

TECHNICAL STANDARDS (BILATERAL MARGINING)(AMENDMENT) INSTRUMENT 2024

Powers exercised

- A. The Prudential Regulation Authority (“the PRA”) makes this instrument in the exercise of powers under the following provisions of the Act:
- (1) section 138P (Technical standards);
 - (2) section 138Q (Standards instruments);
 - (3) section 138S (Application of Chapters 1 and 2); and
 - (4) section 137T (General supplementary powers).
- B. For the purposes of section 138P of the Act, the power to make regulatory technical standards which the PRA relies on for the purposes of this instrument is conferred on the PRA by Article 11(15) of Regulation (EU) No 648/2012.
- C. Pursuant to section 138P(2)(b) of the Act, the power to make technical standards includes the power to modify, amend or revoke an EU tertiary legislation made by an EU entity under the original EU power which forms part of assimilated law. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 2016/2251 forms part of assimilated law and constitutes EU tertiary legislation (as defined in section 20 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018) for the purposes of section 138P(2)(b) of the Act.
- D. The provisions referred to above are specified for the purposes of section 138Q(2)(Standards instruments) of the Act.

Interpretation

- E. In this instrument, any reference to any provision of direct EU legislation is a reference to it as it forms part of retained EU law.
- F. In this instrument:-
- “assimilated law” has the meaning given it in section 6 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018;
- “the Act” means the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000; and
- “PRA-authorised persons” has the meaning given in section 2B(5) of the Act.

Pre-conditions to making

- G. The FCA and the Bank of England have been consulted on the changes made by this instrument pursuant to section 138P(4) of the Act.

H. A draft of this instrument has been approved by the Treasury in accordance with section 138R of the Act.

Modifications

The PRA makes the modifications in the Annex to the following instrument insofar as it applies to counterparties that are PRA-authorized persons:

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/2251 of 4 October 2016 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on OTC derivatives, central counterparties and trade repositories with regard to regulatory technical standards for risk-mitigation techniques for OTC derivative contracts not cleared by a central counterparty.

Commencement

J. This instrument comes into force on 1 November 2024.

Citation

K. This instrument may be cited as the Technical Standards (Bilateral Margining)(Amendment) Instrument 2024.

By order of the Prudential Regulation Committee

15 October 2024

Annex A

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/2251 of 4 October 2016 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on OTC derivatives, central counterparties and trade repositories with regard to regulatory technical standards for risk-mitigation techniques for OTC derivative contracts not cleared by a central counterparty

In this Annex, new text is underlined and deleted text is struck through

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Article 30a

Treatment of derivatives in connection with securitisations for hedging purposes

- (1) By way of derogation from Article 2(2) and where the conditions set out in paragraph 2 of this Article are met, counterparties may provide in their risk management procedures the following in connection with OTC derivatives contracts that are concluded by a securitisation special purpose entity in connection with a securitisation as defined in ~~point (1) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 of the European Parliament and of the Council (*1)~~ regulation 3(1) of the Securitisation Regulations 2024 (2024/102) and meeting the conditions of Article 4(5) of Regulation (EU) No 648/2012, as amended by the Securitisation Amendment Regulations 2024 (SI 2024/[xx]):

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