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| Reply form for the Consultation Paper on draft RTS on package orders for which there is a liquid market |
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Responding to this paper

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) invites responses to the specific questions listed in the ESMA Discussion Paper on the trading obligation for derivatives under MiFIR, published on the ESMA website.

*Instructions*

Please note that, in order to facilitate the analysis of the large number of responses expected, you are requested to use this file to send your response to ESMA so as to allow us to process it properly. Therefore, ESMA will only be able to consider responses which follow the instructions described below:

* use this form and send your responses in Word format (pdf documents will not be considered except for annexes);
* do not remove the tags of type <ESMA\_ QUESTION\_MIFID\_PO\_1> - i.e. the response to one question has to be framed by the 2 tags corresponding to the question; and
* if you do not have a response to a question, do not delete it and leave the text “TYPE YOUR TEXT HERE” between the tags.

Responses are most helpful:

* if they respond to the question stated;
* contain a clear rationale, including on any related costs and benefits; and
* describe any alternatives that ESMA should consider.

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***Deadline***

Responses must reach us by **3 January 2017.**

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# Introduction

Please make your introductory comments below, if any:

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1. Do you agree with ESMA’s proposal to apply the SI obligations at the package order level where the investment firm is an SI in at least one component instrument of the package order? If not, please explain why and propose an alternative.

<ESMA\_QUESTION\_MIFID\_PO\_1>

We agree with ESMA proposal.

<ESMA\_QUESTION\_MIFID\_PO\_1>

1. Do you agree with the proposed methodology based on qualitative criteria? Do you consider an alternative methodology as better suited for identifying liquid package orders as a whole?

<ESMA\_QUESTION\_MIFID\_PO\_2>

MEFF shares FESE approach to this question. ”For ETDs is important to point out that while the individual components of a package may indeed be liquid, that does not automatically translate into the package as a whole being liquid. Some quantitative criteria should assess the package order as a whole. For instance, there are 3 or more MM in relation a specific Package Transaction which occurs as a result of such package order account at least 25% of the total transactions in each component of the package (calculated on an annual basis).

The average daily number of total transactions in each component of the package is 10 or more (calculated on an annual basis)”.

Qualitative criteria could be used if quantitative does not have a clear result.

<ESMA\_QUESTION\_MIFID\_PO\_2>

1. Do you agree with the general criteria for identifying package orders that may be eligible for being liquid as a whole? Do you consider necessary to add further criteria or to remove any of the criteria proposed? Please explain.

<ESMA\_QUESTION\_MIFID\_PO\_3>

We agree with the proposed criteria, but we think the focus should be on quantitative.

<ESMA\_QUESTION\_MIFID\_PO\_3>

1. Do you consider it necessary to further specify the first criterion on the standardisation of components? If yes, which characteristics should be considered to specify the standardised components of packages?

<ESMA\_QUESTION\_MIFID\_PO\_4>

No further level of specification is needed on the standardization of components.

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1. Do you agree with the proposed interest rate derivatives specific criteria? If not, please explain why and present your preferred approach. Do you consider it necessary to add further criteria? If yes, please explain.

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1. Do you consider that derivative components in other currencies (e.g. other EEA currencies, JPY) should be included? If yes, which ones?

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1. Do you agree that only packages with derivative components with the above mentioned benchmark dates should be considered liquid? If not, please explain. Which other or additional benchmark dates do you suggest?

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1. Do you consider that for certain types of packages derivative components that have broken dates (e.g. invoice spreads) or which are traded on IMM and MAC dates (e.g. rolls) have a liquid market?

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1. Do you consider it necessary to specify criteria for non-derivative components of packages? If yes, which criteria would you suggest and why?

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1. Do you agree with the proposed equity derivatives specific criteria? If not, please explain why and present your preferred approach. Do you consider it necessary to add further criteria? If yes, please explain.

<ESMA\_QUESTION\_MIFID\_PO\_10>

No. For identifying the most standardized strategies the limit should be 2 components, not 4 as ESMA stated We think the more parts to the combination the less liquid a package would be..

<ESMA\_QUESTION\_MIFID\_PO\_10>

1. Do you consider that derivative components in other currencies (e.g. other EEA currencies, JPY) should be included? If yes, which ones?

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1. Do you consider it necessary to specify that all components of the package order should have the same underlying? If yes, please explain.

