



Instruction III.4-10a Procedures for Settling Net Fails on Debt Securities executed on or reported by a Trading and Matching Platform and MTS Italy

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In the following, the reference day D designates the intended Settlement Date agreed on the day of Transaction's conclusion or the early termination date resulting from a deliver-out repurchase agreement (Repo) with an "open" termination feature.

Chapter 1 – Management of Net Fails on French, Belgian, German, Spanish, Dutch, Austrian, Portuguese, Finnish, Irish, Slovakian, Slovenian, and Supranational Debt Securities

Section 1.1 Buy-in

Article 1

In case of Net Fail on Securities the affected Clearing Members can be identified at the end of day D's Securities settlement system or central Securities depository process, in accordance with its terms and conditions.

Article 2

Initial Margins (other than in the case of Special Clearing Members) and Variation Margins continue to be calculated and called on Net Fail. Moreover, additional Margins are called from the failing Clearing Member beginning from the next Clearing Day, D+1. Such Margins shall be increased at intervals throughout the period in which the Net Fail is outstanding.

Article 3

Between D+1 and D+30 Clearing Days, the failing selling Clearing Member can deliver Securities at the delivery price. The failing selling Clearing Member can assert no claim to interest for the late receipt of cash.

Article 4

On the evening of D+29 Clearing Days, the failing selling Clearing Member receives a notification from LCH SA by email or by any other electronic means.



Such notification requires the failing Clearing Member to settle the relevant Open Position by making sufficient provision on its central Securities depository or Securities settlement system account to allow the Net Fail to be settled in the normal daily settlement process at the latest on the evening of the D+30 Clearing Days otherwise LCH SA initiates the buy-in procedure for the quantity of Securities necessary to settle the Net Fails.

Article 5

On D+31 Clearing Days LCH SA seeks to buy-in the corresponding Securities at a tender price to fulfil its obligations to the buying Clearing Member. The tender price is deemed to be a maximum amount above which no offer of buy-in will be made. The tender price is defined as 108% of the closing price at the evening of D+30 Clearing Days. The Securities buy-in is renewed until D+35 Clearing Days. The failing selling Clearing Member must make daily payments of costs incurred.

Article 6

LCH SA determines the conditions under which the buy-in can be executed, under the two following principles:

- If the failing selling Clearing Member executes wholly or partially its obligation to deliver the Securities then LCH SA gives priority to its full or partial delivery upon any other Security provider offer. In this case, Net Fails are settled on the basis of the delivery price as referred to in Article 3.
- If the failing Clearing Member does not deliver at all the Securities or delivers partially, LCH SA chooses for the whole or remaining quantity the cheapest provider and if there is more than one Securities provider with the same price and quantity, LCH SA will choose the first one presented.

Article 7

If LCH SA is able to buy-in the Net Fail, it charges the failing selling Clearing Member for the difference between the purchase cost and the cash amount credited by the buying Clearing Member.

Article 8

The buying Clearing Member can assert no claim to compensation for the late receipt of Securities.

Article 9

Open Positions, for which Securities remain undelivered after the performance of buy-in the evening of the D+35 Clearing Days, are settled by cash compensation. The failing Clearing Member pays the cash compensation to LCH SA, on D+36 Clearing Days, which passes it on to the Clearing Member(s) suffering from the Net Fail(s).

The cash compensation equals to 10% of the undelivered Open Position evaluated on the basis of the last Settlement Price available at the evening of D+35 Clearing Day.



Section 1.2 Sell out

Article 10

Provisions of this Section 1.2 do not apply to Special Clearing Members. Instead, the provisions of Instruction III.4-10 b shall apply in case of Net Fail on cash.

Article 11

For Net Fails for which Securities have been received from the selling Clearing Member but have not been delivered to the buying Clearing Member, due to a lack of payment or the inability of the Clearing Member to take delivery of the Securities, LCH SA can sell out the Securities corresponding to any buying net Open Position as set out below.

Article 12

On the Clearing Day on which a Net Fail on cash occurs, the failing buying Clearing Member receives a notification from LCH SA by email or by any other electronic means.

Such notification requires the failing buying Clearing Member to settle the relevant Open Position by crediting its central or commercial bank cash account or to take delivery of the Securities, to allow the Net Fail to be settled in the normal daily settlement process at the latest at 10.00 a.m. CET on the following Clearing Day otherwise LCH SA may initiate the sell-out procedure and sell the quantity of Securities necessary to settle the Net Fails.

Article 13

LCH SA can change the timeframe for a sell-out, at its discretion, if it deems that excessive risk would be incurred otherwise.

Section 1.3 Pairing off

Article 14

Clearing Members have the possibility to ask for a “pair-off”, whereby multiple Net Fails relating to the same ISIN, the same currency and the same Delivery Account pointing towards the same settlement solution, but with different Intended Settlement Dates and opposite directions (buy/sell) are netted.

Pair-off requests and processing shall be made in accordance with the conditions set out in a Notice. LCH SA shall only process pair-off requests on a best effort basis.



Chapter 2 – Management of Net Fails on Italian Debt Securities

Section 2.1 Buy-in

Article 15

In case of Net Fail on Securities the affected Clearing Members can be identified at the closing of D's Securities settlement system or central Securities depository process in accordance with its terms and conditions.

Article 16

Variation Margins and Initial Margins continue to be calculated and called on Net Fail. Moreover, additional Margins are called from the defaulting Clearing Member beginning from D+1 Clearing Day. Such Margins shall be increased at intervals throughout the period in which the Net Fail is outstanding.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Instruction, no Initial Margins nor additional Margins are called from the failing Special Clearing Member.

Article 17

Between D+1 Clearing Day and D+ 10 Clearing Days, the failing selling Clearing Member can deliver Securities at the delivery price. The selling Clearing Member can assert no claim to interest for the late receipt of cash.

