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Additional Information

Level 1 Regulation
Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive (AIFMD) Directive 2011/61/EU

Level 2 Regulation
AIFMD - Regulation 231/2013 with regard to exemptions, general operating conditions, depositaries, leverage, transparency and supervision

Topic
Depositaries

Subject Matter
Depositaries - tri-party collateral manager

Question
Question 16 [last update 20 July 2022]: According to Article 89(1)(c) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 231/2013 as modified by Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2018/1618 and Article 13(1)(c) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/438 as modified by Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2018/1619 reconciliations are conducted
as frequently as necessary between the depositary’s internal accounts and records and

those
of any third party to whom safekeeping has been delegated. What does this mean in case of use of a tri-party collateral manager, which is not the depositary?

ESMA Answer

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Original language

Answer provided by the European Commission in accordance with Article 16b(5) of the ESMA Regulation

In this case the tri-party collateral manager is appointed by the asset manager in accordance with Article 20 of Directive 2011/61/EU or in accordance with Article 13 of Directive 2009/65/EC; it also needs to be the delegate of the depositary in accordance with Article 21(11) of Directive 2011/61/EU or in accordance with Article 22a(2) of Directive 2009/65/EC. The triparty collateral manager is required to transmit the end-of-day positions on a fund-by-fund basis or, if applicable, on a compartment-by-compartment basis. The information provided allows the depositary to record the end-of-day positions and allows it to comply with the provisions (a) of Article 98(2a)(a) (as inserted by Delegated Regulation (EU) 2018/1618) and in particular point (ii) thereof, and (b) with the provisions under Article 15(2a)(a) (as inserted by Delegated Regulation (EU) 2018/1619), and in particular point (ii) thereof. Thus, the information provided allows the depositary (for both Regulations) to verify that the quantity of the identified financial instruments recorded in the financial instruments accounts opened in its books matches the quantity of the identified financial instruments held in custody by the third party.

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