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| Reply form for the Consultation Paper Draft RTS and ITS under SFTR and amendments to related EMIR RTS |
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Responding to this paper

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) invites responses to the specific questions listed in Draft RTS and ITS under SFTR and amendments to related EMIR RTS, published on the ESMA website.

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* contain a clear rationale, including on any related costs and benefits; and
* describe any alternatives that ESMA should consider

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# Introduction

Please make your introductory comments below, if any:

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The Loan Market Association (LMA) welcomes the opportunity to respond to ESMA's consultation paper "Draft RTS and ITS under SFTR and amendments to related EMIR RTS" (30 September 2016). The LMA has specific concerns with respect to the potential application of the reporting requirements of the Securities Financing Transactions Regulation (SFTR) to the European syndicated loan market.

In particular, the LMA is concerned to establish that the reporting requirements of the SFTR with respect to "margin lending" in the SFTR do not apply to syndicated lending transactions with corporate borrowers in the corporate loan market, including loans relating to the financing or refinancing of infrastructure and asset transactions, mergers and acquisitions (M&A) and corporate reorganisations. These transactions have little in common with the kinds of bilateral margin loans that were intended to be reported under the SFTR.

We urge ESMA – in conjunction with the European Commission - to provide guidance interpreting the SFTR in a way that makes clear that the reporting requirements do not apply to these kinds of transactions. In any event, including syndicated loans of the kind discussed above within the SFTR reporting framework would present a number of challenges which are not addressed in the proposed regulatory and implementing technical standards (RTS and ITS) under the SFTR.

**The Loan Market Association**

The LMA has as its key objective improving liquidity, efficiency and transparency in the primary and secondary syndicated loan markets in Europe, the Middle East and Africa (EMEA). By establishing sound, widely accepted market practice, the LMA seeks to promote the syndicated loan as one of the key debt products available to borrowers across the region.

As the authoritative voice of the syndicated loan market in EMEA, the LMA works with lenders, law firms, borrowers and regulators to educate the market about the benefits of the syndicated loan product, and to remove barriers to entry for new participants.

Since the establishment of the LMA in 1996, our membership has grown steadily and now stands at over 600 organisations covering 55 nationalities, comprising commercial and investment banks, institutional investors, law firms, service providers and rating agencies.

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1. Do you agree with the above proposals? What else needs to be considered? What are the potential costs and benefits of those? Please elaborate.

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1. Do you consider that the currently used classification of counterparties is granular enough to provide information on the classification of the relevant counterparties? Alternatively, would the SNA be a proper way to classify them? Please elaborate.

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1. Do you foresee issues in identifying the counterparties of an SFT trade following the above-mentioned definitions?

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1. Are there cases for which these definitions leave room for interpretation? Please elaborate.

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1. Based on your experience, do you consider that the conditions detailed in paragraph 105 hold for CCP-cleared SFTs? Please elaborate.

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1. In the case of CCP-cleared SFT trades, is it always possible to assign and report collateral valuation and margin to separately concluded SFTs? If not, would this impair the possibility for the counterparties to comply with the reporting obligation under Article 4 SFTR? Please provide concrete examples.

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1. Would the suggested data elements allow for accurate reporting at individual SFT level and CCP-cleared position level? in line with approach described above?

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1. If so, are there any specific issues that need to be taken into account to adapt the EMIR approach to the SFT reporting?

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1. Do you agree with the proposed report types and action types? Do you agree with the proposed combinations between action types and report types? What other aspects need to be considered? Please elaborate.

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1. The modifications of which data elements should be reported under action type “Modification of business terms”? Please justify your proposals.

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1. The modifications of which data elements should be reported under action type “Other modification”? Please justify your proposals.

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1. Do you agree with the revised proposal to use the terms “collateral taker” and “collateral giver” for all types of SFTs?

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1. Are the proposed rules for determination of the collateral taker and collateral giver clear and comprehensive?

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1. Are you aware of any other bilateral repo trade scenario? Are there any other actors missing which is not a broker or counterparty? Please elaborate.

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1. Do you consider that the above scenarios also accurately capture the conclusion of buy/sell-back and sell/buy back trades? If not, what additional aspect should be included? Please elaborate.

