

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 19b-4

Proposed Rule Change

by

BANQUE CENTRALE DE COMPENSATION

Pursuant to Rule 19b-4 under the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Item 1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“**Exchange Act**” or “**Act**”),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² Banque Centrale de Compensation, which conducts business under the name LCH SA (“**LCH SA**”), is proposing to amend the fees it charges clearing members for cash and securities collateral posted as initial margin for its clearing services including CDSClear (the “**Proposed Rule Change**”).

The text of the Proposed Rule Change has been annexed as Exhibit 5 to File No. SR-LCH SA-2024-004.³ The implementation of the Proposed Rule Change will be contingent on LCH SA’s receipt of all necessary regulatory approvals.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

Item 2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

LCH SA has completed all of the required actions to be taken to approve and authorize the Proposed Rule Change. The Proposed Rule Change recommended by the LCH SA Spread and Accommodation Review Group was approved by the LCH SA Chief Executive Officer (“**CEO**”) on August 26, 2024, with a notification provided to the LCH SA Local Management Committee (“**LMC**”) on August 27, 2024.⁴ The effective date for the Proposed Rule Changes initially planned for 1st of October was moved to 1st of November

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ All capitalized terms not defined herein have the same definition as in the CDS Clearing Rule Book available at https://www.lch.com/system/files/media_root/CDSClear_Rule_Book_01.02.2024.pdf.

⁴ The LCH SA Spread and Accommodation Review Group is responsible for providing recommendations and support on cash and non-cash collateral spread/fee management and communicates its findings to the LCH SA CEO.

2024 as duly approved by LCH SA Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) on October 15, 2024.

No further approvals to authorize this Proposed Rule Change are necessary.

Questions should be addressed to Anne Favé, Interim Chief Compliance Officer, at anne.fave@lseg.com or +33 1 70 37 65 97; or Mohamed Meziane, Senior Regulatory Advisor, Compliance Department, at mohamed.meziane@lseg.com or +33 1 70 37 65 52.

Item 3. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

(a) Purpose

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i. Changes to Cash Collateral Spreads

LCH SA currently accepts euro, GBP and USD cash to satisfy initial margin requirements for its CDSClear business. Clearing members that post these eligible currencies as margin may receive interest on these balances based on an associated benchmark index

and cash collateral spreads applied by LCH SA. The total rate that clearing members and their clients may be eligible for is the difference between the value of the underlying benchmark index and the spreads applied by LCH SA. Interest earned on cash collateral is based on daily balances by account and posted monthly to clearing member accounts.

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LCH SA is proposing to reduce the spreads for eligible cash collateral balances to encourage CDSClear clearing members to post more cash as initial margin for clearing and to better diversify the mix of collateral posted as initial margin from clearing members, as non-cash collateral has become a greater portion of all margin collateral on deposit. LCH SA

believes this will enhance its liquidity risk management processes by ensuring it maintains sufficient liquid resources (*i.e.*, cash) to facilitate the timely settlement of its payment obligations with a high degree of confidence under a wide range of foreseeable stress scenarios. In addition, an increase in cash collateral will support LCH SA's ability to manage the ongoing operational liquidity needs for the purposes of injecting liquidity into the various settlement and payment networks and will further support LCH SA's default management process (*e.g.*, during the liquidation of a member portfolio). LCH SA does not believe any changes are necessary to the cash collateral spreads for CDSClear Clients or with respect to cash posted to satisfy Default Fund requirements. CDSClear Clients will continue to benefit from a larger spread than CDSClear House accounts and the Default Fund cash collateral spread will remain unchanged, as clearing members must continue to meet their Default Fund obligations in cash collateral.

ii. Changes to Securities Collateral Fees

LCH SA is also proposing to amend the fees it charges clearing members for securities collateral posted as initial margin. Eligible securities collateral currently includes government securities from select countries, select European supranational debt, government agency debt issued by Rentenbank (Germany), Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (Germany) and CADES (France) and select equities listed on the EURO STOXX 50 index. The fees charged on each securities collateral type varies based on the mechanism of how the clearing member posts the collateral. For example, securities collateral may be deposited via Full Title Transfer (FTT) to an account opened by LCH SA at various central securities depositories (CSDs). Clearing members may also pledge securities collateral directly to LCH SA, whereby it will deposit securities via a Single Pledgor Pledged Account (SPPA) opened by LCH SA at Euroclear Bank. LCH SA also offers a Tri-Party solution whereby LCH SA and a Clearing member may appoint Euroclear Bank and/or Euroclear France as a triparty agent

and authorize such triparty agent to enter settlement instructions on their behalf into the securities settlement system to affect movements of securities between a giver account and a taker account opened with the relevant triparty agent on a full title transfer basis for the purposes of transferring Collateral to LCH SA or releasing such collateral. LCH SA currently applies the following fees for securities collateral for CDSClear house and client accounts:

