

**Operational Clearing Procedures for Options Trading Exchange Participants**

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

**1.5 Types of Accounts Maintained in DCASS and CCMS for SEOCH Participants**

**1.5.2 CCMS Accounts**

All cash and non-cash collateral provided by a SEOCH Participant to SEOCH will be recorded in the SEOCH Participant's CCMS Collateral Account. Collateral kept in the CCMS Collateral Account may comprise (a) cash; (b) approved securities available as General Collateral, To-be-Released collateral or Specific Securities Collateral for covering short call positions; (c) Exchange Fund Bills and Notes; and (d) such other types of collateral as may from time to time be accepted by SEOCH for crediting to the CCMS Collateral Account.

**7. COLLATERAL**

**7.1 Repealed**

**12. POSITION CONTROL**

**12.2 Capital Based Position Limit**

Under this measure, net, gross and total limits are assigned to each SEOCH Participant on the basis of its latest reported liquid capital as follows:

*Net Limit* = 3 x LC (i.e. 3 x LC ≥ NRM)

*Gross Limit* = 6 x LC (i.e. 6 x LC ≥ GRM)

$$TMR\ Limit = 10 \times LC \quad (i.e. 10 \times LC \geq TMR)$$

where

NRM = the sum of the Risk Margin (determined on a net basis and after offsetting any Mark-to-Market margin credit, where applicable) for all accounts of the SEOCH Participant in DCASS

GRM = the sum of the Risk Margin (determined on a net or gross basis as the case may be and after offsetting any Mark-to-Market margin credit, where applicable) for all accounts of the SEOCH Participant in DCASS

TMR = the Total Margin Requirement of the SEOCH Participant

LC = the apportioned amount or percentage of its liquid capital (calculated as per the Financial Resources Rules) notified to SEOCH under 12.3A, as adjusted upwards by any contribution to the Reserve Fund paid in cash by the SEOCH Participant as of the date of its latest monthly return filed with the Commission under the Financial Resources Rules and received by SEOCH from the Commission

The Mark-to-Market Margin, Risk Margin and Total Margin Requirement of the SEOCH Participant will be measured in Hong Kong dollars or its non-Hong Kong dollar currency equivalent based on the exchange rate determined by SEOCH for each type of Settlement Currency.

For the purpose of calculating the net limit of a SEOCH Participant, all positions in each of its Client Offset Claim Accounts will be aggregated with the short positions in its Omnibus Client Account and margined together on a net basis to determine the Risk Margin and Mark-to-Market Margin of these two types of accounts; the short positions in its Sink Account will be margined together on a net basis to determine the Risk Margin and Mark-to-Market Margin of its Sink Account; and the long positions in its Omnibus Client Account and Sink Account will be treated as nil and disregarded in the calculation.

For the purpose of calculating the gross limit of a SEOCH Participant, since positions in the House, Market Maker, Individual Client and Client Offset Claim Accounts are margined on a net basis, the respective resultant Risk Margin and Mark-to-Market Margin of these accounts will be used in calculating the gross limit of the SEOCH Participant.

For the purpose of calculating the net, gross or total limit of a SEOCH Participant, the following steps will be performed:

- i. The Mark-to-Market Margin, Risk Margin and Total Margin Requirement of all accounts (individually or aggregated if accounts are margined together) of the SEOCH Participant in DCASS will be calculated.
- ii. If the Risk Margin of any account (or accounts if margined together) after offsetting any Mark-to-Market Margin credit or the Total Margin Requirement is a credit, it shall be set to zero.
- iii. The respective Risk Margin and Total Margin Requirements of all accounts will be summed up for the determination of its NRM, GRM and TMR.

**12.4 Monitoring of the Capital Based Position Limit**

It is the responsibility of each SEOCH Participant to monitor its capital based position limits as conditions and positions change from time to time. It is in the interests of SEOCH Participants to ensure that they monitor their capital based position limits so as to give themselves the opportunity to make changes to their financing structure and/or trading positions well in advance of the limits being breached, since it may take time for SEOCH Participants to close out their positions or otherwise increase their liquid capitals to bring the limits into line.

**12.5 Remedies in Case of Breach**

A SEOCH Participant whose positions have breached any limit set out under 12.2 may remedy the breach by increasing its liquid capital, whether by revising the amount or percentage of liquid capital apportioned or otherwise. If the SEOCH Participant’s declared remedy of the breach is to increase its liquid capital, SEOCH may demand proof to the satisfaction of SEOCH that the increase in the SEOCH Participant’s liquid capital actually has been achieved.

**APPENDIX I. INTEREST AND ACCOMMODATION CHARGE STRUCTURE**

**Interest and Accommodation Charge Structure**

**2. ACCOMMODATION CHARGES PAYABLE BY SEOCH PARTICIPANTS**

Margin Requirement covered by Securities Collateral/ Exchange Fund Bills/Notes/ Other non-cash collateral	—	to be determined by SEOCH from time to time in its absolute discretion
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