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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	(1:10 p.m.)
3	COMMISSIONER SOMMERS: I want to thank
4	the Global Markets Advisory Committee members for
5	being here today. I know you all have a lot on
6	your plates right now, so I want to say how much
7	we appreciate you taking time out of your busy
8	schedules to join us today to discuss a number of
9	the important issues that we have before us at the
10	CFTC. I also want to thank CFTC staff that have
11	worked hard to put together the presentations that
12	we have on our agenda today.
13	I'd like to welcome Patrick Pearson and
14	Peter Kerstens from the European Commission. They
15	were kind enough to join us last December at our
16	GMAC meeting and they're here again today to
17	continue the discussion on coordinating our
18	financial reform globally, and so I want to thank
19	them also for being here.
20	I also want to welcome two guests from
21	the Japanese FSA, Mr. Sumi and Mr. Mori, who are
22	here to update us on legislation that passed in

- 1 Japan earlier this year regarding OTC derivatives.
- 2 I want to welcome also SEC Commissioner Kathy
- 3 Casey, who is with us today and, as you all know,
- 4 is very active in global coordination on financial
- 5 regulatory issues.
- I'd like to start by asking if the GMAC
- 7 committee members could go around the table and
- 8 introduce themselves and their affiliation and
- 9 then I will turn my colleagues on the dais. If we
- 10 could start with Don.
- 11 MR. WILSON: I'm Don Wilson. I'm the
- 12 founder and CEO of DRW Trading which is a
- 13 principal trading group. I am also one of the
- 14 founding members of the Eris Exchange which is a
- 15 futures exchange that has listed swap futures and
- 16 clears them at the CME.
- MR. SPRECHER: I'm Jeff Sprecher. I'm
- 18 the CEO of Intercontinental Exchange.
- 19 MR. OKOCHI: I'm Jiro Okochi, CEO of
- 20 Reval. We provide derivatives solutions to about
- 21 400 end users.
- MS. LITT: I'm Bonnie Litt. I'm an

- 1 attorney at Goldman Sachs.
- MS. FERBER: I'm Laurie Ferber, General
- 3 Counsel at MF Global.
- 4 MR. CALLAHAN: I'm Tom Callahan. I'm
- 5 the CEO of NYSE Liffe U.S. which is the U.S.
- 6 derivatives business of NYSE Euronext.
- 7 MR. BELCHAMBERS: I'm Anthony
- 8 Belchambers, CEO of the European Futures and
- 9 Options Association.
- 10 MR. CRAPPLE: I'm George Crapple. I'm
- 11 co-CEO of Milburn Ridgefield CTA/CPO.
- 12 MR. LIDDELL: I'm Roger Liddell, CEO of
- 13 LCH Clearnet.
- MR. NIXON: I'm John Nixon, Executive
- 15 Director of ICAP.
- MR. ROTH: I'm Dan Roth, CEO of National
- 17 Futures Association.
- MR. VOLSTAD: I'm Conrad Volstad and I'm
- 19 the CEO of ISDA.
- MR. BERLIAND: I'm Richard Berliand,
- 21 head of market structure and prime services at JP
- 22 Morgan.

- 1 MR. MORI: I'm Yukihiro Mori, from
- 2 Japanese FSA.
- 3 MR. SUMI: I'm Chikahisa Sumi from
- 4 Japanese FSA. Thank you for your invitation.
- 5 COMMISSIONER SOMMERS: Thank you so much
- 6 for being here. I think we may have Mike Dawley
- 7 who is the Chairman of the Futures Industry
- 8 Association on the phone. Mike, are you on the
- 9 phone?
- 10 MR. DAWLEY: Yes, I'm on.
- 11 COMMISSIONER SOMMERS: Thank you for
- 12 participating with us today. I'm going to go over
- 13 a couple of housekeeping items and then I'm going
- 14 to turn to my colleagues for any opening
- 15 statements. I'd like to let you know that as for
- 16 the microphones you push to talk, and if you could
- 17 push after you're finished with your remarks.
- 18 There can only be so many microphones on at the
- 19 same time so I ask you to turn those off after
- 20 you've finished speaking. If you would like to
- 21 make a remark or have a question or comment, if
- 22 you can put your name tent up to be recognized.

- 1 Finally, for the reporter doing the transcript
- 2 today, if everyone could identify themselves
- 3 before they speak that's very helpful.
- 4 I'd like to it over to Chairman Gary
- 5 Gensler for any opening statements.
- 6 CHAIRMAN GENSLER: Thank you,
- 7 Commissioner Sommers for chairing today's meeting.
- 8 I just turned to Commissioner Sommers as you were
- 9 introducing yourselves and said this is really an
- 10 extraordinary group of people to be in one room at
- 11 the same time. Many of you came in and chatted
- 12 with us before the Dodd-Frank bill and now that
- 13 it's passed. I thank you each for your service
- 14 because I know I benefit and I think staff
- 15 benefits and I'm sure our Commissioners benefit
- 16 from your expertise.
- We're hard at work at this and I want to
- 18 also thank my fellow Commissioners for everything
- 19 that they're doing, and Kathy you're here too, so
- 20 thanks to everything the SEC is doing because we
- 21 have so many joint rules with the SEC. We're
- 22 moving forward to harmonize our rules with the SEC

- 1 so it's terrific to have Kathy with us. Sometimes
- 2 we need an odd number to sort through things. I
- 3 also want to thank the members of the Japanese
- 4 Financial Services Authority and the European
- 5 Commission. I've worked a little bit more closely
- 6 with the European Commission recently but I lived
- 7 in Japan for 3 years so maybe that will up for the
- 8 fact that I haven't been to visit yet in my stead
- 9 here. Japan passed their derivatives reform bill
- 10 first in I think it was May, the European
- 11 Commission just released their proposals and I
- 12 look forward to coordinating in consultation with
- 13 each jurisdiction as we implement the reform. We
- 14 benefit from a very strong working relationship
- 15 across the oceans. Last week I traveled to
- 16 Brussels to meet with members of the European
- 17 Commission and spoke at a conference at their
- 18 request. As we had in Dodd-Frank, the European
- 19 proposal covers the entire derivatives marketplace
- 20 both bilaterals and cleared swaps. It's the whole
- 21 product suite. The Japanese proposal as well
- 22 includes the requirement that certain derivatives

- 1 be centrally cleared and that's where the European
- 2 proposal is. I'm sure we'll hear more from
- 3 Patrick and Peter on that. And it's where we are.
- 4 So though we have different political systems and
- 5 different cultures, we have a remarkable consensus
- 6 here between the largest markets. Clearinghouses
- 7 have worked since the late 19th century. They're
- 8 not perfect but they really do lower risk through
- 9 clear skies and through difficult times like the
- 10 2008 crisis. The U.S., European and Japanese
- 11 proposals all recognize though the need for very
- 12 robust risk-management standards. We were
- 13 chatting a little bit about this socially at
- 14 lunch. I think that we certainly recognize this
- 15 here and I know those do around the globe.
- 16 Also the Dodd-Frank Act and the various
- 17 proposals in Europe and in Japan recognize that
- 18 the dealers themselves have to have the necessary
- 19 capital to stand behind these trades, whether it
- 20 be through collateral requirements or margin
- 21 requirements, that markets will have lower risk
- 22 with that. All three proposals also have

- 1 requirements that transactions be reported to swap
- 2 data repositories. As we write the rules
- 3 regarding the clearing requirement, our staffs are
- 4 going to look closely to the European and Japanese
- 5 proposals to ensure consistency. We are also
- 6 looking to the CPSS-IOSCO standards and certainly
- 7 the work Kathy is doing not just there but on the
- 8 FSB which we'll hear about because the consistency
- 9 in bringing these rules together is so critical.
- 10 At today's meeting I at least looking forward to
- 11 hearing the views on the global financial
- 12 regulatory system. Specifically I'm looking
- 13 forward to hearing not only how we move forward in
- 14 the U.S. but how we move forward in the U.S. to be
- 15 consistent with what people are doing overseas,
- 16 and in terms of the swap data repositories what
- 17 data do we need to require. We're going to go
- 18 before the Europeans so that in the next 8 to 10
- 19 weeks we'll be putting rules along with the SEC on
- 20 swap data repositories and I think it's incumbent
- 21 upon us where we can to include data that the
- 22 European and the Japanese markets also need, and

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as to clearinghouses as well to meet rigorous 1 risk-management standards though we hope to be 2 able to comply with all the IOSCO principles and 3 are there specific principles from Europe or from 4 5 Asia that you see that we need to do because at some moment in the future, maybe it's 2 or 3 years 6 7 from now, we're going to want to make sure that the clearinghouses that we regulate meet the 8 equivalency standard in Europe. Also we're going 9 to look to ultimately negotiate international 10 11 arrangements. The statute does give this 12 Commission and the SEC authority to negotiate 13 international arrangements for information sharing and we want to make sure that that can be done in 14 a way that regardless where a data repository is 15 16 that information can be shared amongst regulators. 17 I know that Commissioner Sommers also put on this agenda to talk about foreign boards of 18 19 trade and that's a very important matter. I think 20 that we have I can't recall 15 or 20 foreign 21 boards of trade that currently have no action

regimes and as we move forward with rule writing

- 1 in that area it would be very helpful to hear
- 2 people's thoughts on that. Again I thank you and
- 3 I thank everybody for being here.
- 4 COMMISSIONER SOMMERS: Commissioner
- 5 Dunn?
- 6 COMMISSIONER DUNN: Thank you. The
- 7 world we live in today is smaller and more
- 8 interconnected than at any time in our history.
- 9 Financial events taking place in the United States
- 10 are like skipping stones across oceans sending
- 11 ripples through markets in Europe and Asia. The
- 12 United States cannot stand alone in an effort to
- 13 bring transparency to the over-the-counter markets
- 14 and in crafting best practices for risk management
- in the financial industry. If we are to make
- 16 financial reform meaningful and effective, we must
- 17 tackle these issues hand in hand with our sister
- 18 regulators in the world. Only together can we
- 19 accomplish the ultimate goal of creating a secure,
- 20 stable and productive financial system. I would
- 21 like to thank Chairwoman Sommers and her staff for
- 22 all the work in this area. The panelists she has

- 1 assembled here from throughout the financial world
- 2 to discuss the new OTC and clearing paradigms is
- 3 impressive and I look forward to hearing the
- 4 thoughts of our distinguished speakers.
- 5 As the world reacts to the recent
- 6 financial crises that threatened everyone's
- 7 economic stability, it has become apparent that
- 8 prudential regulators from all countries need to
- 9 better communicate and harmonize their efforts.
- 10 Additionally I would like to welcome Kathleen
- 11 Casey to this meeting as the past Chairman of the
- 12 IOSCO Technical Committee in work on the FSB. Her
- insights into today's topics will undoubtedly be
- 14 very, very valuable.
- 15 I'd like to recognize the tremendous
- 16 work done by our Office of International Affairs
- 17 under the leadership of Director Jacqueline Mesa.
- 18 Although understaffed, this office has done an
- 19 excellent job in representing the CFTC around the
- 20 world. Lastly, I would like to thank Chairman
- 21 Gensler for all of his efforts in advocating for
- 22 greater international regulatory oversight and

1 harmonization and I urge him to get to Japan soon. As we begin to implement the Dodd-Frank 2 3 legislation I would again stress the importance of U.S. Regulatory agencies working in concert with 4 regulators around the world as opposed to acting 5 unilaterally. The world's bodies such as the 6 G-20, the FSB and IOSCO are already working on 7 financial reform and it is imperative that we 8 understand the directions they are heading. I am 9 hopeful at today's meeting that GMAC members will 10 be able to shed some light on actions taken 11 12 internationally and share their concerns and recommendations with this Commission. My hope is 13 that regulatory cooperation between countries with 14 15 substantial assistance from market users will lead us to developing a set of compatible financial 16 regulations used throughout the world. Only by 17 working together can financial regulators create 18 an adequate structure for the over-the-counter 19 markets that promote stability and transparency 20 while at the same time discourage any type of 21 regulatory arbitrage. Thank you all for your 22

- 1 participation today.
- 2 COMMISSIONER SOMMERS: Thank you,
- 3 Commissioner Dunn. Commissioner Chilton?
- 4 COMMISSIONER CHILTON: Thanks. Thank
- 5 you all for being here this afternoon. I could
- 6 echo what both Chairman Gensler and all of my
- 7 colleagues have said so far, but I'll put it in a
- 8 little bit different way and then I have something
- 9 that's different.
- 10 This watch that I have is one of my
- 11 favorite watches. It's an Omega that is similar
- 12 to that that Neil Armstrong wore on the moon and
- 13 there's a picture from the moon. Neil Armstrong
- 14 is the one who had the camera on the front of his
- 15 space suit so you can see Buzz Aldren with this
- 16 watch. Dave Stawick who is our secretariat here
- is our expert on space and he has one of them too.
- 18 Those pictures that Armstrong took of the Earth
- 19 from up in space made it look so small, you could
- 20 see Europe and North America and you could see
- 21 Africa and Asia, and even though we have folks
- 22 here who have come from London, Anthony and maybe

- 1 Jeff, and from Asia, our friends from Japan, in
- 2 the trading world it is really microseconds away.
- 3 It's a small world as they say and that's why what
- 4 we're doing here is so important. It's nice that
- 5 we've moved forward on our law and others have
- 6 moved forward, but as the flash crash report
- 7 taught us last week, these markets are really
- 8 interrelated. They're interrelated domestically
- 9 in the U.S., but had that crash happened earlier
- 10 in the day when the European markets were open it
- 11 could have rocked the global financial world so
- 12 that we're inextricably linked. I agree with all
- 13 my colleagues that we need to work better to go
- 14 forward on parallel not necessarily identically,
- 15 but parallel policy objectives at least. What we
- 16 don't want to have happen is have regulatory
- 17 arbitrage. That is a race to the regulatory
- 18 bottom where traders go to the least- transparent
- 19 and the last-regulated places. I don't think that
- 20 would be good for anyone.
- 21 The other thing that I wanted to mention
- 22 is that we've reached a milestone in the U.S. this

- 1 week that was the end to the Troubled Assets
- 2 Relief Program as we know it where nobody could
- 3 come in and get bank bailout funds anymore. It's
- 4 still not paid off yet, but we can't make them
- 5 anymore. It comes to us and our brethren at the
- 6 SEC to ensure that whatever we do under the new
- 7 law doesn't have a new systemic risk and doesn't
- 8 have the possibility for a new bailout. I'm
- 9 specifically concerned about what we do with
- 10 clearinghouses, that we need to ensure that
- 11 they're safe, sound and secure and that they
- 12 aren't a place where taxpayers could ultimately
- 13 have to bail out these things. Quite frankly,
- 14 even though we have the wherewithal to provide the
- 15 regulatory constructs to set up safe, sound and
- 16 secure clearinghouses, we may not have the money.
- 17 A lot of us talked about this in the last several
- 18 days about how imperative it is for us to have the
- 19 money not just to ensure that we're meeting the
- 20 intent of Congress with regard to the Wall Street
- 21 Reform Act, but that we're protecting taxpayers
- 22 with regard to ensuring we don't set up new