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1. Are the most relevant ways to conclude a repo trade covered by the above scenarios? Are the assumptions correct? Please elaborate.

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1. Would it be possible to link the 8 trade reports to constitute the “principal clearing model” picture? If yes, would the method for linking proposed in section 4.3.4 be suitable?

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1. In the case of securities lending transactions are there any other actors missing?

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1. What potential issues do reporting counterparties face regarding the reporting of the market value of the securities on loan or borrowed?

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1. Do you agree with the proposal with regards to reporting of uncollateralised SFTs? Please elaborate.

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1. Do you agree with the proposal with regards to reporting of SFTs involving commodities? Please elaborate.

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1. Are there any obstacles to daily position reporting by margin lending counterparties? Do prime brokers provide information to their clients about intraday margin loans?

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1. Which kind of guarantees or indemnifications exist in relationship to prime brokerage margin lending? Are there other parties possibly involved in a margin loan? Please provide an example.

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1. What types of loans or activities, other than prime brokerage margin lending, would be captured in the scope of margin lending under the SFTR definition? Please provide details on their nature, their objective(s), the execution and settlement, the parties involved, the existing reporting regimes that these may already be subject to, as well as any other information that you deem relevant for the purpose of reporting.

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The LMA considers that it is important that ESMA – in conjunction with the European Commission – clarifies the scope of the reporting requirement for margin lending to make clear that it does not apply to transactions of the kind that are typical in the context of the corporate loan market.

**The definition of margin lending should not be interpreted to cover corporate loan transactions**

One of the principal objectives of the SFTR is to improve transparency to regulators of "securities financing transactions (SFTs)" by requiring the counterparties to SFTs to report SFTs to a trade repository.

During the course of the legislative process, the definition of SFTs was expanded to include "margin lending", defined as:

"a transaction in which a counterparty extends credit in connection with the purchase, carrying or trading of securities, but not including other loans that are secured by collateral in the form of securities."

This extension of the definition of SFTs was not the subject of public consultation or impact assessment.

It is clear that the definition was intended to cover traditional bilateral margin lending transactions in relation to securities, where a bank, investment firm or other lender extends credit to an investor to acquire or fund the holding of trading positions in securities and where the credit is secured on the securities financed, with provisions for margin calls where the value of the securities falls below some pre-agreed threshold in relation to the value of the securities (this purpose is confirmed by the defined term in the French and Spanish language versions of the SFTR: "opération de prêt avec appel de marge" and "operación de préstamo con reposición de la garantía").

This would be in line with the objectives stated by the Financial Stability Board (FSB) in "[Transforming Shadow Banking into Resilient Market-based Finance - Standards and processes for global securities financing data collection and aggregation](http://www.fsb.org/wp-content/uploads/FSB-Standards-for-Global-Securities-Financing-Data-Collection.pdf)" (November 2015) which also proposed the extension of reporting requirements to margin lending transactions:

"Margin lending entails the provision of collateralised loans by a financial institution (usually a bank or a broker) to clients who are seeking leverage of their trading positions by borrowing money. The securities serving as collateral are held in margin accounts and are often re-hypothecated by financial institutions to fund the loans provided and eventually may reduce the cost of funding to the clients. In most jurisdictions, margin lending is included in the “prime brokerage” services provided to the client, based on a margin agreement between the financial institution and the client. For the purpose of the collection and aggregation of SFT data at the global level, the FSB would only focus on margin lending provided to non-retail clients as it may pose risks to financial stability similar to those of repos and securities lending." (page 15)

However, the LMA is concerned that there is a risk that the SFTR definition of "margin lending" might be understood to cover a much broader range of transactions not intended to be covered by the definition, including syndicated lending transactions to companies in connection with a wide range of transactions where all or part of the proceeds of the loan is used to acquire shares in companies (or to refinance previous loans made for those purposes). These transactions may involve financings of shares in unlisted companies in the context of privately-negotiated transactions, e.g. infrastructure or asset finance transactions, financings for the purchase of a group of subsidiaries or an intra-group reorganisation of activities. They may also involve financings of shares in listed companies in the context of public M&A (e.g. "take private" transactions where the financing is for the purchase of all or substantially all of the publicly traded shares with a view to de-listing the company). In some cases, the borrower will provide collateral including the securities financed but even where the loan is collateralised in this way it would be exceptional for the loan to include loan-to-value triggers for margin calls of the kind used in traditional margin lending or for the lenders to have the right to re-use the shares which are provided as collateral. In some cases, these transactions will involve a single lender but larger transactions at least will be syndicated so that many institutions (including banks, funds and other institutional participants) participate as lenders.