Article 18

On the evening of D+7 Clearing Days, the failing selling Clearing Member receives a notification from LCH SA by email or by any other electronic means.

Such notification requires the failing Clearing Member to settle the relevant Open Position by making sufficient provision on its central Securities depository or Securities settlement system account to allow the Net Fail to be settled in the normal daily settlement process at the latest on the evening of D+10 Clearing Days otherwise LCH SA initiates the buy-in procedure for the quantity of Securities necessary to settle the Net Fails.

Article 19

On D+11 Clearing Days, LCH SA seeks to buy-in the corresponding Securities at a tender price to fulfil its obligations to the buying Clearing Member. The tender price is deemed to be a maximum amount above which no offer of buy-in will be made. The tender price is defined as 108% of the closing price at the evening of D+10 Clearing Days. The Securities buy-in is renewed until D+13 Clearing Days evening. The selling Clearing Member must make daily payments of costs incurred.

Article 20

LCH SA determines the conditions under which the buy-in can be executed, under the two following principles:



- If the failing selling Clearing Member executes wholly or partially its obligation to deliver the Securities then LCH SA gives priority to its full or partial delivery upon any other Security provider offer. In this case, Net Fails are settled on the basis of the delivery price as referred to in Article 22.
- If the failing Clearing Member does not deliver at all the Securities or delivers partially, LCH SA chooses for the whole or remaining quantity the cheapest provider and if there is more than one Securities provider with the same price and quantity, LCH SA will choose the first one presented.

Article 21

If LCH SA is able to buy-in the Net Fail, it charges the failing selling Clearing Member for the difference between the purchase cost and the cash amount credited by the buying Clearing Member.

Article 22

Open Positions, for which Securities remain undelivered after the performance of buy-in in the evening of D+13 Clearing Days, are settled by cash compensation. The failing Clearing Member pays the cash compensation to LCH SA, which passes it on to the Clearing Member(s) suffering from the Net Fail(s).

The cash compensation equals to 10% of the undelivered Open Position evaluated on the basis of the last Settlement Price available at the evening of D+13 Clearing Days.

Article 23

The buying Clearing Member can assert no claim to compensation for the late receipt of Securities.

Section 2.2 Sell out

Article 24

Provisions of this Section 2.2 do not apply to Special Clearing Members. Instead, the provisions of Instruction III.4-10 b shall apply in case of Net fail on cash.

Article 25

For Net Fails for which Securities have been received from the selling Clearing Member but have not been delivered to the buying Clearing Member, due to a lack of payment or the inability of the Clearing Member to take delivery of the Securities, LCH SA can sell out the Securities corresponding to any buying net Open Position as set out below.

Article 26

On the Clearing Day on which the Net Fail occurs, the failing buying Clearing Member receives a notification from LCH SA by email or by any other electronic means.

Such notification requires the failing Clearing Member to settle the relevant Open Position by crediting its central or commercial bank cash account or to take delivery of the Securities to allow the Net Fail to be settled in the normal daily settlement process at the latest at 10.00 a.m. on the following Clearing Day otherwise LCH SA may initiate the sell-out procedure and sell the quantity of Securities necessary to settle the Net Fails.

Article 27



LCH SA can change the timeframe for a sell-out, at its discretion, if it deems that excessive risk would be incurred otherwise.

Chapter 3 – Penalties on Net Fails

Section 3.1 General Provisions

Article 28

The Net Fails are related to a lack of payment and or a lack of delivery from the failing Clearing Member. All Net Fails are subject to penalties due by the failing Clearing Member:

- (i) to LCH SA, when the latter is acting in its capacity as CCP (“**CCP Penalty**”); and
- (ii) to the relevant CSD of Reference or ICSD in accordance with CSDR (“**CSDR Penalty**”).

Article 29

For each Net Fail, LCH SA calculates the CCP Penalty owed by the failing Clearing Member based on a fee as published in the fee grid. At the end of each month an invoice is sent to the Clearing Member and the corresponding amount is debited on its account. For the avoidance of doubt, the CCP Penalty does not apply in respect of Special Clearing Members. Instead, the provisions of Instruction III.4-10 b shall apply in case of a Net Fail on cash.

The amount of this CCP Penalty on Net Fail may be increased, as the case may be, by any cost incurred by LCH SA in relation to the said Net Fail, including any remaining net amount of CSDR Penalties charged by the CSD of reference or ICSD pursuant to CSDR. The payment of such cost shall be processed through Target 2 for EUR currency.

Section 3.2 CSDR Penalties

Article 30

In addition to any CCP Penalties that may be imposed by LCH SA, each relevant CSD of Reference or ICSD calculates daily CSDR Penalties on Net Fails for cleared Transactions and collects and distributes such CSDR Penalties from and to the relevant Clearing Members or their Settlement Agent, as applicable, at least on a monthly basis, in accordance with CSDR and the applicable rules of the corresponding CSD of Reference or ICSD.

Clearing Members shall raise queries in relation to the CSDR Penalties, including any request for deletion or correction, directly with the appropriate CSD of Reference, ICSD or Settlement Agent as applicable, and follow the process described in their own applicable rules.

Article 31 - Monthly process

Following the month end penalty processing timetable of each relevant CSD of Reference/ ICSD, LCH SA shall provide each Clearing Member with a report including all the final corrected records for all relevant CSDs for the previous month.



Where the net amount of CSDR Penalties collected or distributed by a CSD of Reference/ICSD with respect to the monthly Net Fails is different from zero, LCH SA may allocate to the Clearing Members such net amount. These allocations will exclude any CSDR Penalty related to the transfer of Collateral and they will be processed at the end of each month through direct debits or credits on the relevant Clearing Member's Target 2 account.