- 1 systemic risk in the form of clearinghouses.
- 2 Thank you again for being here. I know
- 3 it may not seem like a small world when you have
- 4 to travel 20 hours, but we appreciate the fact
- 5 that you're with us. Thank you.
- 6 COMMISSIONER SOMMERS: Thank you,
- 7 Commissioner Chilton. Commissioner O'Malia?
- 8 COMMISSIONER O'MALIA: Thank you to all
- 9 our participants, guests from Europe and Japan.
- 10 Mister Chairman, if it's any consolation I did go
- 11 to Japan but I made you pay for it so that you
- 12 were well represented.
- 13 CHAIRMAN GENSLER: Thank you,
- 14 Commissioner O'Malia.
- 15 COMMISSIONER O'MALIA: My colleagues
- 16 have obviously stated the importance of working
- 17 internationally and cooperatively to implement the
- detailed reforms passed by Japan and proposed by
- 19 Europe as well as the reforms that have been
- 20 implemented here and I look forward to continued
- 21 dialogue to make sure that our regulations are
- 22 harmonized to ensure that we're able to mitigate

- 1 systemic risk, increase transparency through trade
- 2 reporting and continue to provide cost-effective
- 3 solutions for the management of risk.
- I'm going to end here and I want to
- 5 reiterate my strong support that I'm glad you're
- 6 having this hearing and compliment our CFTC staff
- 7 for their participation, Jackie, your staff for
- 8 keeping us well informed on international matters
- 9 and I look forward to the presentations today.
- 10 COMMISSIONER SOMMERS: Thank you. GMAC
- 11 was created over 12 years ago to provide a forum
- 12 for the Commission so that we could hear from
- 13 market participants regarding the globalization of
- 14 futures markets and to discuss regulatory and
- 15 competitive issues. At that time screen-based
- 16 trading was just in its infancy and although so
- 17 much has changed over the past decade, it's always
- 18 been important for this Commission to participate
- 19 in international organizations and to coordinate
- 20 with our colleagues around the globe regarding
- 21 futures regulation.
- I think all of those efforts have been

- 1 very successful and now it's time for us to build
- 2 upon those relationships and to participate in
- 3 global consultations on regulations for the OTC
- 4 derivatives markets. We'd like to create a
- 5 transparent and sound regulatory environment
- 6 around the world. The products are different and
- 7 they may not fit into the regulatory models that
- 8 we're all very familiar with and that we're
- 9 operating under now, but many of the issues that
- 10 have been identified such as clearing,
- 11 standardization, trade repositories, data
- 12 collection, all require close coordination between
- 13 regulatory agencies to determine the appropriate
- 14 policy response. That's why I believe it's so
- 15 important that we have both the European
- 16 Commission and the Japanese FSA as well as the SEC
- 17 here today with us to discuss these important
- 18 issues.
- 19 I'd now like to turn to Patrick Pearson
- 20 who is the head of Financial Markets
- 21 Infrastructure Unit at the European Commission for
- 22 him to give a presentation on the legislative

- 1 proposal that was introduced I think September 15
- 2 formally. Patrick?
- MR. PEARSON: Thank you, and thank you
- 4 to the Chair of the GMAC, Commissioner Sommers and
- 5 the other Commissioners of the CFTC for this
- 6 invitation. I don't have an expensive watch like
- 7 Commissioner Chilton.
- 8 COMMISSIONER CHILTON: I didn't say that
- 9 it was expensive, that it was unique.
- MR. PEARSON: Believe me, sir, it's
- 11 expensive in its uniqueness.
- 12 COMMISSIONER CHILTON: I went to Japan
- 13 also.
- MR. PEARSON: I'm encouraged by your
- 15 words and your inspiration and Commissioner Dunn
- 16 as well. And without an expensive watch and
- 17 coming from the Old World, all I have to carry
- 18 with me is words and so I'll inject some of my
- 19 comments with the words that I bring with me and
- 20 I'll try and give you some inspiration from
- 21 Shakespeare as we go along so that you know what I
- 22 was doing for 8 hours in the airplane yesterday,

- 1 it was not reading Dodd-Frank, it was brushing up
- 2 my Shakespeare.
- 3 Let me start off with a quote from
- 4 "Julius Caesar" when he said, "Friends, Romans,
- 5 countrymen, lend me your ears." I think that is
- 6 quite appropriate today because what we're
- 7 discussing today is not a small matter that is
- 8 restricted to one or two of our jurisdictions,
- 9 it's something that actually I believe is of
- 10 importance to everybody around the table,
- 11 everybody in this room and many other people
- 12 beyond this room; the regulation, regulatory
- 13 responses to some of the mishaps and misfortunes
- 14 we encountered in mid-2007.
- The word regulation is quite appropriate
- 16 because in July as you said the U.S. Congress
- 17 passed Dodd-Frank, 2 weeks ago the European
- 18 Commission released its regulatory proposal on OTC
- 19 derivatives on swaps, and these regulations. You
- 20 call yours an act, we call ours a regulation, but
- 21 these are legislative statutes because nothing can
- 22 come of nothing and that was "Lear" by the way.

- 1 We need a regulatory response because these are
- 2 issues that require public authority and public
- 3 leadership and self-regulation in this area we
- 4 believe in Europe, we believe and also the G-20 is
- 5 quite clear about, will not deliver what we're
- 6 looking for.
- 7 In our proposal 2 weeks ago we
- 8 identified three important priorities, regulate
- 9 the dealers, require standardized derivatives to
- 10 be cleared by regulated clearinghouses and
- 11 thirdly, require all trades to be reported to
- 12 registered trade repositories. You will say there
- 13 is something missing and that's true because our
- 14 proposal is part of a triptych of measures, three
- 15 measures, not one. There will be two other
- 16 regulators measures in Europe. The first is to
- 17 regulate trading and require standardized swaps to
- 18 be traded on trading venues. We're working on
- 19 that. There will be consultation, impact
- 20 assessment in the next 3 months and the
- 21 legislative proposal beginning next year and the
- 22 legislative proposal will be called MIFID review.

- 1 We don't have sexy acronyms but people really
- 2 should understand the importance of the MIFID
- 3 review beginning next year. That is where we will
- 4 regulate the trading, that is where we will
- 5 regulate position limits and a host of other
- 6 measures.
- 7 And there is a third measure and that is
- 8 capital, that is, require the banks to meet high
- 9 minimum capital requirements for noncleared
- 10 trades. This is part of the revision of the Basel
- 11 Agreement, Basel III, and that third proposal will
- 12 be put on the table at the end of this year.
- 13 Unlike Dodd-Frank, there will be three regulatory
- 14 measures in Europe so that there is method to this
- 15 madness, and the connoisseurs that was Polonius
- 16 from "Hamlet." There is method to this madness
- 17 and it is quite important because there is some
- 18 misunderstanding. There are those who say Europe
- 19 is not moving in tandem with the United States,
- 20 there are things missing from our regulatory
- 21 approach. That is wrong. We're doing things
- 22 different for different reasons but the idea is to

- 1 end up in the same space.
- 2 Before I make some preliminary remarks
- 3 comparing Europe to the USA on swap regulation,
- 4 two initial comments. The first is past is
- 5 present, the famous Shakespeare quote and quite
- 6 important because we're all at the global level
- 7 seeking solutions to the same problems because we
- 8 suffered the same consequences as colleagues in
- 9 the United States, Japan and other parts of the
- 10 globe, the same regulatory failure, the same
- 11 regulatory myopia and the same economic downturn
- 12 so that we're in this together.
- 13 My second comment is Europe and the
- 14 United States of America have different regulatory
- 15 systems. We have different institutions. My
- 16 point is keep your eye on the ball. There are a
- 17 lot of people out there who are trying to make a
- 18 living out of finding differences between our
- 19 regulatory approaches and I agree with the
- 20 Commissioners is the one thing we cannot afford is
- 21 a different regulatory outcome. My advice to you
- 22 is focus on the product, not on the process --

- 1 focus on the product, not on the process and look
- 2 at what the words on paper say in the different
- 3 jurisdictions. Then come to a judgment whether
- 4 Europe and Japan and other parts of the globe and
- 5 the U.S. are different are not. Keep your eye on
- 6 the ball, look at the product and not the process.
- 7 My first point is what we're trying to
- 8 do in Europe is increase safety in the system,
- 9 regulate the dealers. How are we going to do
- 10 that? Four points. First, the rules that we put
- 11 out 2 weeks ago cover the entire product suite for
- 12 clearing and reporting of swaps. The entire
- 13 product suite. That means interest rate swaps,
- 14 currency, commodity, equity and credit default
- 15 swaps. The whole suite with no exception. The
- 16 same as in Dodd-Frank. Secondly, we want robust
- 17 margining requirements, real margining
- 18 requirements fully collateralized at least in --
- 19 collection similar to Dodd-Frank. Thirdly, the
- 20 bilateral, the noncleared transactions. We're all
- 21 aware of the fact that there is only so much you
- 22 can standardize, there is only so much that can be

- 1 cleared. For the uncleared transactions, we will
- 2 require margin or capital, mark to market daily,
- 3 robust risk-management arrangements, again
- 4 operational risk and credit risk, electronic
- 5 confirmation, portfolio reconciliation obviously
- 6 -- resolution, and this is where it's interesting
- 7 to look what Dodd-Frank says because the only
- 8 difference we've been able to identify is that
- 9 where we say we want margin or collateral,
- 10 Dodd-Frank says margin and collateral.
- 11 Interesting. But that's as far as the difference
- 12 goes. Section 731 for the connoisseurs of
- 13 Dodd-Frank.
- 14 Segregation. Both Europe and the U.S.
- 15 require segregation. In Europe you must have
- 16 segregation. In the U.S. you may have segregation
- 17 but held as an independent custodian so that
- 18 they're similar approaches. And my fourth point
- 19 on regulating the dealers is address conflicts of
- 20 interest. Absolutely critical if you look at the
- 21 European regulation. You have six whole
- 22 provisions in that text on conflicts of interest.

- 1 We focus on governance, we focus on ownership. We
- 2 want shareholders and clearing members with a
- 3 significant interest to have regulatory approval.
- 4 Intrusive. That means any major shareholder that
- 5 wishes to acquire more than 10 percent or 20 or 30
- 6 percent in the CPP must have regulatory approval
- 7 subject to very clear conditions. Are there
- 8 conflicts of interest? Is the ownership conducive
- 9 and propitious to the safety of the system? And
- 10 the regulators will have the power to not approve
- 11 ownership if it impinges on sound and prudent
- 12 management. We also want all of our
- 13 clearinghouses to have very clear and public and
- 14 transparent written arrangements to identify
- 15 potential conflicts of interest. Again here,
- 16 very, very similar to Dodd-Frank. There's one
- 17 issue that is not similar and that is the
- 18 proposition that the regulatory authorities in the
- 19 U.S. may ownership caps and limits. We don't have
- 20 that, but if that's the only difference I ask you
- 21 how big a difference is that?
- Let's move on to a second point,

- 1 mandatory central clearing. What are we going to
- 2 do in Europe? Require central clearing of all
- 3 eligible contracts. Dodd- Frank does the same.
- 4 It just calls it clearable contracts. Why didn't
- 5 we use the word clearable? Because we were told
- 6 by the Brits that it's not an English word, that
- 7 it doesn't exist. I'll reserve my judgment, but
- 8 we were told the word is eligible. If that's the
- 9 biggest difference -- in Europe the regulation
- 10 applies to all eligible contracts of specific
- 11 counterparties. Very simple. And that is quite
- 12 important though. If you look at the first
- 13 provision in the European law, it's point of
- 14 departure is to regulate the entities, the
- 15 counterparties. It says that every single bank,
- 16 savings bank, cooperative bank, mutual, investment
- 17 bank, life insurance company, long life insurance
- 18 company, pension fund, hedge fund, every regulated
- 19 financial entity in Europe will be subject to the
- 20 clearing requirement. Juxtapose this to
- 21 Dodd-Frank. It doesn't use the regulatory
- 22 approach at the beginning, it focuses on the swap

- 1 contract. Is that a big difference? No. It's a
- 2 different regulatory point of departure, but where
- 3 we end up is in exactly the same space. So why
- 4 didn't we use the U.S. approach? Very simple.
- 5 Because in our discussions with the U.S. Treasury
- 6 and the Congress it became very clear to us that
- 7 the U.S. regulators had to follow that approach
- 8 based on the swap contract for the reason that
- 9 they had a lot of difficulty in using the point of
- 10 departure of the regulated entity because the
- 11 legislation simply wasn't in place at that time.
- 12 In Europe it's much easier to focus on the
- departure of the regulated entity because we have
- 14 all of that legislation in place and it's very
- 15 easy to build on that building block.
- 16 Dodd-Frank allows commercial end users
- 17 to opt out of clearing. Fine. We only require
- 18 clearing for commercial end users if positions
- 19 exceed a threshold. A different point of
- 20 departure but we end up in the same space. For a
- 21 number of reasons first through the back door of
- 22 the commercial entities can be required to clear

- 1 if they're considered to be major swap
- 2 participants. In Europe, commercial entities can
- 3 be required to clear if they meet a certain
- 4 threshold. The whole idea is that the European
- 5 threshold and the definition of major swap
- 6 participant in the end converge so that you have a
- 7 different way of achieving exactly the same
- 8 objective. And Europe and the USA are analogous
- 9 as well if you look at the European legislation
- 10 and if you look at Dodd-Frank by excluding
- 11 corporate exposures that are directly linked to
- 12 their commercial activity. Exactly the same
- 13 approach in two jurisdictions.
- 14 A final point. The process and the
- 15 framework for determining which contracts must be
- 16 cleared, clearable or eligible, are remarkably
- 17 similar in both regulatory approaches. CCPs can
- 18 submit for regulatory review the contracts they
- 19 seek to clear, the approach in Europe and the same
- 20 approach here in the U.S. And regulators are
- 21 authorized to identify additional contracts to
- 22 mandate for clearing even if they're not already

cleared by a CCP clearinghouse. The same in 1 Europe, same in the U.S. Different words. 2 3 U.S. legislation is more lengthy and laborious and has several sub-sentences which reek of Teutonic 4 5 drafting in Germany to us in Europe, but they all say the same thing in the end. And the criteria 6 the regulators have to take into consideration in 7 determining clearing eligible and clearable are 8 remarkably similar. Look at the texts. The same 9 10 criteria with one difference. Dodd-Frank adds an additional criteria or two. First, there has to 11 12 be an effect on competition. We don't have that 13 criteria in Europe. Why not? Because we don't need it because we have an autonomous competition 14 power under the treaty for the Commission to 15 16 intervene in cases of negative effects on 17 competition. The second difference, the only difference we could find when plowing through 18 19 Chapters 7 and 8 of Dodd-Frank was the existence of significant outstanding exposures. That's the 20 only difference in comparing the clearable and the 21 clearing eligible approaches between Europe and 22