These transactions are an important part of the European syndicated loan market where last year deal volumes exceed EUR 1 trillion.

There is also a concern that the definition might be understood apply even more broadly to cover loan facilities granted for general corporate purposes where the borrower chooses to make use of the loan to finance or refinance the purchase of shares in subsidiaries or other transactions involving securities.

Requiring borrowers and lenders to report these kinds of transactions to trade repositories will not serve the objectives of the SFTR. These transactions do not raise the kinds of systemic risks presented by securities financing transactions. Reporting these transactions would in fact undermine the objectives of the SFTR by requiring trade repositories to aggregate data on transactions that would obscure rather than illuminate the market's use of the securities financing techniques intended to be covered by the SFTR.

Moreover, reporting syndicated loans of this kind to trade repositories would present a number of practical challenges for borrowers and lenders which we discuss below. In particular, corporate borrowers would find reporting requirements for these kinds of transactions very burdensome and costly.

In addition, the reporting framework would deter new categories of lender from participating in lending transactions and will increase the cost and complexity of corporate borrowing. This would run contrary to the EU's objectives of increasing the availability of finance to corporate borrowers.

We urge ESMA - in conjunction with the European Commission - to provide guidance interpreting the definition of margin lending in the SFTR in a way that makes clear that:

* The definition of margin lending only covers grants of credit in connection with the purchase, carrying or trading of securities where the credit granted is collateralised by a collateral arrangement over the securities that are financed - the definition should not be interpreted so as to apply to unsecured lending;
* The definition only covers loans where the primary or dominant purpose of the lender is to finance the purchase, carrying or trading of securities - the definition should not be interpreted to cover cases where the borrower uses a facility granted for general corporate purposes to finance the purchase, carrying or trading of securities;
* The definition does not cover loans to finance the acquisition of securities for the purposes of acquiring or increasing dominant influence or control over the issuer (or the holdings of securities which give dominant influence or control) or where the securities in question are not traded on a trading venue; and
* The definition does not cover loans where the collateral arrangements do not include a loan-to-value trigger for margin calls or any right to re-use the securities granted as collateral.

It is important that any interpretative guidance addresses each of the above elements in order to ensure that the SFTR reporting requirements do not apply to syndicated loan transactions of the kind discussed above.

**Challenges in reporting syndicated loans**

In any event, including syndicated loans of the kind discussed above within the SFTR reporting framework would present a number of challenges that are not addressed in ESMA's proposed technical standards:

* The application of the reporting obligation to transactions with multiple borrowers or lenders (including the treatment of issues such as joint and several obligors). For example, the proposed reporting framework appears to assume a bilateral transaction and does not allow for multiple parties to a single transaction.
* The timing of reporting, e.g., whether it is triggered by the signing of the facility agreement or drawdown under it and the treatment of partial repayments (and whether the reporting relates to the amount of the commitment or the drawn amounts). The SFTR framework is not suited to deliver this information as it is triggered by conclusion, modification and termination of transactions.
* The application of reporting in the context of assignments and novations of participations in syndicated loans. There is significant trading in loan participations which may include transfers of all or part of drawn or undrawn commitments. Borrowers are not directly involved in the assignment or novation process and may not be in a position to make new reports in respect of each lender.
* The method of reporting of multi-tranche and multi-currency facilities.
* The reporting of transactions where the securities are shares in a private company which may not have an LEI (and the feasibility of obtaining LEIs for such issuers or ISINs for the shares).
* How the reports should address collateral charged to the syndicate as a whole (or a trustee or security agent for the syndicate) if individual lenders are submitting separate reports for their share of the loans (or individual borrowers are reporting the loans made to them).
* The timing, frequency and method of valuation of collateral, in particular in relation to collateral which does not have a ready market. Valuing shares in unlisted companies or controlling stakes in public companies is difficult and expensive. The existing transaction document would usually not provide for the production of a valuation of the collateral either at the outset or on an ongoing basis.
* The inclusion (or not) in the report of additional collateral provided (even though the financing does not relate to the acquisition of that collateral) e.g. shares in holding companies or other companies.
* The reporting of interest rates and other fees and charges in relation to complex loan facilities.
* How unique trade identifiers are to be created and agreed between the parties for loan transactions.
* The application of other proposed reporting fields to these kinds of transactions, e.g., haircut or funding sources.
* The retroactive application of the reporting requirements to existing loan facilities if the transaction is still outstanding at the reporting start date or if a drawdown of the facility or the assignment or novation of a participation in the transaction triggers a reporting requirement.