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Our point of view is that the standard type of strategies have all components based on the same underlying.

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1. Do you agree with the proposed credit derivatives specific criteria? If not, please explain why and present your preferred approach. Do you consider it necessary to add further criteria? If yes, please explain.

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1. Do you agree that derivative components in USD, EUR or GBP should be considered sufficiently liquid for the purpose of this RTS? Do you consider that derivative components in other currencies (e.g. other EEA currencies, JPY) should be included? If yes, which ones?

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1. Do you consider it necessary to further specify the indices that are eligible? If yes, please specify which specific indices should be included. Do you consider it necessary to specify the maturity dates of the underlying indices?

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1. Do you agree with the proposed commodity derivatives specific criteria? If not, please explain why and present your preferred approach. Do you consider it necessary to add further criteria? If yes, please explain.

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1. Do you consider that derivative components in other currencies (e.g. other EEA currencies, JPY) should be included? If yes, which ones.

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1. In which types of contracts do package orders in commodity derivatives mostly occur? Do you consider it necessary to provide for asset class specific criteria that take option and future/forward contracts into account? If yes, please explain.

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1. Do you consider it necessary to develop criteria at a more granular level (e.g. energy derivatives, agricultural derivatives) to better reflect the particularities of package orders in the different sub-asset classes? If yes, please explain.

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1. Do you consider it necessary to specify that all components of the package order should have the same underlying? If yes, please explain at which level this concept of “same underlying” should apply (e.g. same asset class, same sub-asset class, same sub-class – as per Annex III of RTS 2 – or at or more granular level).

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As stated in Q12 we think that is necessary to specify that all components of package order should have the same underlying, but concept of “same underlying” should not be applied at a more granular level in our point of view, because this would mean that they all have to be same asset class or sub-asset class when some packages are composed by different asset classes; e.g. Single Stock Options with stocks or Index Options with Index Futures.

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1. Are there package orders in other derivative asset classes that are in your view standardised and frequently traded and which should be eligible for having a liquid market as a whole? If yes, what asset class specific criteria do you suggest for those?

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1. Do you agree with the approach proposed for FX derivatives or do you consider it necessary to include an asset-class specific approach for FX derivatives?

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1. How should ESMA deal with cross-asset class package orders? Should ESMA develop cross-asset class specific criteria? If yes, please specify those. Alternatively, should cross-asset class package orders be allocated to only one asset class? If yes, how?

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1. Do you agree that package orders where all components are subject to the trading obligation for derivatives should be considered to have a liquid market as a whole? If not, please explain.

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The trading obligation on the individual components is not a guarantee that any package based on such components has such a high level of liquidity to overcome the need for a pre-trade transparency waiver

<ESMA\_QUESTION\_MIFID\_PO\_24>

1. Do you consider that package orders where at least one component is subject to the trading obligation and all other components are subject to the clearing obligation should be considered to have a liquid market as a whole? If not, please explain.

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The trading obligation on the individual components is not a guarantee that any package based on such components has such a high level of liquidity to overcome the need for a pre-trade transparency waiver

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1. Do you agree that the categories of packages above should be considered as standardised and frequently traded for the purpose of this RTS empowerment? If not, please explain.

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1. Are there any categories of packages missing in the above asset classes that should be considered for the purpose of this RTS empowerment? Are there in your view categories of packages in other asset classes that ESMA should consider?

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1. Do you agree with the draft RTS in annex IV? If not, please explain.

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We do not agree with the proposed methodology for identification of liquid package with qualitative criteria as this rejects the waiver for ETDs because they automatically fulfil the general criteria for being considered liquid. The individual components of the package being liquid is not equal to having a liquid package as a whole. As stated on Article 9(6) of MiFIR “…*ESMA shall assess whether packages are standardised and frequently traded*” and this RTS is not taking into account quantitative parameters such as packages *“frequently traded”* which could be measured *e.g.* by the average daily number of trades*.*

Also, package orders which fulfils LIS requirements should be granted for the pre-trade transparency waiver, otherwise, we risk of losing these trades in the market in favour of OTC trades.

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1. CBAQ1: Please identify, per asset class and per currency, the total nominal amount traded (including packages). Please also identify what % of this total trading is executed i) through packages (incl. EFPs) and ii) through packages (with only financial instruments as components), on trading venues and OTC. Reference period: September 2015–September 2016. If you are a trading venue, please fill in the trading venue columns only. If you are an investment firm, please fill in the trading venue and OTC columns as appropriate.

