

Compliance with requirements relating to post-trade transparency (PTT) reporting of single-name CDS (SN CDS) referring to GSIBs.

1. Introduction

MiFIR Article 8a2(b) includes 'single-name credit default swaps that reference a global systemically important banks and that are centrally cleared' within the scope of derivatives trade transparency requirements.

This paper addresses compliance with post-trade transparency requirements for these products, a significant proportion of which will not have previously been subject to MiFIR transparency before the entry into force of 2024 MiFIR (as they were not Traded on a Trading Venue (TOTV)).

ISDA would like to support delivery of meaningful transparency, while also seeking to ensure that implementation is practicable.

2. 'Global Systemically Important Banks'

ISDA understands that the co-legislators had the list of GSIBs (identified jointly by the FSB, BCBS and national authorities (and updated every year)) in mind when referring to 'global systemically important banks' in the MiFIR Level text. This followed suggestions by some officials, in Spring 2023, that single name CDS (SN CDS) had exacerbated or driven equity price volatility relating to a number of systemically important banks amid the stressed market conditions at that time.

Please see the below link for this list:

https://www.fsb.org/2023/11/2023-list-of-global-systemically-important-banks-g-sibs/

3. Reference Entities associated with GSIBs.

For purpose of understanding the practicalities of complying with the MiFIR trade transparency requirement for SN CDS referring to a GSIB, ISDA members have analysed reference data available in ESMA's Financial Instrument Reference Data System (FIRDS) and data in the Derivatives Services Bureau (DSB), in particular SN CDS ISINs therein.

This analysis showed that in SN CDS referring to GSIBs, typically just one LEI (Legal Entity Identifier), or, in a few cases, a handful of LEIs are reference entities in these contracts, for each GSIB – resulting in 40 LEIs referencing the current 29 GSIBs.

The list of LEIs we have mapped against these GSIBs is below:

| LEI | G-SIB LEI Name |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 8I5DZWZKVSZI1NUHU748 | JPMORGAN CHASE & CO. |
| 9DJT3UXIJIZJI4WXO774 | BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION |
| 6SHGI4ZSSLCXXQSBB395 | CITIGROUP INC. |

MLU0ZO3ML4LN2LL2TL39 HSBC HOLDINGS PLC

MP6I5ZYZBEU3UXPYFY54 HSBC BANK PLC

549300E7TSGLCOVSY746 Agricultural Bank of China Limited

54930053HGCFWVHYZX42 BANK OF CHINA LIMITED

G5GSEF7VJP5I7OUK5573 BARCLAYS BANK PLC

213800LBQA1Y9L22JB70 BARCLAYS PLC

R0MUWSFPU8MPRO8K5P83 BNP PARIBAS

5493001KQW6DM7KEDR62 CHINA CONSTRUCTION BANK CORPORATION

7LTWFZYICNSX8D621K86 DEUTSCHE BANK AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT

784F5XWPLTWKTBV3E584 THE GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP, INC.

5493002ERZU2K9PZDL40 Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Limited

INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL BANK OF CHINA

549300RB8ZUQ2QO5HJ15 (ASIA) LIMITED

KVIPTY4PULAPGC1VVD26 MITSUBISHI CORPORATION

BFM8T61CT2L1QCEMIK50 UBS AG

549300SZJ9VS8SGXAN81 UBS GROUP AG

549300AX1UM10U30HK09 Bank of Communications Co., Ltd

MMYX0N4ZEZ13Z4XCG897 THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON

9695005MSX1OYEMGDF46 BPCE

KX1WK48MPD4Y2NCUIZ63 NATIXIS

969500TJ5KRTCJQWXH05 CREDIT AGRICOLE SA

3TK20IVIUJ8J3ZU0QE75 ING BANK N.V.

3KXUNHVVQFIJN6RHLO76 ING-DIBA AG

549300NYKK9MWM7GGW1

5 ING GROEP N.V.

353800CI5L6DDAN5XZ33 Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.

RB0PEZSDGCO3JS6CEU02 Mizuho Bank Ltd.

IGJSJL3JD5P30I6NJZ34 MORGAN STANLEY

ES7IP3U3RHIGC71XBU11 Royal Bank of Canada

5493006QMFDDMYWIAM13 BANCO SANTANDER S.A.

PTCQB104N23FMNK2RZ28 SANTANDER UK PLC

O2RNE8IBXP4R0TD8PU41 SOCIETE GENERALE

RILFO74KP1CM8P6PCT96 STANDARD CHARTERED BANK

U4LOSYZ7YG4W3S5F2G91 STANDARD CHARTERED PLC

549300ZFEEJ2IP5VME73 STATE STREET CORPORATION

5U0XI89JRFVHWIBS4F54 Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation

5493004ZIDB3D67KKA03 Sumitomo Mitsui Finance and Leasing Company, Limited

PT3QB789TSUIDF371261 THE TORONTO-DOMINION BANK

PBLD0EJDB5FWOLXP3B76 WELLS FARGO & COMPANY

4. Conclusion

As this mapping shows, trading in SN CDS that reference GSIBs is concentrated in a handful of market standard reference entities that directly represent the core banking entities of those GSIBs.

As such, market participants' current compliance efforts – and at least until other ESMA or NCA guidance or MiFIR RTS is in effect on this aspect of the PTT regime for OTC derivatives – will be focused specifically on transparency of SN CDS referring to this list of market standard reference entities, associated with GSIBs that has been mapped by ISDA. The perimeter of trading in SN CDS referencing GSIBs that is captured by Article 8a(2) will be limited to those reference entities in this context.

ISDA does not propose maintaining a list of GSIB entities referred to in SN CDS contracts for market participants' compliance purposes on an ongoing basis. However, we believe that the list above should suffice for market participants' compliance purposes until other ESMA or NCA guidance or MiFIR RTS is in effect. Ideally, ESMA will make a list of GSIB LEIs available to market participants (in guidance or RTS). As the list above shows, for some GSIBs, SN CDS reported have referred to more than one LEI reference entity. Publication of a GSIB LEI list for the purpose of this MiFIR transparency requirement would support consistent compliance among market participants.

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¹ ISDA analysed 31,800 SN CDS ISINs (7,700 of which were TOTV, with most of these reported in the UK) in FIRDS in total, referring to ca.1,170 unique underlying reference entities. Closer examination of this data set showed that:

[•] Only 2.5% of these SN CDS ISINs identify the underlying reference entity with an LEI.

[•] The absolute majority (over 97%) of SN CDS in FIRDS had a bond ISIN underlier:

- \circ 93% of these bond ISINs are listed in FIRDS with their respective issuer LEI.
- O Just 7% had a bond as underlying that was not in FIRDS (a bond that was not TOTV in the EU but was traded in a non-EU jurisdiction).

Regarding SN CDS referring to GSIBs specifically, ISDA's examination of this dataset showed that 27 out of 29 GSIBs had SN CDS written referring to them (i.e. only two GSIBs have not had any SN CDS written on them), resulting in approximately 2,100 ISINs referencing GSIB SN CDS.

Examination of these contracts revealed the limited number of LEIs provided herein.