- 1 the U.S. Remarkably similar.
- 2 I'll move on to my third point is that
- 3 is regulation of CCPs because if mandatory
- 4 clearing comes around, we will shift significant
- 5 amounts of swap contracts onto CCPs. We will not
- 6 be removing risk from the system, we will be
- 7 moving risk in the system. We will be moving risk
- 8 from the banks' books to the clearers'. That's
- 9 good. That's fine. That's what we want. That
- 10 brings safety to the system. We never again want
- 11 to be in a position where liquidity dries up
- 12 because financial institutions have no confidence
- in each other. We move the risk off the books of
- 14 the banks into the CCPs. That raises one problem
- 15 and that is from our perspective in Europe these
- 16 clearinghouses must be able to withstand financial
- 17 Armageddon. They must be absolutely, safe
- 18 absolutely sound, the words of Commissioner
- 19 Chilton a moment ago. That is why if you look at
- 20 the CCP standards enumerated in the European
- 21 regulation, they're pretty detailed. They're in
- 22 fact one area of regulation where Europe is more

- 1 detailed than the U.S., far more detailed. We
- 2 will require minimum capital. We will define what
- 3 the capital is. We will define margin
- 4 requirements. We will require horizons. We will
- 5 require default -- we will require a mandatory
- 6 default fund and so forth and so forth and so
- 7 forth. In eurospeak we harmonize the regulatory
- 8 licensing requirements for CCPs to the very, very
- 9 highest standard possible.
- 10 But it remains to be seen if that
- 11 difference between the European legislation and
- 12 Dodd-Frank continues as colleagues in the SEC and
- 13 the CFTC work out this in rulemaking in the U.S.
- 14 Why is that important? I'll tell you why.
- 15 Although we have broadly similar rules for CCPs,
- 16 we need to have more convergence in this area
- 17 because of the slightly different approaches that
- 18 Dodd-Frank and the European Union apply to
- 19 regulating foreign-domiciled CCPs. There are two
- 20 points, because Dodd-Frank's registration
- 21 requirements apply to all CCPs regardless of the
- location and the CFTC and the SEC can exempt a CCP

- 1 from registration if it's subject to comparable,
- 2 comprehensive supervision and regulation. So far
- 3 so good. In Europe we require CCPs established
- 4 outside of Europe to be recognized subject to
- 5 certain conditions including the determination
- 6 that the CCP is subject to equivalent standards.
- 7 So again you see remarkable convergence in how we
- 8 approach this. The United States uses the
- 9 laborious terminology comparable, comprehensive
- 10 supervision and regulation, and in Europe we have
- 11 one word, equivalent which means exactly the same.
- 12 So it's quite important that those details in
- 13 Dodd-Frank to ensure the safety and soundless of
- 14 CCPs are comparable and comprehensive and
- 15 equivalent to what we have in Europe.
- 16 A last point on regulation of CCPs,
- 17 segregation and portability. What we will
- 18 introduce in Europe are a couple of very important
- 19 things for CCPs, clearing members and obviously
- 20 for the clients. CCPs will have to segregate
- 21 their own assets from those of the clearing
- 22 members. Pretty simple. Pretty obvious. We want

- 1 CCPs to segregate the assets and positions between
- 2 the clearing members for pretty good reasons. We
- 3 want the clearing member itself to segregate its
- 4 assets and positions from those of its clients for
- 5 pretty good reasons. We've seen some bad things
- 6 happen over the past 2-1/2 years. And we want
- 7 CCPs to give the option to clients for more
- 8 granular segregation, the option, disclosing the
- 9 risk, disclosing the costs, it's cheaper to have
- 10 an omnibus account, we know that, but we want the
- 11 clients to have the option for greater granularity
- 12 in the segregation. And portability. We will
- 13 want CCPs to be able to transfer assets and
- 14 positions between the clearing members. Many have
- 15 said this is pretty hairy because this touches on
- 16 bankruptcy rules and regulations and it's
- 17 difficult enough in the U.S. Where you have one
- 18 bankruptcy code. Come to where I live where I
- 19 have 27 bankruptcy codes. This is where you see
- 20 the phenomenal power of European regulation.
- 21 There is one sentence in Europe's regulation that
- 22 says we don't care. We say you will allow a CCP

- 1 to transfer assets and positions between the
- 2 clearing members regardless of whatever any
- 3 national bankruptcy law says so that the European
- 4 law overrides any contradictory requirement in
- 5 national law. Segregation and portability,
- 6 similar, not identical but very similar to the
- 7 approach considered in the U.S.
- 8 That brings me to my final point,
- 9 increased transparency. We've spoken about
- 10 clearing, we've spoken about the need to regulate
- 11 the dealers, the clearing mandate, the regulation
- 12 of CCPs. I want to talk about transparency and
- 13 trade repositories. Like Dodd-Frank, Europe will
- 14 require the reporting of trades into a trade
- 15 repository. No difference except the scope of the
- 16 reporting requirement differs slightly at this
- 17 point in time. Dodd-Frank requires all trades to
- 18 be reported to a trade repository. Europe exempts
- 19 those contracts, those trades between two
- 20 corporates. A trade between two corporate
- 21 entities is exempt from a reporting requirement.
- 22 That's quite interesting because the comprehensive

- 1 approach in Dodd-Frank where even a
- 2 corporate-corporate contact would need to be
- 3 reported to a trade repository is not followed in
- 4 Europe. Why is that? Two reasons. The first,
- 5 when we did our impact assessment and we spoke to
- 6 the corporates, it was very clear that most of the
- 7 contracts are two financials or between a
- 8 financial and a corporate. The financial
- 9 corporates, I think we're looking at 17.3 percent
- 10 of the contracts as of the end of last year, the
- 11 corporate-to-corporate contracts we found were
- 12 almost difficult to find if at all. They do exist
- 13 but they're absolutely minimal in their volume and
- 14 the impact assessment determined that the
- 15 cost-benefit analysis of requiring these
- 16 corporates to put a reporting framework in place
- would be disproportionate so that they're exempt
- 18 at this point in time. Timeframe for reporting?
- 19 Anything as long as it's not longer than 24 hours
- and that could be, I don't know, 5, 10, 15 minutes
- 21 for block trades, up to 24 hours for more complex
- 22 trades.

- The further details of the report, the
- 2 format, the content, these will be subject to what
- 3 we call implementing rules in Europe and that's
- 4 pretty important. These rules are very similar to
- 5 what the SEC and the CFTC put in place because
- 6 what use is it if European counterparties report
- 7 trades to a trade repository in a slightly
- 8 different format than those reported in the U.S.
- 9 Or in Japan? So that reporting format, the
- 10 reporting framework, must be absolutely similar
- 11 when convergence doesn't cover the term there.
- 12 They probably have to be as similar and identical
- 13 as possible with one objective, to allow the
- 14 regulators, to allow the market to have a
- 15 comprehensive overview of the risks and the
- 16 position in the system.
- On trade repositories we've got some
- 18 pretty granular and detailed rules to regulate
- 19 them. We have rules on governance. We have rules
- 20 on systems. We have rules on senior management.
- 21 They've got to be fit and proper. We have rules
- 22 on access. We have rules on price disclosure. We

- 1 have rules on fee disclosure including discounts
- 2 including rebates. We have rules on safeguarding.
- 3 We have rules on recordkeeping for trade
- 4 repositories. We have rules on transparency. And
- 5 we have rules on data availability. And both
- 6 Dodd-Frank and Europe require trade repositories.
- 7 No difference. The only difference is that Europe
- 8 allows third-country trade repositories, and
- 9 there's one that I can think of in the U.S. at
- 10 this point in time, to be active in Europe
- 11 provided it's recognized as being subject to again
- 12 equivalent regulation in its home country. So
- 13 we've got exemptive relief for trade repositories
- 14 coming into Europe and digging through Dodd-Frank
- 15 we found one other area where there is a slightly
- 16 different approach. There is no exemptive relief
- 17 for trade repositories in the U.S. so there's a
- 18 possibility of double-registration requirements
- 19 for at least four European trade repositories
- 20 wishing to do their services in the United States
- 21 of America.
- One final comment and this is quite

- 1 important. European regulation proposes the
- 2 existence of an international agreement between
- 3 Europe and third countries for mutual access to
- 4 information and exchange of information in a trade
- 5 repository. Again there is method to that
- 6 madness. This harkens back to March of this year
- 7 where there was an unfortunate hiccup and some
- 8 unfortunate events where a number of European
- 9 regulators had some difficulty in accessing
- 10 information in a trade repository outside of
- 11 Europe. And the very, very, very clear comment
- 12 from our Congress and our ministers was this is
- 13 once but never ever again. So when you look at
- 14 this, what were the options we were faced with in
- 15 Europe? Require all trade repositories to locate
- 16 in Europe? It's a pretty simplistic approach.
- 17 But if you look at it, it doesn't really make a
- 18 lot of sense. That's why the option that we've
- 19 put in the proposition and the regulation is you
- 20 don't have to have a location requirement as long
- 21 as there is a guarantee, an international
- 22 arrangement, with third countries that there is a

- 1 guarantee that the regulators can access that
- 2 information in a trade repository even if it's
- 3 located outside of Europe. And I'm encouraged by
- 4 the comments from Chairman Gensler that he has the
- 5 locus to actually engage in this type of
- 6 arrangement which is very, very important. I'll
- 7 conclude. I have four comments to leave with you.
- 8 Europe and the U.S. are very, very similar in
- 9 scope, application and requirements. Are there
- 10 differences? Yes. Frankly, I wouldn't only be
- 11 surprised, I'd be pretty annoyed if there were no
- 12 differences because it means that we couldn't
- implement half of Dodd-Frank in Europe, A, because
- 14 it's not proper English according to my native
- 15 English speakers, B, because it uses words we have
- 16 no idea what that mean but we will be enlightened
- 17 by the SEC and the CFTC as to what some of these
- 18 words mean like SEFs and MSPs and what-have-you.
- 19 But I'll tell you one thing. I not only read
- 20 Shakespeare yesterday on the flight coming over,
- 21 you got a pretty idea that I was also plowing
- 22 through Dodd-Frank and I actually had to detect

- 1 the differences with a Maglight. I flew business
- 2 class and I have one of these strange lights that
- 3 come out of the seat and you have to really focus
- 4 it and it's a LED light on the text. I had a
- 5 great deal of difficulty finding the differences
- 6 between our piece of legislation in Europe and
- 7 Dodd-Frank. You really have to go through this
- 8 with a Maglight.
- 9 The differences I've just indicated to
- 10 you are really not fundamental, they're in detail,
- 11 and I'm quite sure that some of the differences
- 12 probably came through regulatory mishap. Speaking
- 13 to come of the staffers and the congressmen there
- 14 was a lot of pace and speed in the final days of
- 15 the regulation in Congress, and I'm sure I know
- 16 I've been told some of the differences actually
- 17 were because of the need to get this text out and
- 18 agreed in the U.S. But a lot of these differences
- 19 can be considered and there is room and scope to
- 20 minimize these differences even further as our
- 21 work on implementing the rules continues on both
- 22 sides of the Atlantic.

1 My second point is we are converging, we 2 are not competing, convergence, not competition in regulation, and we are looking closely at the SEC 3 and the CFTC rules as they develop to ensure there 4 5 is consistency, consistency between Europe and the U.S. and wider, the G-20, the Financial Stability 6 Board, IOSCO, Commissioner Casey, important work 7 to do in the IOSCO framework on ensuring that 8 consistency not only occurs between Europe and the 9 10 U.S. but also on a wider frame in the G-20. in this together. This is a global market and it 11 12 needs a global response. 13 Timing issues have been overstated. I've seen these comments in the press and in the 14 public arena. There is no timing issue. Will 15 Europe be ahead of America, will America be 16 lagging behind the European Union? This is not a 17 This is a marathon and the marathons that I 18 run with my lousy consideration we usually end up 19 finishing the finishing line at the same time, we 20 never have winners in my marathons. This is a 21 22 European regulation and for the lawyers in the

- 1 room there is a difference between a regulation
- 2 and a directive in Europe. If Europe had put
- 3 forward a directive, we would have had to give the
- 4 European member states 18 months to implement that
- 5 in national legislation. This is a regulation and
- 6 not a directive. If our Congress and our
- 7 ministers agree with this text, it becomes the law
- 8 of the land immediately. The regulation is the
- 9 law directly evocable by any stakeholder before
- 10 any national court in 27 countries in Europe or
- 11 before the Court of Justice of the European Union
- 12 in Luxembourg. Speed is not of the essence with a
- 13 regulation. Getting it right is.
- 14 My third point is cooperation works.
- 15 Believe me. The CFTC, Commissioner Gensler, his
- 16 staff, the SEC, Commissioner Casey, I think the
- 17 thin threads of discreet mutual cooperation that
- 18 we started spinning a year ago are turning into a
- 19 wide banner of international regulatory
- 20 cooperation. It is no coincidence that there are
- 21 so few differences between Dodd-Frank and between
- 22 what Europe is coming up with, thus that wide

- 1 banner of international regulatory cooperation.
- 2 The CFTC, the staff, the SEC, have been
- 3 interoperating so much that I can tell you that
- 4 the CFTC and the Commission offices by the staff
- 5 is actually called the Concrete Financial
- 6 Transatlantic Cooperation outfit, so you have a
- 7 new terminology there, Chairman Gensler.
- 8 My fourth and final point is I've heard
- 9 many regulators and stakeholders in the past 23
- 10 years that I've been regulating banks, insurance
- 11 companies and now market infrastructure. I've
- 12 heard many regulators and stakeholders talk about
- 13 regulatory cooperation and regulatory convergence.
- 14 This is the first time in 23 years I've actually
- 15 seen it happen and I'm proud to say that I think
- 16 if you look at the texts, if you look at the
- 17 approach that we've put on the table today, I
- 18 think it will actually deliver the benefits that
- 19 we're all looking for. Thank you.
- 20 COMMISSIONER SOMMERS: Thank you,
- 21 Patrick, so much for your overview and your
- 22 insights on that.

