranty Fund Contributions are as specified by the Clearing House;
- (c) minimum cash portion of FX Guaranty Fund Contribution is 50%;
- (d) other Permitted Cover for FX Guaranty Fund Contributions must be USD denominated;
- (e) the start and end dates of Guaranty Fund Periods will be communicated to FX Clearing Members; and