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1. Are there any obstacles to the collection of data on the amount of margin financing available and outstanding margin balance? Are there any alternatives to collect data on “Free credit balances”, as required by the FSB? Please provide an example.

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1. Are there any obstacles to the reporting of (positive or negative) cash balances in the context of margin lending?

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1. Are data elements on margin financing available and outstanding balances relevant for margin loans outside the prime brokerage context? Please provide examples.

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1. Is the short market value reported to clients at the end of the day part of the position snapshot? What is the typical format and level of granularity included in the information communicated to clients?

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1. Is the data element on short market value relevant for margin loans outside the prime brokerage context? Please provide examples.

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1. Do you agree with the proposed structure of the SFT reports? If not, how you would consider that the reporting of reuse and margin should be organised? Please provide specific examples.

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1. What are the potential costs and benefits of reporting re-use information as a separate report and not as part of the counterparty data? Please elaborate.

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1. What are the potential costs and benefits of reporting margin information as a separate report and not as part of the counterparty data? Please elaborate.

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1. Are there any fields which in your view should be moved from the Counterparty to the Trade-related data or vice-versa? If so, please specify the fields clarifying why they should be moved.

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1. Is Triparty agent expected to be the same for both counterparties in all cases? If not, please specify in which circumstances it can be different.

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1. Do you agree with the proposed fields included in the attached Excel document? Please provide your comments in the specified column.

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1. Do you agree with the proposal to identify the country of the branches with ISO country codes?

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1. Do you agree with the proposed approach with regards to the reporting of information on beneficiaries? If not, what other aspects need to be considered? Please elaborate.

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1. Would exempting CCPs from reporting the Report Tracking Number field would reduce the reporting burden on the industry.

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1. Could you please provide information on incremental costs of implementing the proposal, taking into account that systems will have to be changed to implement the SFTR reporting regime in general?

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1. Could you please provide views on whether you would prefer Alternative 1 (prior-UTI) over Alternative 2 (relative referencing solution)? Please provide relative costs of implementing both proposals.

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1. Do you agree with the above rules for determining the entity responsible for the generation and transmission of the UTI? If not what other aspects should be taken into account? Please elaborate.

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1. Do you agree with the logic and framework for reporting of margins for CCP-cleared SFTs? What other aspects should be taken into account? Please elaborate.

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1. Would you agree with the definition of terms? If not, please explain.

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1. Are the cases for which collateral can be reported on trade level accurately described? If not, please explain.

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1. In addition to the exceptions listed above, when would the collateral for a repo trade that does not involve a collateral basket not be known by the reporting deadline of end of T + 1?

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1. Could the counterparties to a CCP-cleared cash rebate securities lending trade report an estimated value for the cash collateral in the markets in which the CCP calculates the initial cash value on the intended settlement date? If not, please explain.

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1. Are the cases for which collateral would be reported on the basis of the net exposure accurately described? If not, please explain.

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1. Is the understanding of ESMA correct that CCP-cleared trades are excluded from the calculation of net exposures between two counterparties? If not, please explain.

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1. Is the assumption correct that the counterparties can report the assets available for collateralisation in the collateral portfolio for margin lending with the balance of the outstanding loan? If not, please explain.

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1. Are you aware of any scenarios that would require at the end of day the reporting of cash not only as principal amount, but also as cash collateral for repos? If yes, please describe.

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1. Would you foresee any specific challenges in implementing the proposed logic for linking? If yes, please explain.

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1. In which case would counterparties need to provide a bilaterally agreed unique code to for linking trades to collateral? If yes, please explain.