- 3 Deputy Commissioner for International Affairs and
- 4 Competitiveness at the Japanese FSA for an
- 5 overview of their legislative proposals.
- 6 MR. SUMI: Thank you, Ms. Sommers,
- 7 ladies and gentlemen. Somebody said that computer
- 8 signals travel around the globe in split seconds
- 9 but the Boeing 777 isn't that fast. I got off an
- 10 airplane after a 13-hour flight 3 hours ago and
- 11 I'm still operating on Japan Standard Time which
- 12 is 3:00 a.m. in the morning. So please allow me
- 13 not to quote Shakespeare, and I confess I didn't
- 14 read Dodd- Frank on the plane either. I couldn't
- 15 resist watching "Die Hard IV."
- 16 Let me start with the starting point,
- 17 the Pittsburgh Summit. That was last September
- 18 and after about 2 months' time of this Pittsburgh
- 19 Summit declaration, we submitted a draft bill to
- 20 the Parliament for the Financial Instrument and
- 21 Exchange Act amendment of 2010 which was submitted
- 22 to the Parliament sometime in March and passed in

- 1 May which was quite fast considering the Japanese
- 2 political situation. This was not partisan and
- 3 this was pretty much agreed upon in light of the
- 4 importance to do our part and to contribute to
- 5 global financial stability.
- 6 The Financial Instrument and Exchange
- 7 Act by the way is in a sense omnibus legislation.
- 8 It covers a broad range of financial activities,
- 9 the amendment of which takes place almost every
- 10 year so that we can't say that it's as shattering
- 11 bookmaking as Dodd-Frank. It's a more or less
- 12 annual housekeeping amendment, but nevertheless
- 13 the content of the amendment was not routine.
- 14 This 2010 amendment of the FIEA aimed at CCP
- 15 clearings and mandatory clearing at domestic CCPs
- 16 for derivatives transactions that are closely
- 17 related to Japanese bankruptcy procedures. And
- 18 related to this particular topic of today, we also
- 19 strengthened the group-wide regulation and
- 20 supervision of financial instruments or so-called
- 21 SIFIs given the fact that the SIFIs is a new
- 22 notion that encompasses not only the banks but

- 1 also the financial institutions regardless of
- 2 legal form.
- Also as you may be aware, in Japan which
- 4 is pretty much similar elsewhere I believe, the
- 5 law is stipulated in sort of broad-brush language
- 6 and smaller more concrete details are usually
- 7 provided by what we call cabinet office
- 8 ordinances. Cabinet office ordinances sound
- 9 somewhat strange, but in essence it's FSA's rule
- 10 but before the FSA determines on that rule we
- 11 usually welcome public comments and try to
- 12 incorporate the public comments in the contents of
- 13 these cabinet office ordinances. Although we have
- 14 passed a law the content of which I'm going to
- 15 explain, much work still needs to be done in the
- 16 process of formulating these cabinet office
- 17 ordinances and during the process we would like to
- 18 listen to the industries as well as other
- 19 regulators' comments in order to be compatible
- 20 worldwide.
- 21 As to the first point of mandatory CCP
- 22 clearing, we have a system to designate the

- 1 particular types of derivatives transactions. In
- 2 essence we have a system of positive listing. I
- 3 understand that U.S. regulations or E.U.
- 4 regulations encompass the clearable or eligible,
- 5 whatever the correct English language should be,
- 6 but has a sort of exemption granted by the
- 7 authorities. In a sense it's a negative listing.
- 8 It takes up broad derivatives as a whole but
- 9 allows some exemptions, a sort of negative list,
- 10 but ours is a positive list. At this time of
- 11 course in designation we will consider the market
- 12 size and liquidity of that particular type of
- 13 derivatives transaction and the regulatory
- 14 approach is by other regulators. At this time the
- 15 plain vanilla type in denominated interest rate
- 16 swaps are sure to be included, but what else if
- 17 any will be included or not will be determined
- 18 like I said in light of market size and what the
- 19 regulators do in the rest of the world.
- 20 Another particular feature is that we
- 21 have one article which says certain types of OTC
- 22 derivatives have to be cleared at domestic CCPs.

- 1 Usually although those derivatives transactions
- 2 which are subject to mandatory CCP clearing can be
- 3 cleared either by the domestic or foreign CCPs,
- 4 but for those derivatives whose clearing criteria
- 5 relates very closely to bankruptcy procedures
- 6 under Japanese law, these are regarded as
- 7 mandatory clearing at domestic CCPs. For example,
- 8 at present the ITRUX Japan Index CDS is considered
- 9 for inclusion. The rationale is that the
- 10 CPSS-IOSCO consultative report on OTC derivatives
- on CCPs stipulates that, as I quoted here, "CCPs
- 12 should consider establishing an internal
- 13 determination committee that may determine the
- 14 credit events where no decision was taken by
- 15 market participants." This is one example of when
- 16 we consider regulation we take CPSS-IOSCO very
- 17 seriously, and in order to achieve the
- 18 internationally compatible regulation we monitor
- 19 very closely what's discussed, advised and
- 20 recommended by CPSS- IOSCO.
- 21 The second point is strengthening of the
- 22 infrastructure for central clearing. At this time

- 1 we do not have any minimum capital requirements
- 2 for the CCPs, but as Mr. Pearson mentioned, we do
- 3 need to avoid systemic risk or too-big-to-fail
- 4 kind of phenomena for the CCPs so that we would
- 5 like to ask the CCPs to have a solid financial
- 6 base thereby asking the minimum capital
- 7 requirements the exact amount of which will be
- 8 determined -- the law doesn't stipulate the
- 9 specific amount but, rather, the cabinet office
- 10 ordinance -- or similar subset rules to the law
- 11 determines the specific amount. Also in order to
- 12 avoid the issue of conflict of interest, we would
- include the requirement for authorization for
- 14 those who hold more than 20 percent of the voting
- 15 rights of the CCPs.
- 16 Also the second point is that foreign
- 17 CCPs will be allowed into the Japanese market. Of
- 18 course foreign CCPs are welcome to establish a
- 19 domestic Japanese subsidiary, but even without
- 20 doing so the CCPs can provide central clearing
- 21 services to Japanese financial institutions, A,
- 22 through a linked system where a foreign CCP sets

- 1 up a linkage with a Japanese domestic CCP and
- 2 provides service through that Japanese domestic
- 3 CCP; or, B, direct revision of their service in
- 4 which case we do request the CCPs to acquire a
- 5 Japanese license, but the rationale for issuing
- 6 the license is that as stipulated in the
- 7 PowerPoint. We do ask the foreign CCP to maintain
- 8 an adequate infrastructure to operate
- 9 appropriately and reliably during Japanese market
- 10 hours so that I think the only binding part of
- 11 this requirement is the underlined portion during
- 12 Japanese market hours. Also we do ask that the
- 13 foreign CCP is subject to proper supervision by
- 14 its home country regulator.
- Page 5 pertains to the reporting and
- 16 storing of trade information data. We've made it
- 17 mandatory for financial institutions to store and
- 18 report trade information data for OTC derivatives
- 19 transactions. However, if financial institutions
- 20 use trade repositories, then the responsibility
- 21 will be transferred to the trade repositories and
- 22 the financial institutions will be relieved of

- 1 that responsibility. If financial institutions
- 2 use CCPs, again the reporting and storing
- 3 responsibilities will be transferred to the CCPs
- 4 and the financial institutions themselves will be
- 5 relieved of such responsibility.
- These are the issues stipulated in the
- 7 law which passed May 18 of this year and the
- 8 implementation schedule is stipulated on page 6.
- 9 The strengthening of the infrastructure of CCPs
- 10 including the minimum capital requirement and
- 11 allowing entry of foreign CCPs will take effect
- 12 within 1 year of promulgation of the law on May 18
- of this year meaning May 18 of next year, 2011.
- 14 After that, the mandatory clearing and storing and
- 15 reporting requirement will take effect within 2
- 16 years and 6 months, meaning November 18, 2012,
- 17 which of course takes into account the Pittsburgh
- 18 Summit's mandate of starting mandatory clearing by
- 19 the end of 2012. This is how we have set up our
- 20 law in the 2010 amendment of the Financial
- 21 Instrument and Exchange Act. Again, although the
- 22 law is enacted, we still have work to do in order

- 1 to be implemented meaning that we do need to
- 2 stipulate the cabinet office ordinances. But
- 3 again, as we do that, we will be putting it out
- 4 for public comment and in doing so we will try to
- 5 incorporate the other regulators' actions or
- 6 CPSS-IOSCO's recommendations to make it compatible
- 7 with the other major jurisdictions and industries'
- 8 comments will be also welcome at the public
- 9 comment stage. Thank you very much.
- 10 COMMISSIONER SOMMERS: Thank you so
- 11 much, Mr. Sumi, for being here and for that
- 12 overview. I'd now like to open it up to our
- 13 committee members or my colleagues if you have any
- 14 questions for either Mr. Pearson or Mr. Sumi on
- 15 either the European Commission or Japanese
- 16 legislative proposals. Jiro?
- 17 MR. OKOCHI: Jiro Okochi from Reval.
- 18 Thank you for enlightening us more on the
- 19 international legislation coming down.
- 20 If we understand that the product may be
- 21 the same at the end of the road, I still think it
- 22 boils down to the very important details which in

- 1 derivatives details are everything. One clear
- 2 difference may be how those on both sides of the
- 3 Atlantic and across the Pacific define commercial
- 4 risk. The hedging of commercial risk is used to
- 5 net down positions by nonfinancial counterparties
- 6 or for large positions, I think that's a big open
- 7 question on how that would that would be objective
- 8 viewed. Are there any comments on the approach to
- 9 looking at how a counterparty may be hedging
- 10 commercial risk?
- 11 MR. SUMI: The way the law is adopted at
- 12 this moment, as long as the financial institution
- 13 is a party to that derivatives transaction, then
- 14 even though the other party is nonfinancial, this
- 15 contract at this stage we consider it included in
- 16 this mandatory CCP clearing. However, if you were
- 17 to ask the nonfinancial institutions to be fully
- 18 mandated to use the CCPs, then these corporations
- 19 may be subject to too heavy a burden of
- 20 maintaining the CCPs. Therefore, depending on
- 21 other jurisdictions' actions and other IOSCO
- 22 arguments, we may consider exempting these

- 1 nonfinancial corporations doing the transactions
- 2 for hedging purposes from this mandatory
- 3 requirement. So at this juncture we have the
- 4 means to exempt them and we have not decided
- 5 whether we are going to or we are not going to.
- 6 MR. PEARSON: It's a very good question
- 7 and this is where I think "Die Hard IV" and
- 8 Shakespeare meet. I'll tell you why. You know
- 9 that in "Die Hard IV" Bruce Willis always starts
- 10 off with a clean undershirt and it's always white.
- 11 Have you noticed that halfway through the film as
- 12 if by miracle it always turns green and black and
- 13 dirty? But in the end all actually works out
- 14 well, there's always a happy end, it's a Hollywood
- 15 film, and that brings to me to the question of how
- 16 is it possible that Bruce Willis's shirt that's so
- 17 clean at the beginning gets dirty in the end or
- 18 halfway through and in the end it all works out
- 19 well? You watched the film yesterday and I've
- 20 seen all of them many times. I love Bruce Willis
- 21 to bits.
- 22 But this brings me to Shakespeare

- 1 because Shakespeare of course wrote "All's Well
- 2 That Ends Well." We studied this at school, at
- 3 least I did and you should have. You know about
- 4 "All's Well That Ends Well," it's all about the
- 5 bed trick. Do you know the bed trick? I'll
- 6 enlighten you a bit. In "All's Well That Ends
- 7 Well" halfway through the story, the king allows
- 8 Helena to marry the man of her choice and he
- 9 chooses Bertram who's an old heart throb of hers.
- 10 Bertram refuses and he says, "I will only marry
- 11 you, Helena, if you meet two conditions. You get
- 12 a wedding ring on my finger and you show me,"
- 13 Bertram, "a child that I have fathered." So
- 14 Helena embarks on her plot to pave the way to true
- 15 happiness by using what's become to be known as
- 16 the bed trick which is why you should really read
- 17 this. This is really interesting.
- Why am I making this point apart from
- 19 bringing some culture to this side of the
- 20 Atlantic? It's because we have a bed trick. We
- 21 have a bed trick as well in Europe, you have a bed
- 22 trick over here as well, because what is the point

- 1 in calculating the position, the exposure of the
- 2 corporates? We need to strip out all of those
- 3 positions that are directly linked to the
- 4 underlying corporate activity. It makes absolute
- 5 sense. We ran our impact assessments and it's the
- 6 only sensible way forward. The problem is how to
- 7 determine when a position is directly linked to a
- 8 corporate activity of the firm in question and
- 9 there's a huge potential obviously for arbitrage
- 10 because any company will say I've taken this swaps
- 11 position and I need it to cover my interest rate
- 12 exposure or my currency exposure so it's
- 13 underlying my international business.
- Not true. The bed trick is that we had
- 15 two options. The first was let's use the
- 16 international accounting standards so that we
- 17 looked at the European accounting standards
- 18 hedging. No way, Jose. This was all over the
- 19 place and it really didn't help us. So we looked
- 20 to U.S. GAAP and what have you and we were even
- 21 more shocked. That really didn't help us one bit.
- 22 So we couldn't have a hedging requirement. You

- 1 can't refer to hedging in the accounting sense to
- 2 determine if the position is directly linked to
- 3 the corporate activity. So we had a cunning plan
- 4 and that's our bed trick, and the bed trick is we
- 5 will have to define this in further regulatory
- 6 guidance?
- Why is this a good bed trick? Because
- 8 it makes no sense for us to come up with a
- 9 different sense of regulatory guidance than the
- 10 SEC and the CFTC on this side of the Atlantic,
- 11 because believe me, people, the corporates I'm
- 12 speaking to, they're the same corporates you know
- 13 over here in the United States of America,
- 14 Caterpillar, John Deere, Rolls Royce, Lufthansa,
- 15 they're all international companies and if the SEC
- 16 and if the CFTC come up with a different
- definition from us in Europe, it's very, very
- 18 simple to see where this business will shift to
- 19 and how the loopholes in the regulation will come
- around.
- There you have it. That's how Bruce
- 22 Willis in "Die Hard IV" and Shakespeare come

