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ICI Submits Comment Letter in Response to Swap Data Repository Rulebook

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TO: DERIVATIVES MARKETS ADVISORY COMMITTEE No. 39-16
ICI GLOBAL TRADING & MARKETS COMMITTEE No. 33-16
SECURITIES OPERATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE RE: ICI SUBMITS COMMENT LETTER IN RESPONSE TO SWAP DATA REPOSITORY RULEBOOK

ICI recently submitted a comment letter to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") in response to DTCC Data Repository's ("DDR") proposed rulebook for its security-based swap data repository ("SDR"). As previously reported, if a fund is a counterparty to a trade reported to DDR and is required to provide certain information about the trade, the DDR rulebook would require that fund to enroll as a "user" of the SDR. As a "user," the fund would have various obligations under DDR's rulebook that the SEC did not contemplate when it adopted its reporting rules for security-based swaps ("Regulation SBSR") and SDR registration rules. [*]

Our letter urges the SEC to require DDR to modify its rulebook in three ways. First, the Rulebook should provide that a non-reporting side is not required to become a full "user" of DDR to perform its limited reporting obligations under Regulation SBSR. Second, DDR should clarify that a non-reporting side has no duty to verify information reported by the reporting side. Third, DDR should explain more comprehensively the operation of its fee schedule and public dissemination functionality.

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Attachment

[*]See ICI Memorandum 30074 (July 26, 2016), available at https://www.ici.org/my_ici/memorandum/memo30074.

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