	Securities	House			Client
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	Italy	11	15	9.5	10
	Japan	13	NA	NA	10
	Netherlands	11	15	9.5	10
	Norway	13	NA	NA	10
	Portugal	11	NA	9.5	10
	Spain	11	15	9.5	10
	Sweden	13	NA	NA	10
	Switzerland	13	NA	NA	10
	UK	11	15	NA	10
USA	11	15	NA	10	
Supranationals	European Financial Stability Facility	13	15	11.5	10
	European Stability Mechanism	13	15	11.5	10
	European Investment Bank	13	15	11.5	10
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Equities	All (as listed in Haircut Schedule)	13	NA	NA	NA

LCH SA is proposing to increase the fees for securities collateral posted via FTT or tri-party for clearing members by 1bp and by 10bps for securities collateral posted via pledge. LCH SA is also proposing to remove the second footnote to the securities collateral fee table, as the Triparty fees are now currently effective for all services. LCH SA is not proposing any changes to the fees charged to CDSClear Clients or for other non-cash collateral types. As previously noted, LCH SA charges different fees depending on the type of securities, the way that such securities are deposited, as well as the type of activity these cover. As a reminder, LCH SA has the capacity to raise euro liquidity by:

- pledging euro securities posted via FTT in the Banque de France 3G Pool; and
- executing cross-currency repo trades to borrow euro cash, collateralized by U.S.

Treasuries and GBP Gilts posted via FTT.

However, securities posted by clearing members via pledge cannot be used for liquidity risk management purposes, and as such, are not considered liquid assets. LCH SA believes the increase in the fees for securities collateral and concurrent decrease in the spread for cash collateral will create an additional incentive for clearing members to post cash as initial margin. Consequently, this will strengthen LCH SA's Liquidity Coverage Ratio and further enhance LCH SA's liquidity risk profile.

(b) Statutory Basis

LCH SA believes that the Proposed Rule Change is consistent with the requirements of Section 17A of the Exchange Act⁵ and the regulations thereunder applicable to LCH SA. Section 17A(b)(3)(D) of the Act⁶ requires that the rules of a clearing agency provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among its participants.

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78a et seq.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(D).

LCH SA believes the amendments to the spread applied to cash collateral and fees applied to securities collateral for the CDSClear business are reasonable. To ensure it continues to maintain sufficient liquid resources to meet the minimum liquid resource requirement as set forth in Exchange Act Rule 17Ad-22(e)(7)(i)⁷, LCH SA is proposing to increase the fees for securities collateral posted as margin to strengthen its Liquidity Coverage Ratio and further enhance LCH SA's liquidity risk profile. Concurrent with the increase in fees for securities collateral, LCH SA is proposing to decrease the spread for cash collateral. LCH SA assessed the impact of the Proposed Rule Change by applying the proposed cash spreads and securities collateral fees against the current portfolio of margin collateral for CDSClear members and concluded these changes will not have a significant impact on expected revenues and are thus reasonable for CDSClear clearing members.

In addition, LCH SA believes the Proposed Rule Change is equitable for all participants. All CDSClear Members will continue to have the choice to post either securities collateral or cash collateral to satisfy initial margin requirements. Clearing members wishing to post securities collateral via FTT will continue to face a lower fee than posting via a pledge arrangements. Likewise, clearing members may continue to post securities collateral via the tri-party option at a lower fee rate than FTT or via pledge. LCH SA believes the change in securities collateral fees are equitable for all clearing members and enables LCH SA to strengthen its liquidity risk profile.

LCH SA also believes the amendments to the spreads applied to cash collateral and fees applied to securities collateral for the CDSClear business are consistent with the requirements set forth in Exchange Act Rule 17Ad-22(e)(7)(i)⁸. Exchange Act Rule 17Ad-22(e)(7)(i) requires clearing agencies to, *inter alia*, establish, implement, maintain and

⁷ 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22(e)(7)(i).

