

Submission Date

04/04/2025

ESMA_QA_2512

Status: Answer Published

Additional Information

Level 1 Regulation

Regulation 648/2012 - OTC derivatives, central counterparties and trade repositories (EMIR)
- CCPs

Topic

EU-CCPs

Subject Matter

Active Account Requirement

Question

Should the requirement to hold at least one active account at an EU CCP be performed at individual level or at group level?

ESMA Answer

10-07-2025

Original language

The requirement under Article 7a(1) of EMIR to establish clearing arrangements, whether directly or indirectly, at a CCP authorised under Article 14 of EMIR, should be performed at individual level, provided that such entity does have outstanding derivative contracts belonging to the categories referred to in Article 7a(6) of EMIR.

Disclaimer in relation to the answers provided by the European Commission in accordance with Article 16b(5) of the ESMA Regulation

The answers clarify provisions already contained in the applicable legislation. They do not extend in any way the rights and obligations deriving from such legislation nor do they introduce any additional requirements for the concerned operators and competent authorities. The answers are merely intended to assist natural or legal persons, including competent authorities and Union institutions and bodies in clarifying the application or implementation of the relevant legal provisions. Only the Court of Justice of the European Union is competent to authoritatively interpret Union law. The views expressed in the internal Commission Decision cannot prejudge the position that the European Commission might take before the Union and national courts.