- 1 together, all's well that ends well.
- 2 CHAIRMAN GENSLER: I was going to say I
- 3 don't know from Helena or Bertram or anything like
- 4 that, but we working very closely with the
- 5 Europeans and I'll try to learn my Shakespeare,
- 6 Patrick.
- 7 COMMISSIONER DUNN: On my transatlantic
- 8 flights, being of Irish descent, I tend to read
- 9 Joyce. I have a little darker outcome. Yesterday
- 10 I wasn't watching "Die Hard," I had one eye on the
- 11 Ryder Cup and that wasn't such a good outcome for
- 12 us as well. I commend the E.C. on their win.
- Mr. Sumi, in your presentation there's
- 14 an asterisk there in which you say that the
- 15 licensed foreign CCP will be subject to inspection
- 16 and business improvement by the Japanese FSA as
- 17 well. This has been a great rub for us as we work
- 18 internationally and that is adhering to the
- 19 national sovereignty to those home regulators. I
- 20 wonder how do you go about that inspection in
- 21 business improvement orders. Is that directly
- 22 with the CCP or are you looking at the home

- 1 regulator to make those inputs for you? Then I
- 2 would ask the same thing of Mr. Pearson.
- 3 MR. SUMI: If I may answer your question
- 4 first, we have a similar situation where say a
- 5 bank sets up a branch in Tokyo and that branch is
- 6 subject to our inspection and if there is a need
- 7 we may issue a business improvement order as well.
- 8 Of course in doing so, this is a new one so I am
- 9 talking about the existing example of banks and
- 10 say Citibank establishes a branch in Tokyo and
- 11 then it's subject to both U.S. and Japanese
- 12 regulations, of course when dealing with these
- 13 institutions we have contact with the home country
- 14 regulator and also for many of the things we can
- 15 finish business just talking with the home country
- 16 regulator and for some other things this is in a
- 17 sense as long as we license somebody, we do need
- 18 to retain the in a sense right to do on-site
- 19 inspections and to order something. But in actual
- 20 working, of course we do consult closely with the
- 21 home country regulator.
- 22 COMMISSIONER DUNN: In your case then

- 1 that foreign CCP is required to allow you to come
- 2 in and do the inspection and give that information
- 3 directly to the FSA?
- 4 MR. SUMI: We do want to have the
- 5 correct information reported to us so that if we
- 6 think that information is necessary, we are going
- 7 to ask that foreign CCP to provide us with that
- 8 information.
- 9 COMMISSIONER DUNN: Patrick?
- MR. PEARSON: I can be quite short and
- 11 the reason is there is no Shakespeare quote
- 12 referring to Japanese inspections. There are two
- 13 questions here, Commissioner Dunn.
- 14 COMMISSIONER DUNN: Bubble, bubble, toil
- 15 and trouble wouldn't work?
- MR. PEARSON: There's probably in James
- 17 Joyce. Is there equivalence and what is the
- 18 consequence? That's how we would look at this in
- 19 Europe. Is there equivalence? What we will do is
- 20 have a comparison. The comparison will be carried
- 21 out jointly, in the U.S. case between the European
- 22 regulators and the U.S. regulators. We will

- 1 consult, we would compare regulation and
- 2 regulatory practices and there will be a ruling
- 3 from the European Commission that there is
- 4 equivalence or not, but in our case we work on the
- 5 presumption there's equivalence.
- The question is then what is the
- 7 consequence? The consequence from our perspective
- 8 is no inspections, but the consequence is what we
- 9 call mutual recognition so that we recognize the
- 10 quality of the way in which regulation is carried
- 11 out in a third country, in this case in the United
- 12 States of America. The only thing we would
- 13 require is a bilateral MOU of understanding
- 14 between the European regulators and the Japanese
- 15 regulators of the U.S. Regulators on mutual
- 16 exchange of information but not the inspection
- 17 part.
- 18 COMMISSIONER SOMMERS: Commissioner
- 19 O'Malia?
- 20 COMMISSIONER O'MALIA: Thank you. Mr.
- 21 Pearson, in your statement you'd laid out the
- 22 issue of segregation and providing for both an

- 1 omnibus account and an individual account. I want
- 2 to get a sense from you regarding would you leave
- 3 that up to the FCM, the clearinghouse, to set
- 4 those rules and get a little bit of input from our
- 5 panel as to what they think how that might be
- 6 implemented and if that's feasible? And Mr. Sumi,
- 7 if you have any thoughts on this, I'd appreciate
- 8 those as well.
- 9 MR. PEARSON: You're absolutely correct,
- 10 Commissioner. The way we've put this out is very
- 11 simple. As to segregation, we would require a
- 12 clearinghouse or CCP to have the option of omnibus
- 13 segregation. We're not requiring them to apply
- one or the other. It's just the option so there
- 15 is a choice for the clients. And in implementing
- 16 this option we would require the clearinghouse to
- 17 give full transparency as to the extra risks you
- 18 would run or not run when as a client you opt for
- one of the other permutations, and obviously the
- 20 costs because the client will in almost all cases
- 21 find it cheaper to go for an omnibus rather than
- 22 segregation. But the choice is up to the client.

- 1 We can't regulate that choice into being. We can
- 2 only regulate the need for there to be an option,
- 3 so that's how we would approach it.
- 4 MR. SUMI: If I may, we will probably
- 5 not the specific rules regarding that, but since
- 6 CPSS-IOSCO has certain rules for this segregation
- 7 and portability, we do ask the CCPs to establish
- 8 their own business rules in which if I find
- 9 something incompatible with CPSS-IOSCO we would
- 10 ask them to correct that and to make it comply
- 11 with CPSS- IOSCO. So is probably the way we'll
- 12 work. Does that answer your question?
- 13 COMMISSIONER O'MALIA: It does. Thank
- 14 you. I'd be interested in any of the panelists or
- 15 committee members as to their thoughts they have
- on the European proposal.
- 17 COMMISSIONER SOMMERS: Roger?
- 18 MR. LIDDELL: Just a comment related to
- 19 it which is that interest rate swap client --
- 20 model allows for either and we see no demand at
- 21 all for the omnibus and it is for the issue of
- 22 portability, it's very, very hard to guarantee

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portability with omnibus, in fact it's impossible 1 unless you port the entire defaulting member's 2 3 portfolio in one block to a single -- so we feel strongly as an organization that individual 4 segregation for OTC derivatives is the way to go. 5 Richard? COMMISSIONER SOMMERS: 6 MR. BERLIAND: I think there is an 7 important distinction to be made between the 8 client demand and over-the-counter derivatives 9 10 which I think Roger correctly represents and for listed derivatives. I think the pricing 11 12 sensitivity on clearing is very different in the 13 listed space and particularly for some market participants whether they're in the high frequency 14 or at least they were heavy users of the market, 15 16 the costs of the transaction is an extremely 17 important part of their ability to participate in the market. I think, A, I strongly endorse the 18 European approach to being a matter of choice, and 19 secondly, I would say that I think it is important 20 21 that we maintain a recognition that there is a

difference in client preference in listed and

- 1 over-the-counter derivatives.
- 2 CHAIRMAN GENSLER: If I could ask a
- 3 question for Roger, Jeff and Tom and I think maybe
- 4 there are others here representing clearinghouses.
- 5 When you think about the clearing rules that may
- 6 emerge in Europe which you've already seen in
- 7 Dodd-Frank but we're embarking on rule- writing,
- 8 what is your perspective? You manage
- 9 multinational platforms all of which at some point
- 10 will be regulated here in the U.S. by the SEC and
- 11 CFTC, Roger is here so that it will be just the
- 12 CFTC, but nonetheless you'll be regulated here in
- 13 the U.S. and you may well be regulated in Europe
- 14 and Japan. It would be helpful to gain your
- 15 perspectives on clearinghouse rules.
- MR. SPRECHER: I think the three
- 17 entities that you mentioned, while we do compete,
- 18 we compete with very high standards and have
- 19 generally adopted the IOSCO standards. Certainly
- in the case of ICE we welcome having some
- 21 harmonized high standards for work management
- 22 because we don't want to compete on that level and

- 1 I think as I've mentioned the companies that are
- 2 present today have already internally adopted
- 3 those and we would welcome regulators harmonizing
- 4 that.
- 5 Secondly, we have long seen between the
- 6 U.S. and Europe, the FSA and the CFTC, cooperation
- 7 in the case of our business so that there is very
- 8 little difference in the current offerings that we
- 9 have for both OTC and listed futures between the
- 10 U.S. and Europe in terms of membership
- 11 requirements and risk-management requirements and
- 12 such. The only differences that exist are there
- 13 because of the different bankruptcy regimes, but
- 14 we see you helping to harmonize those even though
- 15 there will continue to be different bankruptcy
- 16 regimes. I think we view the efforts between the
- 17 agencies that are here as being quite positive.
- 18 CHAIRMAN GENSLER: As you continue, do
- 19 you envision having within an asset class one
- 20 clearinghouse or one in Europe, one in here, one
- in France or one in London? That's a tough
- 22 question.

- 1 MR. SPRECHER: I think it would be nice
- 2 if we could live in a world where a CCP could be
- 3 located anywhere and recognized globally. It's
- 4 going to take a while to get there. In the case
- 5 of credit default swaps which is a very
- 6 complicated product and to a certain degree has a
- 7 prerogative view given what we've come through in
- 8 2007, we thought it was best to have independent
- 9 clearinghouses that were locally regulated.
- In the case of listed products, it seems
- 11 rational to have a single-domicile clearinghouse
- 12 that has a global standard. That seems more
- 13 acceptable. For example, our U.K. futures
- 14 clearinghouse has a DCO status here in the U.S.
- 15 and with all the work that's been done between the
- 16 FSA and the CFTC with respect to at least ICE's
- 17 listed products, it does feel like that can work
- 18 well. I think we're at the first inning of the
- 19 OTC market. I suspect that we'll potentially
- 20 evolve toward the listed model but it'll take a
- 21 while to get there.
- MR. LIDDELL: I think the only

- 1 difference is the requirement under Dodd-Frank for
- 2 the safety regime for U.S. Clients which on the
- 3 one hand is a fairly difference, on the other
- 4 hand, we'd already decided for our own reasons
- 5 that that was the model that we wanted to adopt in
- 6 any case so it actually isn't an issue for us.
- 7 CHAIRMAN GENSLER: Did you say the
- 8 segregation regime or FCM?
- 9 MR. LIDDELL: The FCM. And we
- 10 absolutely see the biggest benefit being having a
- 11 single clearinghouse globally rather than
- 12 different ones regionally. I think the credit
- 13 derivatives product is an exception to that and I
- 14 think that was rightly identified by the JFSA
- 15 because of local bankruptcy issues and also
- 16 sovereignty issues and sovereign credit default
- 17 swaps and things like that. I think having
- 18 regional clearinghouses for credit products has
- 19 some logic to it, but for the rest I think it
- 20 would be a very, very significant backward step if
- 21 we went down that path.
- The adoption of our model for the U.S.

- 1 regime could become a little bit of a precedent.
- 2 For example, there is not the equivalent in the
- 3 Japanese market that I'm aware of, but I think if
- 4 we are going to be successful at working with
- 5 colleagues in Japan to achieve our ambitions, it's
- 6 quite likely that we would have some regime that
- 7 would result in domestic end-user clients having
- 8 their collateral held onshore under local
- 9 agreements subject to local bankruptcy codes so
- 10 that I think adopting a global model for regional
- 11 differences is the right way to go.
- 12 MR. CALLAHAN: This is Tom Callahan from
- 13 NYSE Euronext. We're in a bit of a unique
- 14 position because of course we are as we speak
- 15 today simultaneously constructing three new
- 16 clearinghouses in three different regulatory
- 17 jurisdictions around the world, one here in the
- 18 U.S., New York Portfolio Clearing, we're also
- 19 building a new clearinghouse in London and
- 20 simultaneously a clearinghouse in Paris so that
- 21 for us harmonization of the rules and protocols
- 22 between the regulatory jurisdiction not only makes

- 1 our lives easier in terms of how we construct
- 2 these new clearinghouses, but we believe a
- 3 competitive advantage of our global exchange group
- 4 will be ultimately to tie these together so that
- 5 bankruptcy issues that Roger raises are certainly
- 6 real and our initial plans are to have products
- 7 siloed within an individual clearinghouse but to
- 8 the degree that we're able to evolve through these
- 9 bankruptcy issues and draw them together, for us
- 10 it's a competitive advantage.
- 11 COMMISSIONER SOMMERS: Thank you.
- 12 COMMISSIONER CHILTON: I have one real
- 13 quick one. I'm sorry for slowing us down.
- 14 I'm exceedingly encouraged by the
- 15 parallel policies that you've talked about. Mr.
- 16 Pearson, I have one quick one for you, and maybe
- 17 there is a distinction within a difference, but
- 18 thought as you were talking about clearing that
- 19 there might be a little bit more texture there but
- 20 maybe I'm wrong. Were you suggesting that we
- 21 should perhaps have higher standards as we
- 22 implement our regulations that would go even

- 1 further than Dodd-Frank? Like others, we can put
- 2 more meat on the bones of the laws, we have some
- 3 discretion and the law restricts us in some
- 4 regards, but were you suggesting that maybe we
- 5 would want to go a little bit further?
- 6 MR. PEARSON: No, Commissioner Chilton.
- 7 I think the point as to the meat on the bones is
- 8 make sure the threads are there in the fabric and
- 9 Dodd-Frank gives the SEC and the CFTC the locus
- 10 and the jurisdiction to put that meat on the bones
- 11 so that we're interested to see how that pans out.
- 12 COMMISSIONER CHILTON: Thank you.
- COMMISSIONER SOMMERS: Now we're going
- 14 to brief updates on international organizations
- 15 that are taking certain issues in their agenda
- 16 items coordinating global regulatory issues, and
- 17 I'm going to turn first to Commissioner Casey for
- 18 an update on last week's FSB meeting in Paris.
- 19 COMMISSIONER CASEY: Thank you very
- 20 much, Commissioner Sommers and, again, thank you
- 21 for allowing me to join you today.
- 22 As has been noted by yourself and

- 1 colleagues here in the Commission at the CFTC and
- 2 our colleagues from the European Commission and
- 3 Japan, consistency with respect to international
- 4 standards in this area is going to be critical. I
- 5 would tell you that a tremendous amount of effort
- 6 is underway, not least of which has already been
- 7 articulated here. One of the other key places
- 8 where this is being coordinated at the FSB level.
- 9 As you all are very well aware, the FSB has been
- 10 asked to play a central role in coordinating the
- 11 implementation of international standards across
- 12 jurisdictions and so they play a key role in this
- 13 area as well.
- The focus of the Paris meeting was to
- 15 talk about and to take stock in a lot of the
- 16 progress that's being made on the reform agenda,
- in particular with respect to the G-20 commitment
- 18 to central clearing, trading and trade reporting.
- 19 At the initiative of the FSB back in April 2010,
- 20 they established a high-level working group which
- 21 was intended to help facilitate this consistency.
- 22 Much of the meeting in Paris was focused on

