

7 March 2014

Ms. Melissa Jurgens
Secretary
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Center
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Washington, DC 20581
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VIA EMAIL

Dear Ms. Jurgens,

Self-certification of Amendments to SGX-DC Clearing Rules

- 1 Introduction
- 1.1 Singapore Exchange Derivatives Clearing Limited ("SGX-DC"), a derivatives clearing organisation ("DCO") registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "Commission"), hereby submits a self-certification for amendments to its Clearing Rules (the "Amendments") pursuant to Commission regulation 40.6(a).
- 1.2 The Submission Cover Sheet is attached as Appendix 1.
- 2 Intended Implementation Date
- 2.1 The Amendments are proposed to be implemented in March 2014, but will not be implemented prior to the Commission's 10 business day review period.



3 Explanation and Analysis

- 3.1 SGX-DC is proposing to amend Rule 2.14.6 to provide further clarity on the scope of its Clearing Members' obligation to provide certain transaction information to SGX-DC in order to facilitate SGX-DC's reporting obligations as a DCO under the Commission's regulations.
- 3.2 Broadly, a Clearing Member will have to provide the information specified in Rule 2.14.6 to SGX-DC where
 - (a) it reports to a swap data repository ("SDR") or it clears on behalf of a customer who reports to an SDR; or
 - (b) it is a U.S. person or clears on behalf of a U.S. person.
- 3.3 SGX-DC is registered as an approved clearing house under the Securities and Futures Act of Singapore and regulated by the Monetary Authority of Singapore ("MAS"). The Amendments are being separately reviewed by the MAS and are subject to the MAS' regulatory concurrence.

4 Description of Amendments

- 4.1 Rule 2.14.6 of the SGX-DC Clearing Rules would be amended as a result of the Amendments.
- 4.2 The text of the Amendments with the changes indicated is attached as Appendix 2.

5 Certification of Compliance with Core Principles

- 5.1 The Amendments have been promulgated in respect of SGX-DC's compliance with Core Principle J on reporting and seek to provide clarity on the scope of Clearing Members' obligation to provide information to SGX-DC for trade reporting purposes.
- 5.2 SGX-DC hereby certifies to the Commission that the Amendments comply with the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder.



6 Public Notice of Pending Certification

6.1 SGX-DC has made publicly available a notice of the Amendments' pending certification with the Commission, together with a copy of this submission on its website at the following address: http://www.sgx.com/wps/portal/sgxweb/home/regulation/howwereg.

7 Opposing Views

7.1 There were no opposing views expressed to SGX-DC by its board or committee members, SGX-DC Clearing Members or market participants that were not incorporated into the Amendments. If any opposing views are received by SGX-DC during the Commission's review period, such views will be communicated to the Commission accordingly.

8 Contact Details

8.1 Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at eli.cohen@sgx.com or +65 6236 5104 should you require any clarification.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix 1

Submission Cover Sheet

Appendix 2

Text of the Amendments

Proposed Amendments

CHAPTIER 2: CLEARING MEMBERSHIP

2.14.6

A Clearing Members who:

- <u>a.</u> are subject to reports, or clears on behalf of a customer who reports, to a swap data repository under Part 45 of the CFTC Regulations, which pertain to swap data recordkeeping and reporting requirements; or
- b. is, or clears on behalf of a customer who is, a U.S. person as construed under the CFTC Regulations,

shall as soon as technologically practicable after registration of a Non-Relevant Market Transaction or an OTCF Transaction for clearing with the Clearing House:

- a<u>1</u>. report all primary economic terms data of the relevant transaction, as defined in CFTC Regulation 45.1, to the Clearing House; and
- b2. inform the Clearing House of the identity of the swap data repository that the relevant transaction was previously reported to, if any.