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Consultation on proposed amendments to the methodology of the Credit Suisse Europa Aktienindex Mit ISC (Intelligent Stability Control) Index (CSEVISC) (the “Benchmark”) in connection with EONIA discontinuation

EONIA Replacement Consultation #9 XII

This document is addressed to relevant users and stakeholders and is published by Credit Suisse International (“CSI”) as the administrator of the Benchmark.

In light of the upcoming discontinuation of the Euro Overnight Index Average (“EONIA”), as further described in “*Background to the Consultation*” below, and since the methodology of the Benchmark currently incorporates references to EONIA, CSI, acting through its Benchmark Governance Committee, is consulting on its proposed amendments to the methodology of the Benchmark (the “**Consultation**”).

The aim of this Consultation is to provide users and stakeholders with: (i) applicable background; (ii) clear information on the proposed amendments; and (iii) practical information on responding to the Consultation and next steps.

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Background to the Consultation

On 2 October 2019 the methodology of calculating EONIA, the rate at which banks of sound financial standing in the European Union and European Free Trade Area lend Euro-denominated funds in the interbank market, was amended to be the Euro Short-Term Rate (“ESTR”) plus a spread of 0.085 per cent, based on the methodology recommended by the working group (established by the ECB, European Securities and Markets Authority, the European Commission and the Belgian Financial Services and Markets Authority) on euro risk-free rates. The European Money Markets Institute has announced that it will cease publication of EONIA on 3 January 2022.

Proposed amendments to the methodology of the Benchmark

In the context of the above, CSI, as administrator of the Benchmark proposes the following amendments. The purpose of these amendments is to replace Benchmark inputs which are based on EONIA with suitable alternative inputs.

It is proposed that, with effect from 3 January 2022, each reference to EONIA used in the provisions of the index rules of the Benchmark to determine the value of either (i) a cash component or cash asset, (ii) a funding component or funding asset (including for the purposes of determining the ‘excess return’ value of any asset), or (iii) a formulaic FX hedge, in each case included in the Benchmark calculation, will be amended to refer to the ESTR Volume Weighted Trimmed Mean Rate (BBG: ESTRON Index) plus a spread of 0.085 per cent.

The replacement reference rate input proposed is that recommended by the Financial Stability Board as described in “*Background to the Consultation*” above, and the spread is identical to the spread applied to EONIA pursuant to the fallbacks contained in the 2006 ISDA Definitions published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc (“ISDA”).

Consultation process

In order to take into account the views of users and stakeholders, CSI, as administrator of the Benchmark, is conducting this Consultation on the proposed amendments. The Consultation opens on Wednesday 27 October 2021 and will run until close of business in New York on Tuesday 30 November 2021 (the “**Consultation Period**”).

Within the Consultation Period, users and stakeholders are invited to send any feedback or comments on this Consultation to: list.qis-consultation@credit-suisse.com.

This Notice and any relevant updates relating to the Consultation will be made available here: <https://www.credit-suisse.com/uk/en/investment-banking/financial-regulatory/customer-notices.html?a=32>

Exiting positions or products prior to the implementation of any amendments

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