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What the Buy-Side Needs to Know About Dodd-Frank CFTC U.S. Person Definition and the Scope of EMIR: The Impact on Hedge Fund Managers

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Overview of Regulators

- CFTC swaps
- SEC security-based swaps
- EMIR ESMA

Extraterritoriality

 "Interpretive Guidance and Policy Statement Regarding Compliance with Certain Swap Regulations"

– CFTC guidance on extraterritoriality

Exemptive order

 Provides for a delay of the implementation of the CFTC guidance

Definition of "U.S. Person"

Key investment manager considerations

- Principal place of business
- Majority owned by U.S. Persons

"Guidance" VS. "Rule"

EMIR and Regulatory Technical Standards (RTS)

- Effective Aug. 16, 2012 across the EU
- Significant change in the way European fund managers manage their derivatives portfolios

Counterparties Subject to EMIR

- Financial counterparties (FC)
- Non-financial counterparties (NFC)
- "Third country" applicability

SEC's Proposed Rule Cross-Border Proposal of Regulation of Security-Based Swaps

CFTC-Provided Fact Patterns

- Example 1
 U.S. manager and offshore fund
- Example 2

U.S. manager, offshore fund and non-U.S. fund investment manager

• Example 3

U.S. manager and U.S. and non-U.S. sub-advisers

Implications of CFTC U.S. Person Definition

- Potential fund restructuring
- Investor representations
- Swap reporting obligations
- Inconsistent timing of compliance dates
- Subjective test

Implications for Investment Funds

- What does being a U.S. Person (or facing a U.S. swap dealer) or falling into the scope of EMIR mean for investment managers?
 - Reporting
 - Clearing
 - Margin
 - Trading through SEFs
 - Portfolio reconciliation
 - Trade confirmations
 - Other obligations

Implications of Being Subject to EMIR

EMIR's three pillars

- Central clearing through CCPs
- Reporting of all derivatives to TRs
- Risk mitigation techniques for uncleared trades
- Requires implementing RTS to fully
 operate

Substituted Compliance

- Outcome-based approach
- CFTC no-action relief for portfolio reconciliation if you fall under both EMIR and CFTC

EMIR — Substituted Compliance

- Lagging behind Dodd-Frank
- RTS on "third-country" applicability pending
- Sept. 3, 2013 ESMA advice to European Commission on "equivalence"
- RTS on "equivalence" pending

ISDA Protocols

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