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1. Is there a case where more than one bespoke bilateral agreement is concluded between two counterparties?

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1. Is it possible, for a pair of counterparties to have more than one master agreement or more than one bespoke agreement per SFT type? In these cases, please specify, how these agreements are identified between the counterparties? Please provide examples.

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1. How costly would it be for your firm to report individual securities? If possible, please provide a quantitative estimation of the costs.

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1. Would the reporting of outstanding balances by asset class facilitate reporting? How costly would it be for your firm to develop and implement such a reporting? If possible, please provide a quantitative estimation.

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1. Are there other obstacles to collecting position-level data on funding sources for each prime broker? If this is the case, please provide an example, and whether there is a viable alternative.

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1. What type of information or guidance would be required in order for funding sources to be reported consistently across all reporting counterparties?

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1. Can data elements on funding sources be reported for margin loans outside the prime brokerage context? Please provide examples.

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1. How are portfolio leverage ratios calculated? Please provide an example of the formulas typically used.

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1. What are the potential costs of providing the re-use data as outlined in this section? Are there other options to link collateral that is re-used to a given SFT or counterparty? Please document the potential issues. Please elaborate.

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1. Would it be easier to report collateral re-use in a separate message as proposed or, it will be better repeating the information as part of the counterparty data?

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1. Would the effort of reporting re-use on a weekly or monthly basis reduce significantly the costs?

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1. Are there cash re-investment programmes for agent lenders acting as principal?

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1. Do you agree that the term type and the way maturity is measured (e.g. weighted average maturity) are appropriate elements for the purpose of monitoring potential liquidity risks from maturity mismatch between the securities loan and the reinvestment of cash collateral? Are there other elements you believe ESMA should consider collecting? Do you see any obstacles to the reporting of these elements, or their analysis? Please explain.

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1. What is the methodology your firm uses to compute the weighted-average life and maturity of cash collateral portfolios? Do you expect this methodology to vary significantly across firms?

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1. Do you agree with the proposed approach? What other aspects need to be taken into account? Pleas elaborate.

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1. Do you agree with the proposed approach? Please elaborate.

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1. Do you agree with the proposed approach with regards to reporting of master agreements? What other aspects need to be considered? Please elaborate.

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1. Do you agree with the proposed approach with regards to reporting of method of trading? What other aspects need to be considered? Please elaborate.

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1. In your view, what information on the nature of the indemnification (guarantee of the value, replacement of the securities, etc.), relevant for the monitoring of financial stability in relation to indemnifications could be reported? What type of data would be reported for each of the suggested elements reported e.g. values, percentages, other? Please elaborate.

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1. Do you agree with the proposed structure of the validation rules? If not, what other aspects should be taken into account. Please elaborate.

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1. Do you agree with the proposed scope of the reconciliation process? If not, what other aspects should be taken into account. Please elaborate.

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1. Do you consider that the proposed framework for collateral reconciliation process should take place in parallel with the reconciliation of the loan data? If not, what other aspects should be taken into account. Please elaborate.

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1. Do you agree with the use of ISO 20022 for the purposes of ensuring common format and common encoding of files exchanged between TRs during the inter-TR reconciliation process? If not, what other common standard would you propose?

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1. Do you agree with standardising the timeline for finalisation of the inter-TR reconciliation process? Do you agree with the proposed timeline for finalisation of the inter-TR reconciliation process? If not, what would be a most appropriate timeline? What other aspects should be taken into account? Please elaborate.

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1. Do you agree with the fields proposed for reconciliation? Which other should be included, or which ones should be excluded? Please elaborate.

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1. Do you agree with the proposed tolerance levels? Which other tolerance levels would you suggest? Please elaborate.

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1. What other fields are suitable for establishing tolerance levels? What should be the tolerance level for those fields? Should the tolerance level be linearly or logarithmically related to the values? What other aspects should be taken into account? Please elaborate.

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1. Do you agree with the proposed logic for rejections messages? Do you agree with the proposed statuses of rejection messages? What other aspects should be taken into account? Please elaborate.

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1. Do you agree with the proposed reconciliation statuses? What other aspects should be taken into account? Please elaborate.

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1. Do you agree with the proposed end-of-day response to reporting counterparties, report submitting entities and entities responsible for reporting? What other information should be included? What are the potential costs of this information? Please elaborate.

