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RE: Margin and Capital Requirements for Covered Swap Entities, Docket ID OCC-2011-0008/RIN 1557-AD43, Docket No. R-1415/RIN 7100 AD74, RIN 3064-AE21, RIN 2590-AA45, RIN 3052-AC69

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association¹ (“SIFMA”) writes to request that the Prudential Regulators² consider the recent rule proposal from the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC”) regarding the cross-border application of its margin

¹ SIFMA is the voice of the U.S. securities industry, representing the broker-dealers, banks and asset managers whose 889,000 employees provide access to the capital markets, raising over \$2.4 trillion for businesses and municipalities in the U.S., serving clients with over \$16 trillion in assets and managing more than \$62 trillion in assets for individual and institutional clients including mutual funds and retirement plans. SIFMA, with offices in New York and Washington, D.C., is the U.S. regional member of the Global Financial Markets Association (GFMA). For more information, visit <http://www.sifma.org>.

² In this letter, “Prudential Regulators” refers to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Housing Finance Agency and the Farm Credit Administration.

requirements for uncleared swaps transactions³, before finalizing the cross-border aspects of the above-captioned rulemaking.

SIFMA supports consistency in the implementation of uncleared swap margin rules across different jurisdictions and looks forward to commenting on the CFTC's rule proposal regarding the cross-border application of its margin requirements for uncleared swaps⁴. Based on our initial review, however, we have concerns that certain aspects of the CFTC's proposal, such as the limited availability of substituted compliance, would not be consistent with the objectives of maintaining open and competitive global swap markets and fostering internationally harmonized cross-border margin requirements.

Since these considerations also bear on the Prudential Regulators' margin rules, we ask that the agencies defer finalization of the cross border-application of their margin rule in order to have the opportunity to review and consider the CFTC's proposal and related public comments.

Respectfully submitted,



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³ “Margin Requirements for Uncleared Swaps for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants – Cross-Border Application of the Margin Requirements,” 80 Fed. Reg. 41376 (July 14, 2015).

⁴ *Id.*