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|  | **Total Nominal amount traded, including packages (in euros)**  Sept 2015-Sept 2016 | | **% of packages (including EFPs)** | | **% of packages (with only financial instruments as components)** | |
| Trading venues | OTC | Trading venues | OTC | Trading venues | OTC |
| **Interest rate derivatives** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Euro |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| USD |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| GBP |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other currencies (please specify) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Equity derivatives** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Euro | 756.627.431.041 |  | 40.63% [[1]](#footnote-2) |  | 40.62% |  |
| USD |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| GBP |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other currencies (please specify) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Credit derivatives** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Euro |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Other currencies (please specify) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Commodity derivatives** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Euro | 1.226.399.155 |  | 0% |  | 0% |  |
| USD |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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1. CBAQ2: Based on ESMA draft RTS, out of the package orders (comprised only of financial instruments) that you trade, which percentage of the volume traded do you expect to be considered as having a liquid market as a whole? Please confirm which category the package orders you trade fall under:

1= less than 10% of the volume of package orders traded;

2= from 10% to 25% of the volume of package orders traded;

3= from 25% to 50% of the volume of package orders traded;

4= from 50% to 75% of the volume of package orders traded; or,

5= more than 75% of the of the volume of package orders traded.

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1. CBAQ3: In which area do you anticipate the costs of complying with ESMA’ draft RTS to stem from (e.g. IT, training)?

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1. CBAQ4: Could you provide an indication of the expected implementation costs of ESMA’ draft RTS (in euros) differentiating between (i) one-off costs and (ii) recurring costs (on an annual basis)?

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1. CBAQ5: In relation to the size of your business, do you expect those costs to be:

very low;

low;

medium; or,

high.

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1. CBAQ6: Do you expect any impact from ESMA’s draft RTS on your business model/activity? If so, please explain the drivers and the expected changes to your business model/activity.

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1. CBAQ7: Do you expect you expect broader market changes from the draft RTS in the short or medium term TO?

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1. CBAQ8: If so, please explain

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| **Expected Impact on** | **Yes/No/NA** | **Positive Impact** | **Negative impact** |
| **Market structure (changes in trading models, in trading strategies…)** | Yes |  | Inappropriate transparency regime for package orders could lead to volumes moving from on-exchange to OTC |
| **Liquidity**  **(please explain how you measure liquidity)** | Yes | Liquid package identification | A move to OTC trading would greatly reduce the liquidity in the trading venues and the overall level of transparency compared to current situation |
| **End users** | Yes |  | End investors may face significantly higher cost of trading due to the risk the liquidity providers would be exposed in case of an inappropriate transparency regime for package orders |
| **Other (specify)** |  |  |  |

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1. CBAQ9: Are their specific concerns regarding ESMA’s draft RTS you would wish to highlight? Please be as specific as possible in your answer.

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1. CBAQ10; Are there specific benefits arising from ESMA’s draft RTS you would wish to mention?

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**For trading venues only**

1. CBAQ11: Do you offer trading in packages?

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1. CBAQ12: If so, please describe, per asset class, the categories of packages for which pre-trade transparency is currently provided. Please also state whether you consider those packages as liquid and the criteria taken into consideration (e.g. spreads, volume traded, number of transactions, number of market participants). If no sufficient space is available to respond, please provide the information in an annex.

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| **Package Categories with pre-trade transparency** | **Currency** | **Tenor** | **Reference index** | **Other characteristics (please identify)** | **Liquidity assessment (Y/N) and underlying criteria** |
| **Interest rate derivatives** |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Equity derivatives** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Time spread** | **EUR** |  | **IBEX** |  | **Y** |
| **Time spread** | **EUR** |  | **IBEX MINI** |  | **Y** |
| **Time spread** | **EUR** |  | **SINGLE STOCKS** |  | **N** |
| **Strategies** | **EUR** |  | **IBEX/SINGLE STOCKS** |  | **N** |
| **EFP** | **EUR** |  | **SINGLE STOCKS** |  | **N** |
| **Credit derivatives** |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Commodity derivatives** |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Others (please specify)** |  |  |  |  |  |
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1. We have considered as package transaction all the cross trades that include more than one leg, introduced by the same member/traderID, with same underlying and at the same time. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)