- 1 hearing and reviewing some of the draft
- 2 recommendations that the working group has put
- 3 forward and we would anticipate that that paper
- 4 would be approved and considered by the leaders in
- 5 November. I think that this paper in particular
- 6 is going to be really quite helpful in providing a
- 7 framework for consistency across jurisdictions.
- 8 Again, I've been really pleased at the engagement
- 9 that you have. I know Patrick Pearson is one of
- 10 the primary authors of the report, we're engaged
- 11 with our CFTC colleagues and other jurisdictions
- 12 such as Japan as well. I think that this will be
- 13 a great contribution to helping to facilitate some
- of the issues that are being discussed here today.
- I would also note some of the other
- 16 items that the FSB discussed on the reform agenda
- were obviously welcoming the Basel work, talking
- 18 about seeking consistency in helping to reduce
- 19 regulatory reliance on credit rating agencies to
- 20 address some of the cliff effects that we saw with
- 21 respect to ratings being embedded in statutes and
- 22 regulatory rules. That was the central focus of

- 1 the FSB meeting in Paris, and SIFIs as well also
- 2 dealing with too big to fail and trying to come up
- 3 with principles for addressing systemically
- 4 important financial institutions again in an
- 5 internationally consistent manner. I would
- 6 anticipate again that the work that we'll see
- 7 coming out of the FSB working group will be an
- 8 important contribution to ensuring consistency in
- 9 this area.
- 10 COMMISSIONER SOMMERS: Thank you, Kathy.
- 11 I'm now going to turn to Jackie Mesa who's our
- 12 Director of our Office of International Affairs
- 13 for an update on the IOSCO agenda.
- MS. MESA: Thank you, Commissioner
- 15 Sommers, and thank you for inviting me to provide
- 16 an update on IOSCO matters to this group.
- I have to say when Commissioner Sommers
- 18 asked me to provide an update on IOSCO initiatives
- 19 I thought I might just put this group to sleep
- 20 right before a break. But I have to say, and
- 21 maybe it's my roots coming from the Midwest part
- 22 of America, I never thought to infuse Shakespeare

- 1 as to keep it a more interesting and lively
- 2 presentation. That said, you're going to get a
- 3 plan vanilla presentation from me today.
- 4 As you can imagine, a lot of the
- 5 initiatives happening internationally as
- 6 Commissioner Casey just presented are around OTC
- 7 regulation and ensuring that we have consistent
- 8 approaches going forward. Just last week in India
- 9 the Technical Committee of IOSCO approved a task
- 10 force on OTC derivatives. That task force is
- 11 chaired by the U.S., the CFTC and the SEC, the
- 12 U.K. and India. The three chairs put together a
- 13 mandate and a lot of that mandate is to take
- 14 forward what is anticipated from the FSB report
- 15 that you just heard about from Commissioner
- 16 Sommers. The group is going to take forward
- 17 additional analysis of exchange on electronic
- 18 platform for OTC derivatives. It's going to
- 19 separately work on data reporting and aggregation
- 20 requirements so that there is a consistent
- 21 approach on that front. And then the task force
- 22 is going to endeavor to develop consistent

- 1 international standards relating to OTC
- 2 derivatives regulation and clearing, trading,
- 3 trade data collection reporting and oversight of
- 4 certain market participants. It's quite detailed
- 5 and as Commissioner Casey knows, we had a long
- 6 discussion in Chennai, India last week about what
- 7 do standards mean as opposed to principles and I
- 8 think I can tell you that the idea is that we go
- 9 even beyond principles in this area because it's
- 10 so important to harmonize and that we come up with
- 11 a set of standards here. Finally, this task force
- 12 is going to serve as a central point where members
- can consult with each other in going through their
- own rule-writing and the U.S. Of course will
- 15 heavily use this group for its own consultation
- 16 during the rule-writing process.
- 17 That sounds like a lot of work for an
- 18 international group and so you guys are probably
- 19 thinking 5 years from now we're going to have a
- 20 report from IOSCO. We're trying to reshape
- 21 ourselves into something that moves a little
- 22 faster so that we're going to do these reports

- 1 separately and in a phased approach, but it is a
- very tight timeframe, so we're hoping to turn
- 3 these out before any country is finalized in their
- 4 rules.
- 5 As to other IOSCO projects that touch on
- 6 the OTC world, there is an ongoing project on
- 7 suitability standards in connection with complex
- 8 financial products. This of course includes
- 9 swaps. The project grew out of European and Asian
- 10 concerns on the Lehman minibonds so that it's a
- 11 project that we support here in the United States
- 12 and is an interesting one to go forward
- 13 internationally. There is also a project on
- 14 capital requirements, and that is limited at this
- 15 point to comparability of capital standards
- 16 throughout the world and not setting up a standard
- 17 of capital requirements at this point, but a
- 18 comparability approach. Also of course during the
- 19 financial crisis what came to light is that
- 20 regulators and securities regulators with the
- 21 prudential regulators weren't all feeding together
- 22 in a process to identify systemic risk so that

- 1 IOSCO in June 2010 developed a new principle and
- 2 approved a new principle which regulators must
- 3 implement on systemic risk. It states that
- 4 securities and futures regulators must contribute
- 5 to a process to monitor, mitigate and manage
- 6 systemic risk appropriate to its mandate. IOSCO
- 7 is now working on what does this mean. It seems
- 8 very lofty, but what is the role of securities and
- 9 futures regulators in identifying risk in the
- 10 system and how will it contribute to a process to
- 11 identify risk?
- 12 Some non-OTC projects I would say but
- 13 will be of interest to you and IOSCO is just last
- 14 week another approved mandate on high-frequency
- 15 trading. The Technical Committee approved this
- 16 project to address concerns presented by such
- 17 trading and to consider the regulatory responses.
- 18 What this group will look at is the impact of
- 19 high-frequency trading technologies and strategies
- 20 on market operators, participants, investors and
- 21 regulators, and the possible impact of
- 22 high-frequency trading on the orderly functioning

- 1 of markets including unique aspects that might
- 2 facilitate manipulative practices. It's not per
- 3 se manipulative of course to conduct
- 4 high-frequency trading, but whether there are
- 5 things that high-frequency traders might be doing
- 6 that others are taking advantage of. Finally, of
- 7 course, IOSCO will not forget the benefits of
- 8 high-frequency trading, so have no fear that that
- 9 will be a part of the report and analysis of what
- 10 high-frequency trading brings to the market.
- One topic that IOSCO has been working on
- 12 that has been a subject of debate in this group in
- 13 the past has been direct electronic access. Some
- 14 of you will remember that at the last meeting
- 15 there was quite a lively conversation about this.
- 16 IOSCO did finalize its report in the meantime so
- 17 that I wanted to highlight some principles that
- 18 might be of interest to you. The principles for
- 19 direct electronic access say that regulators
- 20 should have appropriate policies and procedures in
- 21 place to ensure that direct electronic access
- 22 trades placed directly on to the exchanges by a

- 1 customer do not pose undo risk to the market and
- 2 to the relevant intermediary. I think the two
- 3 most critical principles that I'll point out
- 4 including Principle 6 on markets that says that a
- 5 market should not even permit direct electronic
- 6 access unless there is in place an effective
- 7 system and controls to enable risk management for
- 8 fair and orderly trading. Then Principle 7 for
- 9 intermediaries, that intermediaries, and this
- 10 includes as appropriate clearing firms, should use
- 11 both regulatory and financial controls including
- 12 automated pretrade controls which can limit or
- 13 prevent a direct electronic access customer from
- 14 placing an order that exceeds existing positions
- 15 or credit limits on such a direct electronic
- 16 access customer. As you know, this goes a little
- 17 bit beyond where the CFTC is at the present
- 18 moment, but this is giving direction to
- 19 regulations who haven't taken steps in this space
- 20 before.
- 21 A task force that the CFTC has
- 22 co-chaired since 2008 and that we are actively

- 1 doing work on is the Commodity Futures Markets
- 2 Task Force. This started after the G-20
- 3 expressing concern over volatility in agricultural
- 4 and oil markets and asked IOSCO to do work in this
- 5 area. We issued a report in March 2009, but the
- 6 G-20 came back and said please do more work.
- 7 We're still concerned, but at this time we're
- 8 particularly concerned about oil market
- 9 volatility. And in the Pittsburgh Communiqué they
- 10 gave us very specific instructions on going
- 11 forward and what IOSCO needed to do. One was that
- 12 all regulators should collect data to identify and
- 13 monitor large concentrations on their markets,
- 14 that they should collect related OTC oil market
- 15 data, that the regulators should be taking active
- 16 steps to combat market manipulation and that
- 17 regulators around the world needed to publish more
- 18 information to market participants.
- In these four areas this group has been
- 20 taking forward this work in the past year. I
- 21 think one of the more interesting areas was on the
- 22 OTC market where regulators around the world did

- 1 not have authority to on their own necessarily
- 2 collect data. We have participants in this group
- 3 from Saudi Arabia, Dubai, major Europeans, Canada
- 4 and Brazil, et cetera. We worked with ISDA in
- 5 this area to do a voluntary survey of the OTC
- 6 market in oil. We had 41 participants and the
- 7 participants included the G-14 major dealers, but
- 8 also producers and buy side firms participated.
- 9 It's a snapshot of results and it is voluntary and
- 10 unchecked by the regulators. So with all those
- 11 conditions, I wanted to preview some of the
- 12 results that will later be in a report to the G-20
- 13 for its November meeting.
- 14 I think it's fairly interesting that 19
- 15 percent of the trades, and this is by deal count
- 16 and not by volume, were conducted with a G-14
- 17 counterparty. I think what this tells us is that
- in the oil space you're seeing something very
- 19 different that you're not seeing in interest rates
- 20 and other financial derivatives, and that is that
- 21 much of the trading is being done by the non-big
- dealers and they're being done by non-G-14 to

- 1 non-G-14, a huge amount of trading. About half
- 2 the trades, 55 percent, are done on exchange of
- 3 all the participants. Nineteen percent of those
- 4 OTC trades are cleared, but 27 percent remain
- 5 uncleared which I think is quite large because
- 6 there is available clearing in this space as
- 7 opposed to a lot of the other products so that you
- 8 can see that a lot of it remains uncollateralized
- 9 and noncleared. There is more on-exchange trading
- of the G-14 members, there is more clearing of the
- 11 G-14 members than there is of the non-G-14, so
- 12 that I think those are interesting.
- Beyond the survey that we will provide
- 14 to the G-20 to provide that transparency, the CFTC
- 15 held a training program to provide information on
- 16 how we put out our commitment of trader report to
- 17 foreign regulators. There is very positive
- 18 reception of that training and we think that
- 19 several regulators will follow with a similar
- 20 commitment to trader report on certain markets.
- 21 Additionally, the task force is working
- 22 with cash market regulators, with price reporting

- 1 agencies and specifically Platts and Argus who do
- 2 put out prices that the exchanges use, so we're
- 3 working on how these price reporting agencies
- 4 affect the price of oil and whether there is
- 5 proper oversight of them.
- 6 Finally, I want to note future work of
- 7 this task force. There is a lot of press I think
- 8 in Europe and Patrick and Peter can speak to this,
- 9 but around the world about ag markets. It shifts
- 10 back and forth whether it's oil or ag or both, but
- 11 there is a great fear in the prices of ag markets
- 12 being volatile and how that affects global
- 13 economic recovery. I can anticipate at the
- 14 upcoming G-20 in November that this will be on the
- 15 agenda for world leaders, and not only will they
- 16 focus on what's happening in production and
- 17 capacity, et cetera, but I am sure they will also
- 18 focus once again on financial markets in this
- 19 space. So there is more work to come and we look
- 20 to industry to help us think through some of these
- 21 problems.
- 22 COMMISSIONER SOMMERS: Thank you,

- 1 Jackie. I'm going to ask now if there are any
- 2 final questions or discussion on this part of our
- 3 agenda, and I might ask Mike Dawley who is on the
- 4 phone if he has any questions and is able to break
- 5 in.
- 6 MR. DAWLEY: I'm good, Jill. Thanks.
- 7 CHAIRMAN GENSLER: Peter, no
- 8 Shakespeare, one of the things that we have in
- 9 Dodd-Frank is business conduct standards. Those
- 10 business conduct standards go both to lowering
- 11 risk of the swap dealers to the financial system,
- 12 a lot of back office, and there are also business
- 13 conduct standards on what I might call sales
- 14 practices, how you interface with customers.
- 15 Could you give us a sense? I think some of that
- 16 you may have taken up and some might be in later
- 17 MIFID reform, but that would be helpful.
- 18 MR. KERSTENS: We are indeed looking at
- 19 this. This is part of the MIFID directive which
- 20 is up for review at the beginning of next year,
- 21 and also a separate piece of legislation,
- 22 something that is called the marketer views

- 1 directive. Of course we have plenty of
- 2 directives. The advantage is that each
- 3 individually are much more readable than
- 4 Dodd-Frank together.
- 5 CHAIRMAN GENSLER: Is the answer is that
- 6 on sales practices you're taking that up in these
- 7 other directives and on the back office some of
- 8 those risk-mitigation techniques might be in this
- 9 package here? Thanks.
- 10 COMMISSIONER DUNN: For a number of
- 11 years I've pushed our international group very
- 12 hard to get involved at both the IOSCO level with
- 13 full membership and to have input into what goes
- 14 on with the FSB after the G-20 had indicated that
- 15 that was the mechanism that they were going to
- 16 use. I want to publicly thank Commissioner Casey
- 17 for her work on that area who did an outstanding
- 18 job at representing us here. I'm wondering what
- 19 opportunities does the public have for input as
- 20 these things are being hammered out? It would
- 21 appear to me that this group here has a great deal
- 22 at stake, and what type of input and when can they

- 1 get their input into this process?
- MS. MESA: I'll speak to IOSCO and maybe
- 3 let Commissioner Casey talk about the FSB. IOSCO
- 4 has traditionally put out reports always in a
- 5 consultative form first so that we can receive
- 6 public comment from industry. But about a year
- 7 ago, or it's now been 2 years ago, we heard from
- 8 industry that that wasn't sufficient, that
- 9 sometimes these reports went by and they wanted to
- 10 have early input into IOSCO's work and IOSCO then
- 11 set up a group that would meet I think twice a
- 12 year to have outreach to IOSCO into even what they
- 13 look at and what they should prioritize as work,
- 14 but also to provide face-to-face feedback to the
- 15 people leading the working groups. That has been
- 16 going on for some time, but of course it can't be
- 17 the world because it's a face-to-face meeting and
- 18 it's supposed to be representative bodies of
- 19 certain classes of industry. It's worked but it's
- 20 not perfect. Individual regulators like myself
- 21 sometimes will shove these reports out and ask for
- 22 feedback and among everyone here who is so busy