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1. What other End-of-day reports can be provided to reporting counterparties, report submitting entities and entities responsible for reporting

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1. Do you agree with the proposed aggregation criteria? What other aspects should be taken into account? Please elaborate.

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1. Do you agree with the proposed technical aspects on aggregation of data? What other aspects should be taken into account?

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1. Do you agree with the proposed timeline for keeping the data available on the website? Please elaborate.

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1. At which point in time do you consider that the additional data elements regarding an SFT will be available for authorities? What are the potential costs of the inclusion of the above mentioned additional data elements? Please elaborate.

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1. What other data elements could be generated by the TRs and provided to authorities? Please elaborate.

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1. In case a preliminary reconciliation status report is provided, what elements it should include? Please elaborate

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1. Considering the proposed termination of the inter-TR reconciliation process at 18:00, when at the earliest can a TR submit the reconciled data to the authorities?

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1. What is the optimal delay for provision of SFT position-level reports? What are the potential costs of the generation of above mentioned position reports? What other reports would you suggest to be provided by the TRs? Please elaborate.

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1. Do you consider that there should be one position report including both reconciled and non-reconciled data or that there should be two position reports, one containing only reconciled data and the other one containing only non-reconciled data? What are the potential costs of the separation of above mentioned position reports? What are the benefits of the separation above mentioned position reports? Please elaborate.

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1. Do you agree with the proposal? What other aspects should be taken into account? Please elaborate.

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1. Do you agree with the proposed approach to avoid double counting? If not, what other aspects should be taken into account. Please elaborate.

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1. Do you agree with the proposed approach for single access per authority irrespective of the number of responsibilities and mandates it has? If not, what other aspects should be taken into account. Please elaborate.

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1. Do you agree with the proposed way to establish transaction level access to data reported under EMIR? What are the costs of establishing such a level of access? Please elaborate.

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1. Do you agree with the proposed functional approach under EMIR? If not, what other aspects should be taken into account. Please elaborate.

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1. Do you agree with the proposed territorial approach under SFTR? If not, what other aspects should be taken into account. Please elaborate.

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1. Do you agree with the proposed levels of access do data reported by branches included in section 6.5? If not, what other aspects should be taken into account. Please elaborate.

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1. Do you agree with the proposed levels of access do data reported by subsidiaries under EMIR included in sections 6.5.1 – 6.5.5? If not, what other aspects should be taken into account. Please elaborate.

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1. Do you agree with the proposed levels of access data reported by subsidiaries under SFTR included in sections 6.5.1 –6.5.5? If not, what other aspects should be taken into account. Please elaborate.

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1. Is there any possible way to ensure the access to TR data from the perspective of commodities? Please elaborate.

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1. Do you agree with the proposed access levels under SFTR for authorities competent for securities and markets? If not, what other aspects should be taken into account. Please elaborate.

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1. Do you agree with the proposed access levels under SFTR for authorities supervising CCPs? If not, what other aspects should be taken into account. Please elaborate.

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1. Do you agree with maintaining the current access levels under EMIR for ESCB issuer of the currency? If not, what other aspects should be taken into account. Please elaborate.

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1. Do you agree with the proposed access levels under SFTR for ESMA and ESRB? If not, what other aspects should be taken into account. Please elaborate.

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1. Do you agree with the proposed access levels under SFTR for ACER? If not, what other aspects should be taken into account. Please elaborate.

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1. Do you agree with the proposed access levels under EMIR for national supervisory authorities under Solvency II? If not, what other aspects should be taken into account. Please elaborate.

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1. Do you agree with the proposed access levels under EMIR for national competent authorities under UCITS and AIFMD? If not, what other aspects should be taken into account. Please elaborate.

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1. Do you agree with the proposed access levels under SFTR for national competent authorities determined under Solvency II? If not, what other aspects should be taken into account. Please elaborate.

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1. Do you agree with the proposed access levels under EMIR for national resolution authorities? If not, what other aspects should be taken into account. Please elaborate.

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1. Are there any other aspects that need to be included in the procedure to be put in place by the trade repository? Please elaborate.

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1. Is there any additional information that needs to be included in the templates and tables? Please elaborate.

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