OTC Derivatives Reforms
Status of implementation and major challenges
(The Japanese perspective)

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G20 Commitments

1. Trade Reporting Requirement
2. Central Clearing Obligation
3. Trading Requirement
4. Margin Requirements for Non-Centrally Cleared OTC Derivatives
5. Implementation of CPMI-IOSCO Principles for FMIs
6. Deference to Each Other in Cross-border Regulation and Supervision
1. Trade Reporting Requirement

✓ Mandatory reporting for a broad range of OTC derivative transactions since April 2013
✓ Direct reporting to JFSA permitted alongside reporting through TRs
✓ One TR currently designated by the JFSA
✓ Since May 2014, JFSA publishes aggregated data

☐ Masking and blocking statutes of other jurisdictions could create difficulties for cross-border transactions

☐ Use of LEIs is still optional
2. Central Clearing Obligation

✓ Product coverage
  • Two products (Yen LIBOR IRS and i-Traxx Japan index CDS) designated for mandatory central clearing as from November 2012
  • Addition of Yen TIBOR IRS as from July 2014

✓ Covered entities
  • Extended in a staggered manner – will cover the main players in the market by December 2016 (banks, securities firms, and insurance companies)

☐ For further extension of the coverage of the obligation, standardization and liquidity are key
☐ Cross-border coordination mechanism not yet established
3. Trading Obligation

✓ As from 1 September 2015, mandatory use of exchanges or other types of electronic trading platforms (ETPs) is enforced for Yen LIBOR IRS

✓ The definition of ETPs is relatively broad: i.e. having an order book and match the transactions with the order book, or with requests for quotes from no less than three counterparties

☐ Publication of trade information is limited to post-trade
4. Margin Requirements for Non-Centrally Cleared OTC Derivatives

✓ JFSA published draft rules for comment in July 2014

✓ BCBS-IOSCO Working group on Margin requirements (WGMR) agreed to delay implementation of new margin requirements until September 2016

✓ Bilateral discussions taking place with US and EU regulators with industry feedback

□ Major challenges still exist towards implementation, particularly with regard to SIMM models and documentation
5. Implementation of CPMI-IOSCO Principles for FMIs

- Implementation of the CPMI-IOSCO Principles for FMIs is now on track
- Peer review by the FSB being conducted successively
- CPMI-IOSCO working on providing further guidance and granularity in the requirements under the Principles

- Consistency between rules of different jurisdictions becomes an issue where the requirements of the Principles are not granular
6. Deference to Each Other in Cross-border Regulation and Supervision

- Based on a call by the G20, bilateral discussions have been underway in equivalence determinations leading to mutual recognition (EU) or substituted compliance (US)

- Japan considers equivalence of regulation and supervision of other jurisdictions in granting licenses to foreign CCPs and in designating foreign TRs.

- Full consistency is hard to achieve on a bilateral basis and takes an excessively long time
Main Issues

- **Trade reporting**
  - The majority of jurisdictions have trade reporting requirements in force.

- **Central clearing**
  - The majority of jurisdictions are still in the process of implementing regulatory reforms.

- **Higher capital for non-centrally cleared derivatives**
  - Most jurisdictions have made changes to their prudential frameworks to require it.

- **Trading Platforms**
  - While the majority of jurisdictions have adopted legislative frameworks, the adoption of specific requirements continues to be limited.

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* No existing authority to implement reform and no steps taken to adopt such authority
* Legislative framework or other authority is in force or has been published for consultation or proposed ~ Legislative framework or other authority is in force and public standards/requirements have been adopted.
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