⁸ Id.

enforce written policies and procedures reasonably designed to . . . maintain sufficient liquid resources at the minimum in all relevant currencies to effect same-day and, where appropriate, intraday and multiday settlement of payment obligations with a high degree of confidence under a wide range of foreseeable stress scenarios that includes, but is not limited to, the default of the participant family that would generate the largest aggregate payment obligation for the covered clearing agency in extreme but plausible market conditions.⁹ As previously noted, LCH SA anticipates the Proposed Rule Change will strengthen its Liquidity Coverage Ratio and further enhance its liquidity risk profile by incentivizing clearing members to increase the amount of cash to satisfy margin requirements. The additional cash will add to LCH SA's total liquid resources, which can be used for the settlement of daily payment obligations, including with respect to the default of the participant family generating the largest aggregate payment obligation for LCH SA.

For these reasons, LCH SA believes the Proposed Rule Change is consistent with the requirements of Section 17A(b)(3)(D) of the Act¹⁰ in that the amendments to the cash spreads and securities fees are reasonable and equitable among its participants. In addition, LCH SA believes that the Proposed Rule Change is consistent with the requirements of Exchange Act Rule 17Ad-22(e)(7)(i)¹¹ by enhancing LCH SA's liquidity risk profile.

Item 4. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

Section 17A(b)(3)(I) of the Act¹² requires that the rules of a clearing agency not impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. LCH SA does not believe that the Proposed Rule Change would impose any burden on

⁹ Id.

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(D).

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22(e)(7)(i).

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(I).

competition. The Proposed Rule Change will enhance LCH SA's ability to manage the liquidity risks and related costs associated with converting securities collateral to cash and will apply equally to all participants. LCH SA also believes the proposed increase in fees for securities collateral will not be burdensome for participants, as participants will continue to have the option of posting securities collateral as initial margin or instead post cash collateral subject to the decreased spread. Therefore, LCH SA does not believe that the Proposed Rule Change would impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

Item 5. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others

Written comments relating to the Proposed Rule Change have not been solicited or received. LCH SA will notify the Commission of any written comments received by LCH SA.

Item 6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

LCH SA does not consent to the extension of the time period listed in Section 19(b)(2) of the Exchange Act¹³ for Commission action on the Proposed Rule Change.

Item 7. Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) or Section 19(b)(7)(D)

(a) LCH SA is filing the Proposed Rule Change for immediate effectiveness pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)¹⁴ of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)¹⁵.

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁵ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

(b) LCH SA believes that summary effectiveness is warranted because the Proposed Rule Change establishes a fee or other charge imposed by LCH SA on its clearing members, within the meaning of Rule 19b-4(f)(2)¹⁶.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) Not applicable.

Item 8. Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization or the Commission

The Proposed Rule Change is not based on the rules of another self-regulatory organization or the Commission.

Item 9. Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act

Not applicable.

Item 10. Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act

Not applicable.

Item 11. Exhibits

Exhibit 1 Not Applicable.

Exhibit 1A Completed Notice of Proposed Rule Change for publication in the Federal Register.

Exhibit 2 Not Applicable.

Exhibit 3 Not Applicable.


Exhibit 4 Not Applicable.

Exhibit 5 Text of the Proposed Rule Change.

¹⁶ Id.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Exchange Act, Banque Centrale de Compensation has caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BANQUE CENTRALE DE COMPENSATIONA handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'A' followed by several horizontal strokes.

By: _____

Anne Favé
Interim Chief Compliance Officer

EXHIBIT 1A

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

(Release No. _____; File No. SR-LCH SA-2024-004)

_____, 2024

Self-Regulatory Organizations; LCH SA; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Cash Spreads and Fees on Securities Collateral

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“**Act**”),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on _____, 2024, Banque Centrale de Compensation, which conducts business under the name LCH SA (“**LCH SA**”), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“**Commission**”) the proposed rule change (“**Proposed Rule Change**”) described in Items I, II and III below, which Items have been primarily prepared by LCH SA. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the Proposed Rule Change from interested persons.

I. Clearing Agency’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

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II. Clearing Agency's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, LCH SA included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the Proposed Rule Change and discussed any comments it received on the Proposed Rule Change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. LCH SA has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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2. Statutory Basis

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⁶ 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22(e)(7)(i).

LCH SA also believes the amendments to the spreads applied to cash collateral and fees applied to securities collateral for the CDSClear business are consistent with the requirements set forth in Exchange Act Rule 17Ad-22(e)(7)(i)⁷. Exchange Act Rule 17Ad-22(e)(7)(i) requires clearing agencies to, *inter alia*, establish, implement, maintain and enforce written policies and procedures reasonably designed to . . . maintain sufficient liquid resources at the minimum in all relevant currencies to effect same-day and, where appropriate, intraday and multiday settlement of payment obligations with a high degree of confidence under a wide range of foreseeable stress scenarios that includes, but is not limited to, the default of the participant family that would generate the largest aggregate payment obligation for the covered clearing agency in extreme but plausible market conditions.⁸ As previously noted, LCH SA anticipates the Proposed Rule Change will strengthen its Liquidity Coverage Ratio and further enhance its liquidity risk profile by incentivizing clearing members to increase the amount of cash to satisfy margin requirements. The additional cash will add to LCH SA's total liquid resources, which can be used for the settlement of daily payment obligations, including with respect to the default of the participant family generating the largest aggregate payment obligation for LCH SA.