- 1 sometimes we get that and sometimes we don't
- 2 depending on the topic.
- COMMISSIONER CASEY: I think again it's
- 4 a really important point that you make and I know
- 5 that with the evolution of the work that's been
- 6 undertaken by the FSB, there's been a tremendous
- 7 amount of focus on the question of transparency.
- 8 As Jackie has noted, within IOSCO and other
- 9 standard-setting bodies like IOSCO or the Basel
- 10 committee or IAIS, you have these processes which
- 11 are intended to help facilitate putting out
- 12 consultative reports, getting input from key
- 13 stakeholders, having outreach efforts, all
- 14 intended again to help inform the standard-setting
- 15 bodies as they take these judgments.
- I would say in the context of the
- 17 ongoing work that the FSB is undertaking and the
- 18 working group on OTC derivatives in particular,
- 19 again the working group itself is comprised of the
- 20 standard-setting bodies, CPSS and IOSCO, and then
- 21 also with the leadership of the E.C. as well. So
- 22 to the degree that you have standard-setting

- 1 bodies also informing the higher-level principles
- 2 that are being articulated by the FSB and you have
- 3 a mechanism whereby the work that's taken forward,
- 4 the standard-setting work, is ultimately
- 5 undertaken by the standard-setting bodies, you
- 6 ensure that you have that kind of input at the
- 7 technical level. I think that going forward
- 8 though it's going to be an important balance to
- 9 keep in mind with respect to the very critical and
- 10 important role that the FSB plays in terms of
- 11 coordinating the efforts of standard- setting
- 12 bodies in helping to direct and foster
- 13 facilitating reform efforts in a consistent
- 14 manner, but I think it's also going to be
- 15 important therefore that the standard- setting
- 16 bodies themselves because those processes ensure
- 17 that you get that consultation and that
- 18 transparency, that they also continue to play that
- 19 frontline role. But what I anticipate from
- 20 hearing from a lot in the industry, and I know
- 21 that letters have been sent to the FSB and
- 22 otherwise, is to try to ensure that there is some

- 1 greater transparency and input into this processes
- 2 so that I think in a forward-looking way it's
- 3 going to be really important that those issues
- 4 continue to be addressed appropriately.
- 5 COMMISSIONER DUNN: Are there any
- 6 suggestions or comments by the GMAC on this
- 7 particular issue?
- 8 COMMISSIONER SOMMERS: If there are no
- 9 further questions, we're going to take about a
- 10 15-minute break, but I want to thank Commissioner
- 11 Casey for being here with us. I think it's really
- 12 important as we are trying to coordinate closely
- 13 with the SEC to have her here as we listen to our
- 14 counterparts globally. Thank you. We'll take
- 15 about a 15-minute break.
- 16 (Recess)
- 17 COMMISSIONER SOMMERS: I'm going to turn
- 18 to our General Counsel Dan Berkovitz for an update
- 19 on Dodd-Frank rulemaking. In the packet of
- 20 information that we sent to all of you there is a
- 21 comparison chart that compares Dodd- Frank to the
- 22 European Commission proposal, to the legislation

- 1 from the Japanese FSA, and if you have any
- 2 questions regarding that side-by-side on the
- 3 Dodd-Frank issues, please direct them to Dan as
- 4 he's the best person to answer those questions.
- 5 As well as I think most all of you know that we
- 6 have set up 30 rule-writing teams to assist with
- 7 our rulemaking process in implementing Dodd- Frank
- 8 and you have any specific questions regarding
- 9 those 30 rule-writing teams, Dan also is the
- 10 appropriate person to ask those questions to. I'm
- 11 going to have him focus more on international
- 12 issues that are in the implementation of
- 13 Dodd-Frank and he has a presentation with regard
- 14 to that.
- I also would be remiss if I didn't say
- 16 thank you because the side-by-side was a big
- 17 effort on behalf of the staff of the Office of
- 18 International Affairs and the General's Counsel's
- 19 Office, so thank you so much for putting that
- 20 together for us.
- 21 MR. BERKOVITZ: Thank you, Commissioner,
- 22 and I'd also like to thank Terry, Jackie and DCIO

- 1 for the help on the presentations.
- 2 As you've mentioned, we had prepared the
- 3 side-by- side of the Dodd-Frank and the E.C.
- 4 legislation and the Japanese legislation, but the
- 5 previous speakers, Mr. Pearson and Mr. Sumi,
- 6 covered it extremely well and I don't think
- 7 there's a need to go into additional detail. But
- 8 I have to say on that point it did bring to mind a
- 9 quote from Shakespeare and the quote from
- 10 Shakespeare is from "Macbeth" and I forget exactly
- 11 who said it but it's the scene where Lady Macbeth
- 12 is urging Macbeth to kill the king. That quote
- 13 came to mind not because of the references to
- 14 maybe the duplicative, ungrammatical words in the
- 15 Dodd-Frank legislation or the ponderous way it was
- 16 written, but it the quote comes to mind as a
- 17 complement to the presenter's, "If it were done
- 18 when 'tis done, then well it were done quickly."
- 19 So I'm not going to go into the side-by-side, but
- 20 we'd be happy to answer questions about it.
- I'm going to highlight some of the
- 22 international issues in the legislation, some of

- 1 the issues with probably most interest to the
- 2 members of the GMAC. I'll cover the
- 3 extraterritoriality issue, when does Dodd-Frank
- 4 have application extraterritorially? And then
- 5 mention some of the specific rulemakings that may
- 6 touch upon international interests and that would
- 7 be the clearing and trading requirements, the swap
- 8 data repositories and the foreign boards of trade.
- 9 I would note that David and Duane will follow me
- 10 on the panel and give the presentation on the
- 11 foreign boards of trade so I will mention that
- 12 that's an issue without getting into it and that
- will be the following presentation.
- On extraterritoriality, generally the
- 15 rule of statutory construction and application of
- 16 U.S. law is that a statute will not apply
- 17 extraterritorially unless there is an explicit
- 18 statement of extraterritoriality within the
- 19 legislation. We do have that statement in
- 20 Dodd-Frank. The legislation itself states in
- 21 Section 722(d), and this is in the presentation,
- 22 "The law shall not apply to activities outside the

- 1 United States unless those activities, (a) have a
- 2 direct and significant connection with activities
- 3 in or effect on commerce of the United States; or
- 4 (b) contravene CFTC rules issued to prevent
- 5 evasion of the Dodd-Frank Act." So the second
- 6 prong is you can't conduct your activities
- 7 overseas to evade the domestic requirements.
- 8 The first prong, direct and significant
- 9 connection with activities in or effect on
- 10 commerce of the United States, is very similar to
- 11 a provision that's in U.S. antitrust laws, direct
- 12 and substantial connection with interstate
- 13 commerce. So in looking to the reach of the U.S.
- law, we look to precedents in antitrust law and
- 15 see what the application of that standard has
- 16 been. Our reading of the law is that it's a very
- 17 broad application. This is a standard that the
- 18 courts have granted U.S. Authorities fairly
- 19 significant extraterritorial application so the
- 20 precedents are for a wide reach and a broad reach
- of U.S. law under Dodd-Frank.
- The question is does this require

- 1 application of Dodd-Frank in every instance to the
- 2 maximum extraterritorial reach possible under the
- 3 statute or not. There is no bright-line rule that
- 4 says that the statute applies to its fullest
- 5 extent in every single possible application. It
- 6 could apply or the agency may have, and we're
- 7 looking at the very specific circumstances each
- 8 individually, application or the Commission may
- 9 apply it extraterritorially in those situations.
- 10 So we're looking at the two questions for the
- 11 various provisions in Dodd- Frank, does the
- 12 extraterritorial provision permit application of
- U.S. law and should U.S. law apply in all those
- 14 circumstances.
- There are some circumstances where the
- 16 statute provides clearer guidance than others on
- 17 how a particular provision should apply
- 18 extraterritorially. For example, there is no
- 19 exemptive authority from swap or swap dealers so
- 20 we wouldn't be able to say for example swaps
- 21 extraterritorially are exempt from Dodd-Frank.
- 22 There is no specific authority in the statute.

- 1 Similarly with respect as we'll talk about a
- 2 little later facilities, for example, DCOs or
- 3 trade repositories, whether the U.S. could or
- 4 could not exempt a DCO from a registration
- 5 requirement on the presence of a comparable
- 6 regulatory scheme. So the two facilities where we
- 7 would have that authority would be SEFs and DCOs
- 8 and expressly not for trade repositories but it is
- 9 for SEFs and DCOs that we could consider whether
- 10 to exempt from registration based on a comparable
- 11 foreign regulatory scheme. So we're looking at
- 12 Dodd-Frank as we go through the individual
- 13 rulemakings on a rule-by-rule basis on a
- 14 provision-by-provision basis in Dodd-Frank
- 15 regarding extraterritoriality and that
- 16 determination will really be made on a
- 17 rule-by-rule basis. We don't have a blanket rule
- 18 to apply extraterritorially.
- 19 Some of the rules that have
- 20 international application or interest and the
- 21 speakers, Patrick talked about the clearing
- 22 requirement for example in particular, the word

- 1 clearable. I think too bad Patrick has left the
- 2 room although the word may not have existed prior
- 3 to Dodd-Frank. I think maybe 30 or 40 years from
- 4 now when the next addition of the Oxford English
- 5 Dictionary comes out it's going to be in there and
- 6 the first reference to clearable is probably going
- 7 to be a speech by Chairman Gensler sometime in
- 8 2009 and that will be the first entry into the
- 9 OED.
- 10 CHAIRMAN GENSLER: Are you suggesting
- 11 that I brought this, I don't know what you want
- 12 Patrick would say, but distortion of the English
- 13 language?
- MR. BERKOVITZ: The English language is
- 15 very flexible with all sorts of new words and new
- 16 terms all the time.
- 17 COMMISSIONER O'MALIA: At least you're
- 18 not credited with strategery.
- MR. BERKOVITZ: 723(a)(3) contains a
- 20 clearing requirement and clearable swaps must be
- 21 submitted for clearing to a derivatives clearing
- 22 organization registered with the CFTC and the CFTC

is to determine whether clearing is mandatory for 1 2 a swap. This is similar to the process that was outlined for the E.C. The Dodd-Frank legislation 3 provided that upon enactment all the swaps 4 currently being cleared by DCO are automatically 5 submitted to the CFTC for a determination of 6 whether clearing should be mandatory and the CFTC 7 had to make a determination within 90 days. 8 have been granted extensions by a number of the 9 clearing organizations, by all the clearing 10 organizations that were clearing as of the date of 11 enactment to make those determinations but the 12 agency hopefully intends to at this point proceed 13 expeditiously and have as many of those 14 15 determinations as possible on the effective date of the Act which would be 360 days after enactment 16 17 so that these clearable determinations, a number of these swaps have already been submitted to the 18 agency, and the agency will be working toward 19 20 making those determinations in a timely manner. The trading requirement follows from the 21 22 clearing requirement that clearable swaps must be

- 1 traded on or through an exchange, a designated
 2 contract market or a swap execution facility that
- 3 is registered with the CFTC. We're doing
- 4 rulemakings as well on the trading requirement and
- 5 the SEF requirement, the SEF core principles, what
- 6 the core principles that a SEF needs to operate
- 7 by, and what is a SEF is one of the fundamental
- 8 questions in those rulemakings and we have had a
- 9 roundtable on that and we are receiving many
- 10 comments and the goal is to out with a proposed
- 11 rule on that sometime in the fall of this year.
- 12 The commercial end user exception from
- 13 the clearing requirement, entities are accepted if
- 14 they're not financial, if they're using the swap
- 15 for hedging commercial risk and if they inform the
- 16 CFTC of how they are managing their risk. We
- 17 shorthand refer to it as the commercial end user
- 18 exception but it's really an exception for
- 19 entities that are not financial entities that meet
- 20 the other two prongs of the test and we're working
- 21 on a rulemaking on that as well and that will give
- 22 more definition to exactly under what

- 1 circumstances swaps do not have to be cleared.
- 2 As I mentioned, the exemptive authority,
- 3 this is one instance where Congress has spoken in
- 4 terms of giving some guidance, not definitive, on
- 5 the extraterritorial application of the
- 6 registration requirements for DCOs and SEFs. The
- 7 international expressly provides that we have
- 8 exemptive authority for a non-U.S. derivatives
- 9 clearing organization or a SEF from registration
- 10 if it finds that the SEF is subject to comparable
- 11 comprehensive supervision and regulation by the
- 12 appropriate governmental authorities in the home
- 13 country. It doesn't require the exercise of that
- 14 authority but it provides the CFTC with
- 15 discretionary authority and the exempt DCO under
- 16 those circumstances were the CFTC to grant such an
- 17 exemption would be required to make available for
- inspection by CFTC and to be inspected by CFTC and
- 19 make information available upon request. I would
- 20 note that for swap data repositories there is no
- 21 similar exemptive authority so that the test
- 22 really would be did Congress intend the swap data

- 1 repository registration provision to apply
- 2 extraterritorially? To what extent is the CFTC
- 3 required to register a swap data repository that's
- 4 located in a foreign jurisdiction? Another issue
- 5 with the swap data repositories located in foreign
- 6 jurisdictions is the access to the data, to what
- 7 extent can foreign regulatory authorities get
- 8 access to the data in the swap data repository?
- 9 Can they get it directly or should perhaps they
- 10 get it through the CFTC? That's another issue
- 11 that we are working through in the rulemaking
- 12 process.
- I will leave the foreign board of trade
- 14 issue for subsequent CFTC staff for David and
- 15 Duane to discuss. As an outline of some of the
- 16 key issues, there are obviously a lot of issues
- 17 embedded in these general topics. We have as
- 18 Commissioner Sommers mentioned 30 rulemakings and
- 19 many of them touch upon these areas in one way or
- 20 the other. Thank you.
- 21 COMMISSIONER SOMMERS: Now is your
- 22 opportunity to ask Dan anything you want to know

