

Trading Documentation: You Are Only as Strong as Your Weakest Link

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Introduction

- CFTC overview
- Status of SEC rulemaking
- EMIR
- Key issues in trading documentation

Mandatory Clearing vs. OTC Trading

- U.S. entities
- Cost of clearing
- Products subject to mandatory clearing

OTC Derivative Transactions

- ISDA vs. Futures and Options Agreement
- Uncleared vs. cleared OTC derivatives
- Events of default and termination events
- Credit support annex

Futures and Options Agreement

Negotiated terms

- Events of default
- -Position limits
- Advanced notice of changes
- -Clearing fees
- -Transfer timing for margin
- -Return of excess collateral
- Scope of information to be provided

Clearing Agreements

- FIA-ISDA forms
- Definition of applicable law
- CCP membership agreement
 - Waterfall default procedures
 - -Margin methodologies

Cleared Derivatives Addendum

- Most commonly negotiated terms
 - Close-out event and liquidation
 - -Fixed clearing limits
 - Export of default
 - Indemnification
- Portability

Cleared Derivatives Execution Agreement

ISDA Master Agreement

- Segregation of independent amounts
- Tri-party custody agreements
- SEC proposal

Customer Protection/Segregation

- Legal Segregation and Operational Commingling (LSOC)
- Customer Protection Rules (MF Global)

Equivalent Compliance ESMA/EMIR

Substituted Compliance CFTC

Portfolio Margining

New ISDA Protocol



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