For these reasons, LCH SA believes the Proposed Rule Change is consistent with the requirements of Section 17A(b)(3)(D) of the Act⁹ in that the amendments to the cash spreads and securities fees are reasonable and equitable among its participants. In

⁷ Id.

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⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(D).

addition, LCH SA believes that the Proposed Rule Change is consistent with the requirements of Exchange Act Rule 17Ad-22(e)(7)(i)¹⁰ by enhancing LCH SA's liquidity risk profile.

B. Clearing Agency's Statement on Burden on Competition

Section 17A(b)(3)(I) of the Act¹¹ requires that the rules of a clearing agency not impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. LCH SA does not believe that the Proposed Rule Change would impose any burden on competition. The Proposed Rule Change will enhance LCH SA's ability to manage the liquidity risks and related costs associated with converting securities collateral to cash and will apply equally to all participants. LCH SA also believes the proposed increase in fees for securities collateral will not be burdensome for participants, as participants will continue to have the option of posting securities collateral as initial margin or instead post cash collateral subject to the decreased spread. Therefore, LCH SA does not believe that the Proposed Rule Change would impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

C. Clearing Agency's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants or Others

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¹⁰ 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22(e)(7)(i).

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(I).

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments:

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-LCH SA-2024-004 on the subject line.

Paper Comments:

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-LCH SA-2024-004. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The

Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet website (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such filings will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of LCH SA and on LCH SA's website at <http://www.lch.com/resources/rules-and-regulations/proposed-rule-changes-0>. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-LCH SA-2024-004 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹²

Secretary

¹² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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Proposed LCH SA Fee Grid[†]**Cash Collateral – Proposed Spreads**

Currency	Unsecured overnight index	House	Client	Default Funds
		All Markets	CDSClear Clients	Default funds
EUR	€STR	21.5 19.5	6.5	11.5
GBP	SONIA	35 33	20	
USD	FEDFUND	30 28	15	

Securities Collateral – Proposed Spreads

Securities	House			Client	
	Full Title Transfer	Pledge	Triparty**	CDSClear Clients	
Government Securities	Australia	13 14	NA	NA	10
	Austria	11 12	15 25	9.5 10.5	10
	Belgium	11 12	15 25	9.5 10.5	10
	Canada	13 14	NA	NA	10
	Denmark	13 14	NA	NA	10
	Finland	11 12	15 25	9.5 10.5	10
	France	11 12	15 25	9.5 10.5	10
	Germany	11 12	15 25	9.5 10.5	10
	Italy	11 12	15 25	9.5 10.5	10
	Japan	13 14	NA	NA	10
	Netherlands	11 12	15 25	9.5 10.5	10
	Norway	13 14	NA	NA	10
	Portugal	11 12	NA	9.5 10.5	10
	Spain	11 12	15 25	9.5 10.5	10
	Sweden	13 14	NA	NA	10
	Switzerland	13 14	NA	NA	10
	UK	11 12	15 25	NA	10
USA	11 12	15 25	NA	10	
Supranationals	European Financial Stability Facility	13 14	15 25	11.5 12.5	10
	European Stability Mechanism	13 14	15 25	11.5 12.5	10

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	European Investment Bank	13 14	15 25	11.5 12.5	10
	European Union Investment Bank for Reconstruction and Development	13 14	15 25	11.5 12.5	10
Agencies	Rentenbank	13 14	15 25	11.5 12.5	10
	Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau	13 14	15 25	11.5 12.5	10
	CADES	13 14	15 25	NA	10
Equities	All (as listed in Haircut Schedule)	13 14	NA	NA	NA

(t) Expected to be effective from 1st of November 2024 or later subject to regulatory review/approval process and implementation.

* 'All markets' encompass CDSClear (House activity only), EquityClear, CommodityClear, RepoClear and €GCPlus (House & Clients activities).

** ~~Effective 1 April 2023 for EquityClear, CommodityClear, RepoClear and €GCPlus (House & Clients activities) and Effective 23 August 2023 for CDSClear~~