

## IGDL Market Regulation Advisory Notice

<b>From</b>	<i>ICAP Global Derivatives Ltd. ("IGDL")</i>
<b>To</b>	<i>All IGDL Market Participants</i>
<b>Subject</b>	<i>February 4, 2016 Rulebook Amendments</i>
<b>Rule References</b>	<i>102, 103, 201, 202, 205, 210, 302, 303, 304, 305, 307, 308, 309, 312, 315, 316, 408, 503, 506, 511, 513, Chapter 8, Chapter 9 and the Definitions</i>
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On Wednesday, January 20, 2016, IGDL filed amendments to the IGDL Facility Rulebook with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. These amendments are scheduled to be effective on February 4, 2016. A summary explanation of the amendments follows below. Capitalized terms used in this Notice but not defined have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Facility Rulebook.

1. Rule 102 limits the liability of IGDL and certain IGDL affiliates. Rule 102 has been amended to clarify that IGDL may not be exculpated from liability arising from private rights of action under Section 22(b) of the CEA.
2. Rule 103 sets forth the Facility's confidentiality rules. At the request of the Commission, Rule 103(a) has been revised to clarify that consent to the Facility's use of Personal Data and Proprietary Information must be prior written consent. Rule 103(b) has been revised at the request of the Commission to clarify that trading directly or indirectly by an IGDL employee on the Facility is prohibited in all instances, even in cases not involving material non-public information.
3. Rule 201 sets forth the requirements for Trading Privilege Holders. At the request of the Commission, Rule 201 has been revised to clarify that an application for Trading Privileges will be approved by the Facility on an impartial basis, to simplify the description of the financial resources required of a Trading Privilege Holder, and to require Trading Privilege Holders to notify the Facility if any of its Authorized Trading Firms ceases to be an eligible contract participant ("ECP"). Conforming changes have been made to Rule 202 and Rule 210(f).
4. Rule 205 governs the application for Trading Privileges. Rule 205(f) has been added at the request of the Commission to establish the effective date of any denial of an application for Trading Privileges, or the suspension or termination of a Participant's access to the Facility, as well as the procedures related to notice of such denial, suspension or termination.
5. Rule 302 governs access to the Order Book. In response to an inquiry from the Commission, Rule 302 has been revised to clarify that the Order Book provided the highest priority to Bids/Offers with the best price.
6. Rule 303 governs Required Transactions. Rule 303 has been revised to clarify that the Facility will report a transaction to the SDR after execution of such transaction and in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 309. Rules 303, 308, 312 and 315 have been revised at the request of the Commission to reference the name and number of all CFTC No-Action Letters that the Facility is relying on.
7. Rule 304 governs Permitted Transactions. At the request of the Commission, Rule 304(c) has been revised to remove unnecessary language describing an Execution Specialist's ability to facilitate the negotiation and execution of a Pre-Arranged Cross between two Participants. Rule 304(d) has been revised to clarify that the Facility will report a transaction to the SDR after execution of such transaction and in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 309.

8. Rule 305 governs the execution methods for Required Transactions. At the request of the Commission, Rule 305(a)(7) has also been amended based on DMO staff guidance that cross trades subject to the 15-second time delay should not be limited to brokers or dealers. Rule 305(c) has been revised to: clarify that if a Participant does not specify that it wishes an RFQ to go to less than all Participants, Execution Specialists shall direct the RFQ to all Participants; expressly state that directed RFQs shall be directed to no less than three Participants; establish a meaning of “control” for the purposes of Rule 305(c); and to remove the ability of a Participant to request that firm resting Bids/Offers not be communicated to it when receiving responses to an RFQ.
9. Rule 308 governs Block Trades. At the request of the Commission, Rule 308 has been revised to: indicate where Participants may access the Facility’s Appropriate Minimum Block Size; clarify that to qualify as a Block Trade, each leg of a package transaction must be large enough to satisfy the appropriate minimum block size requirements for a Block Trade independently; require Participants to expressly request that a transaction be treated as a Block Trade; clarify that the Facility will report a transaction to the SDR after execution of such transaction and in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 309; set forth in the rule that counterparties to a Block Trade must be an ECP; and to require Intermediaries to have prior written authorization from Customers to execute Block Trades. The defined term Block Trade Threshold has been changed at the request of the Commission to Appropriate Minimum Block Size, as reflected throughout the Rulebook.
10. Rule 309 governs the reporting and data collection obligations of the Facility and its Participants and Customers. Rule 309(d) has been revised to clarify that the Facility will conduct a review of all Participants and Customers that are responsible for the creation of audit trail data. Rule 309(g) has been added at the request of the Commission to identify the SDRs to which the Facility will report transactions and to include all procedures regarding the determination of the SDR to which the Facility will report a given swap transaction.
11. Rule 312 governs the enforceability of transactions. At the request of the Commission, Rule 312(c) has been revised to specify when a Trade Communication will be sent to the counterparties and to clarify that Confirmation of a transaction occurs at the same time as execution. Rule 312(d) has been added to require Participants to review Confirmations and report errors in any Confirmations to the Facility.
12. Rule 316 establishes which party to a transaction will be the reporting counterparty for the purposes of Part 45 of the Commission Regulations. At the request of the Commission, the Rulebook has been amended to include as Annex 1 the ISDA Reporting Party Rules, which are incorporated into Rule 316. Reference to Annex 1 has been added to Rule 316.
13. Rule 408 establishes the Facility’s Position Limits and position accountability levels. At the request of the Commission, Rule 408 has been amended to require the Facility to establish for 4 each Contract, as is necessary and appropriate, Position Limits or accountability levels for speculators. Rule 408 also establishes that the Facility will adopt the Commission’s Position Limits for any Contract for which the Commission has established a limit. Currently, the Facility has not adopted any other Position Limit or position accountability level for any specific Contract. The Facility has monitored its market since the inception of trading and has not observed any unreasonable or unwarranted price fluctuations that would indicate excessive speculation in a Contract. Accordingly, the Facility has determined at this time that no Position Limits or position accountability levels are necessary or appropriate in order to reduce the potential threat of market manipulation or congestion.
14. Rule 503 and Rule 506 govern, among other things, the composition of the Review Panel and the Hearing Panel, respectively. At the request of the Commission, Rules 503 and 506 have been revised to expressly reference the requirements of Commission Regulation 1.63 with respect to Facility disciplinary panels.

