Financial Instruments and Exchange (Amendment) Act of 2012 [Briefing Materials]

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Facilitating the Establishment of a "Comprehensive Exchange"



Updating the OTC Derivatives Regulations (obligatory use of electronic trading facilities)

Outline of the framework

O To contribute to increasing market transparency, the amended FIEA requires Financial Instrument Business Operators (FIBOs), etc., to use Electronic Trading Platforms (ETP) when entering into certain types of OTC derivatives transactions, taking into account international discussion including the Leaders Statement at the G20 Pittsburg Summit (Note)

(Note) Points of the Leaders Statement at the G20 Pittsburg Summit (Sep. 25, 2009) (concerning OTC derivatives)

- (i) Trading of all standardized OTC derivative contracts on exchanges or electronic trading platforms \Rightarrow Addressed in the present revision
- (ii) Clearing of all standardized OTC derivatives contracts through central counterparties \Rightarrow (Promulgated in the Amendment of the FIEA in 2010)
- (iii) Reporting of OTC derivatives contracts to trade repositories ⇒ (Already addressed in the 2010 FIEA (Amendment))



(Note) Taking into consideration the fact that cross-border transactions are significant, the amended FIEA includes a framework to facilitate providing services by foreign ETP operators under the lighter permission rather than register as Type I FIBOs.

Revision of AMP (Administrative Monetary Penalty) System: (i) Impose AMP upon the conducts assisting the issuer submitting false statements (iii) Provide legal authority in investigations concerning AMP

Backgrounds

- O Schemes employed by listed companies, etc. in making false statements have become complicated due to the assistance of external conspirators. Under the legislation prior to the revision, a person who submits disclosure documents containing false statements is subject to criminal penalties and AMPs, whereas a person who assists the submission of such documents may be charged as an accomplice of such criminal offender but is outside the scope of AMP.
- O There is a possibility that a subject person refuses to accept the investigation on an AMP case regarding market misconducts, etc.



Revision of AMP (Administrative Monetary Penalty) System: (ii) Expand the scope of market misconducts subject to the AMP

Existing System

Scope of persons subject to criminal penalties: Person who commits an offense, irrespective of whose account he/she uses in trading

Scope of persons subject to AMP:

Person who commits an offense in trading on one's own account

Person who commits an offense in trading on a third party's account, including:

(i) Person who commits an offense in trading on the account of his/her dependent or its subsidiary, etc.

(ii) FIBO or registered financial institution (e.g. bank) who commits an offense in trading on the customer's account



Revision of Insider Trading Regulations

Outline of the Revision

- O Exempt the following transactions of corporate reorganization from application of insider trading regulations (Note):
- Succession of equity stakes as part of a business transfer, in instances where insider trading is unlikely to occur
- Use of treasury shares as a compensation for merger, etc.

(Note) Prohibition of the trading of share certificates, etc. of a company by the company's insider while knowing the undisclosed material facts about the company



Schedule for Enforcement of New Rules