15. Rule 511 and Rule 513 govern written determinations of the Hearing Panel and the effective date of any sanctions imposed by the Hearing Panel, respectively. At the request of the Commission, Rules 511 and 513 have been revised to reflect applicable procedures required by Part 9 of the Commission Regulations. References throughout the Rulebook have been revised to reflect the amendments to Rule 511 and Rule 513.
16. Chapter 8 of the Rulebook sets forth the specifications of each Contract available to be traded on the Facility. In response to an inquiry from the Commission, IGDL has revised Chapter 8 to remove reference to “G3” rate products no longer listed for trading on the Facility. On the same date as the filing of this rule change, IGDL has filed a Regulation 40.6(a) rule change delisting the following products, as reflected in the amended Chapter 8.
  - a. The following Fixed-for-Floating IRS previously listed in Rule 801(1):
    - i. Colombian IRS
    - ii. Colombian UVR (Inflation) IRS
    - iii. Colombian Cross Currency IRS
    - iv. Peruvian Cross Currency IRS
    - v. Peruvian IRS
    - vi. Peruvian VAC (Inflation) IRS
    - vii. Argentine Cross Currency IRS
    - viii. Argentine CER (Inflation) IRS
    - ix. Mexican IRS
    - x. General Collateral Index Swaps
  - b. The following Basis Swaps previously listed in Rule 801(2):
    - i. Colombian Cross-Currency Basis Swaps
    - ii. Cross Currency Mexican Basis
    - iii. US Floating Libor Rate vs. Camara Floating Rate Basis Swap
  - c. The following Overnight Index Swaps previously listed in Rule 801(4):
    - i. CLP Fixed vs. Camara Floating Rate IRS
    - ii. CLF Fixed vs. Camara Floating Rate XCCY OIS
  - d. All Non-Deliverable Forwards previously listed in Rule 801(5).
  - e. The following Interest Rate Options previously listed in Rule 801(6)
    - i. Interest Rate Options on the Mexican Peso.

In connection with the delisting of the foregoing products and at the request of the Commission, IGDL has revised Chapter 8 to include and/or update certain information in the product specifications. Rule 801(1) has been revised to reflect: Upfront Payment Dates; Settlement Convention; Day Count Convention; and Leg Computation Convention. Rule 801(2) has been revised to reflect: Supported Basis Combinations; Upfront Payment Dates; Settlement Convention; Day Count Convention; and Interest Rate Benchmarks. Rule 801(3) has been revised to reflect: Upfront Payment Dates; Settlement Convention; Day Count Convention; and Interest Rate Benchmarks. Rule 801(4) has been revised to reflect: Upfront Payment Dates; Settlement Convention; Day Count Convention; and Overnight Rates.

17. At the request of the Commission, Confidential Chapter 9 has been revised to: include information on types of orders that may be entered into the system protocols; include rules governing the disclosure of the names of a counterparty to a transaction; include information on matching priority for Bids/Offers submitted pursuant to a system protocol; remove reference to certain work up procedures no longer offered on the Facility; clarify the role of an Execution Specialist in voice RFQs; and include a new system protocol set forth in Rule 903. The Facility has previously submitted concise explanations of the requested amendments to the Commission in separate correspondence responding to Commission comment on Confidential Chapter 9. Such submissions were subject to a request for confidential treatment in accordance with Commission Regulation 145.9 in order to prevent disclosure of the Facility's confidential commercial information upon a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

To view the complete CFTC filing, please [click here](#).

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