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about Dodd-Frank and our rulemaking process. 1 anybody have any questions? 2 3 MR. WILSON: I have some questions and comments. One of the opportunities that's 4 5 presented by this extensive rejiggering process that we're going through is to increase the number 6 of market participants in these markets so, first 7 of all, in my view a swap which is cleared becomes 8 economically equivalent to a future and as I think 9 10 everybody knows, there are a lot of market participants like my firm like DRW which are very 11 12 significant liquidity providers in the futures markets. I think that if in this process we miss 13 the opportunity to encourage firms like mine to 14 participate, we've missed an opportunity to reduce 15 16 systemic risk and to reduce the reliance on too-big-to-fail institutions. In order to do that 17 I think that you have to focus on issues related 18 to access which cuts across a bunch of different 19 rulemakings and one of the issues is making it 20 viable for independent FCMs to participate as 21

clearing members in these clearinghouses in these

- 1 products.
- I was wondering if you'd like to comment
- 3 on that. One of the issues that keeps on being
- 4 brought up on both sides of the Atlantic is that
- 5 there is a strong preference for FCMs to also be
- 6 in the dealing process, in other words, to be able
- 7 to participate in the default process. It's my
- 8 view that by precluding independent FCMs from
- 9 participating as clearing members because they
- 10 don't trade themselves that you're potentially
- 11 eliminating an entire group of market participants
- 12 from coming in. I was wondering if you could
- 13 comment on that.
- 14 CHAIRMAN GENSLER: Don, I'm not replying
- 15 to your question, I'm asking you a question.
- 16 Would you as a potential market maker be willing
- 17 to participate in any forced allocation if a
- 18 clearinghouse had a defaulted member and for the
- 19 public there are a number of ways for the
- 20 clearinghouse to deal with it, but one fail-safe
- 21 is to say amongst their 20 or 30 or 50 members
- 22 that they just force the allocation on some pro

- 1 rata basis of the defaulted member's positions?
- 2 MR. WILSON: In the Lehman process that
- 3 the CME conducted, I think that we saw how a
- 4 competitive auction process should function. We
- 5 participated in that process and were the best
- 6 bidder for three of the five Lehman futures
- 7 portfolios so we're very comfortable participating
- 8 in that process. That's a free-market process,
- 9 but that process should work.
- 10 CHAIRMAN GENSLER: You've disclosed it
- 11 publicly and I knew it privately that you
- 12 participated in that, but would you also be
- 13 willing if the auction failed to take your pro
- 14 rata portion in a forced allocation among members?
- 15 I think that's one thing clearinghouses have
- 16 raised, some of them sitting at this table. If
- 17 you were able to it might loosen this discussion
- 18 up quite a bit, loosen it up among you and the
- 19 clearinghouses because for the public the
- 20 clearinghouses' membership is exclusionary to 20
- or 30 members and there are some like Don Wilson's
- 22 firm that would like to become members of future

- 1 clearinghouses.
- 2 MR. WILSON: To be clear, again, our
- 3 view of the world as things become more cleared is
- 4 not necessarily that we want to self-clear.
- 5 Certainly if we wanted to self- clear we're fine
- 6 participating with whatever process is decided
- 7 including the possibility of taking parts of
- 8 portfolios in the event of a failed auction. But
- 9 we think that the better model is to encourage the
- 10 FCM model and in that case we're happy to work
- 11 with FCMs in that default process. I'm not
- 12 exactly sure what a failed auction means. Does
- 13 that mean that nobody bid on the portfolio?
- 14 CHAIRMAN GENSLER: I don't know, but
- 15 some of the clearinghouses around the table have
- 16 said that that's a possibility.
- 17 MR. LIDDELL: A failed auction would be
- in which the clearinghouse wasn't able to dispose
- of a portfolio for a price that was commensurate
- 20 margin it was holding from the defaulting member.
- 21 In other words, it would have run out of initial
- 22 margin if it accepted the best offer that they

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got. But it really the underlying issue here is 1 centered around the massive difference between 2 handling the defaulter's portfolio on listed 3 markets where you've got access to a market that's 4 deep, it's liquid, it's well established, as 5 opposed to handling large portfolios of illiquid 6 positions where the clearinghouse is completely 7 dependent upon a competitive auction process. 8 the purposes of the failed allocation, Mister 9 Chairman, actually is not really to use it, the 10 11 purpose of that is that it's a massive weapon at 12 our disposal and the reason that we need that is because that forces the members who are handling 13 the default to make sure the auction works. 14 was actually really interested in practice to see 15 what happened with the Lehman portfolio because 16 while that was all going on over the first few 17 days, most of the members started to become 18 really, really frightened and quite anxious and 19 20 there were some heated moments actually because 21 they couldn't see what we were doing, they

couldn't see what the people that they had

- 1 deployed -- were doing in terms of hedging the
- 2 portfolio so they didn't know what the PNR was
- 3 done and they knew what the markets were doing
- 4 because they're in the markets so that the
- 5 possibility of exceeding the initial margin in
- 6 their eyes was very, very high and they become
- 7 really, really scared about this and I'm actually
- 8 convinced that that dynamic was what caused us to
- 9 have a very competitive auction so that the
- 10 purpose of it is not to use it, it's to encourage
- 11 appropriate behavior.
- We're having some fascination
- 13 discussions with some of the same firms around
- 14 credit derivatives at the moment. I think Jeff
- 15 has already passed this line, where because of the
- 16 different nature of the credit derivatives markets
- in terms of its concentration and in particular in
- 18 terms of its concentration around certain single
- 19 names that only a few firms trade or they market
- in, the general view of our members is that that
- 21 forced allocation can't be part of our armory
- 22 because it just doesn't work, it just wouldn't be

- 1 fair and it's just hard to make that happen
- 2 accepts in fact that there needs to be some
- 3 weapon. What's being discussed now, and the banks
- 4 seem to be strongly in favor of this at the moment
- 5 at least is that we'll calculate what we need for
- 6 a default fund, we do our normal initial margin
- 7 calculations, we'll size our default fund
- 8 appropriately for the credit default swap offering
- 9 it separately, and then on top of that we'll stick
- 10 a significant extra big lump in the default fund.
- 11 In other words, the members would have to put
- 12 quite a lot more of their capital on the line and
- 13 directly at risk and it's that risk and that
- 14 weapon that would create the behavior that we'd
- 15 otherwise get through the forced allocation.
- 16 I'm sorry for the long answer to your
- 17 question, but it's a massively important piece of
- 18 behavioral inducement that we really need and you
- 19 can get it one or two different ways, but if we
- 20 don't have that then we are very nervous at
- 21 relying on an auction just running its course.
- 22 CHAIRMAN GENSLER: I interrupted Dan.

- 1 He can answer the legal question. I was trying to
- 2 help you two talk to each other across this public
- 3 meeting.
- 4 MR. WILSON: Just a couple of comments
- 5 on that. I think that a lot of these markets are
- 6 extremely liquid and that's one of the things
- 7 that's said to justify this is that they're
- 8 illiquid but I think that one of the markets that
- 9 we're interested in is the vanilla interest rate
- 10 swap market which obviously LCH clears quite a lot
- of and I think that everybody knows that's a very
- 12 liquid market. A lot of the CDS markets are
- 13 liquid too. There are certainly some illiquid
- 14 components of that as well, but I think that in
- 15 these liquid markets a traditional auction process
- 16 should be very effective. And to the extent that
- 17 the initial margin doesn't cover the price, there
- 18 are other ways of dealing with that. A forced
- 19 allocation isn't the only way.
- 20 COMMISSIONER SOMMERS: Dan, do you have
- 21 any comments?
- MR. BERKOVITZ: I have nothing to add to

- 1 the discussion that's already occurred.
- 2 MR. WASSERMAN: It seems like we're
- 3 trying to balance two things. On the one hand, it
- 4 is appropriate and indeed necessary and part of
- 5 the core principles that clearinghouses have
- 6 appropriate participant eligibility requirements.
- 7 On the other hand, we want to avoid barriers to
- 8 entry, and it seems to me that part of the way to
- 9 maybe square this to the extent that there is
- 10 conflict in this is to make sure that we're
- 11 looking at this with appropriate imagination to
- 12 say what are the alternative ways? So to the
- 13 extent that it's necessary to have forced
- 14 allocation of a means of socializing, then you
- 15 need to look and ask how can that be accomplished?
- 16 Must it be at that particular clearing member?
- 17 Can a clearing member for instance outsource that
- 18 to perhaps another member under the supervision of
- 19 the clearinghouse? Or as you mentioned there are
- 20 other ways of accomplishing it besides forced
- 21 allocation so I guess we're hoping to see that
- 22 folks are attacking this imaginatively rather than

- 1 saying either you have this capability or you
- 2 don't qualify, go away.
- 3 COMMISSIONER SOMMERS: Conrad?
- 4 MR. VOLSTAD: I'm a bit away from
- 5 running big organizations but when I was working
- 6 for one of the big investment banks among other
- 7 responsibilities I had responsibility for futures
- 8 and futures clearance was an extraordinarily
- 9 competitive business and I would imagine that
- 10 clearing of OTC derivatives is going to become
- 11 extraordinarily competitive as well. Recently
- 12 Barclays took on \$200 billion of derivative
- 13 clearing for Monte dei Paschi in Italy and I
- 14 would have thought that the cost of being a client
- 15 clearer, clearing through a clearing member,
- 16 should not be very onerous as competition sets in
- 17 and that one could make markets by being a client
- 18 of a clearing member. I don't know the pricing
- 19 right now but I think it's got to emerge down
- 20 toward what you will pay above and beyond being a
- 21 clearing member, you save by not having to have
- 22 the capital at risk.

1 MR. WILSON: We're not concerned about 2 the pricing so much. It's the actual access. 3 instance right now, LCH has worked on coming out with this new client model but the way that the 4 5 workflows work are defined if we wanted to trade with a nondealer and clear that, in other words, 6 provide liquidity to a nondealer and then clear 7 that trade at swap clear, my understanding is the 8 way that it's structured right now is specifically 9 to preclude that type of activity which we think 10 is not in the best interests of the overall 11 12 functioning of the market. I'll also highlight at 13 the CME that the CME has a CDS product which hasn't really taken off but we've been unable to 14 come to a clearing arrangement with any of the 15 16 dealer clearing members who are able to offer that 17 product and it's not a question of price. 18 COMMISSIONER SOMMERS: Jeff? MR. SPRECHER: You have another 19 20 alternative for that clearing. 21 MR. WILSON: We've also had a hard time 22 figuring out a way to access that market through

- 1 that alternative, but thank you, Jeff.
- 2 MR. SPRECHER: We can talk afterwards;
- 3 \$300 million worth has come in already.
- 4 CHAIRMAN GENSLER: This is not so much a
- 5 legal question, but the statute does have a number
- 6 of access provisions. One is that clearinghouses
- 7 give nondiscriminatory open access to trading
- 8 platforms. One is that the trading platforms have
- 9 impartial access. That's in the statute. But
- 10 also you're raising the question of access through
- 11 participant edibility and I think Bob Wasserman
- 12 said it very well that these participant
- 13 eligibility rules should not become barriers to
- 14 entry and what Don Wilson I guess is highlighting
- is maybe right now, am I correct, your sense is
- 16 they are barriers to entry.
- MR. WILSON: Yes, that's correct, at
- 18 this time they are.
- 19 COMMISSIONER SOMMERS: Laurie?
- MS. FERBER: If I may, I think certainly
- 21 it is our view that there they are barriers to
- 22 entry. I think we'll be very interested to see

- 1 where the Commission goes with this and where
- 2 other regulators go, the gap or potential gap
- 3 between Bob's comment of encouraging the
- 4 clearinghouses to think creatively, I think
- 5 imaginatively about approaches to this, and
- 6 whether the CFTC is going to put real teeth in the
- 7 fair and open access criteria. I think having
- 8 been at the hands of the clearinghouses for quite
- 9 a while we'd like to see the playing field set by
- 10 the Commission and not just by the clearinghouses
- 11 and members.
- 12 CHAIRMAN GENSLER: Is it your view,
- 13 Laurie, that the playing field is not level right
- 14 now?
- MS. FERBER: Yes. I think the barriers
- 16 to entry do not track to the actual products and
- 17 there's much room for approaches that would open
- 18 up the FCM clearing community and that's what
- 19 we're hearing from buy-side clients who want to
- 20 have a different choice of access.
- MR. WILSON: We think that the ownership
- 22 restrictions are not the way to solve this

- 1 problem. We think that the ownership restrictions
- 2 may actually prevent competition rather than solve
- 3 this problem. We think it's more of a governance
- 4 issue and a specific rulemaking issue.
- 5 COMMISSIONER SOMMERS: Does anyone else
- 6 have any questions or comments with regard to the
- 7 rulemaking in Dodd-Frank, legal questions that Dan
- 8 may be able to answer?
- 9 MR. OKOCHI: I have more of a step-back
- 10 broader question. The E.C. proposals have some
- 11 rules that could be used in your rulemaking
- 12 process. Are there any thoughts on the approach,
- 13 for example, the information threshold, clearing
- 14 threshold could be used to define major swap
- 15 participants. There are penalties for SDRs that
- 16 are defined in the proposal. Is there a general
- 17 approach that the CFTC will take on taking that
- 18 into consideration?
- 19 MR. BERKOVITZ: On all the rulemaking
- 20 teams where we've identified an international
- 21 component or potentially international interest,
- 22 Jackie has got a member of the team and that is

- 1 being factored into each of the rulemaking teams
- 2 what is the international approach. Is it a good
- 3 idea? Where should we consider harmonization?
- 4 And there have been a number of standards
- 5 specifically on clearing where these have been
- 6 really factored in very heavily into the
- 7 rulemaking team process, so, yes.
- 8 MS. MESA: I would not something that
- 9 Chairman Gensler said publicly last week so that
- 10 I'm taking your words, once the European
- 11 Commission proposal came out, the rulemaking teams
- 12 were given instruction from him to implement
- 13 whatever we could take from the European
- 14 Commission's proposals so that you couldn't get a
- 15 stronger recommendation than that and the
- 16 rulemaking teams are trying to actively implement
- 17 wherever we can and wherever it makes sense.
- 18 COMMISSIONER SOMMERS: Richard?
- MR. BERLIAND: I think one of the
- 20 takeaways from today's session is that if we look
- 21 at the clearing process and we look at the trade
- 22 repository process, the timing of the European,

- 1 Japanese and American processes are sufficiently
- 2 on top of each other that we've had that
- 3 opportunity to go back and check what the other
- 4 guys bring to the table and then put that into the
- 5 process. I think as Patrick highlighted, the
- 6 differences between the two in those areas or
- 7 three if we include the Japanese version as well
- 8 are relatively limited and for all intents and
- 9 purposes I think where the differences are they
- 10 are capable of being ironed out and there is a
- 11 process to do so.
- The area that I think we've discussed
- 13 very little today is the trading side and that is
- 14 where our timelines are out of synch because the
- 15 MIFID review isn't really going to get going until
- 16 the American process is reasonably far advanced
- 17 and I think it's going to be a lot harder to back
- 18 up. I appreciate that this may be more a
- 19 discussion of policy than a specific legal
- 20 process, but I'm interested as to what your view
- is on the process to ensure we don't get so far
- 22 out of synch on the trading side, in particular

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definitions of SEFs, and it's my view that there 1 are higher risks of philosophical differences of 2 opinion on the trading side than has been the case 3 on clearing not least where we had the statement 4 from the G-20 which made clearing one of I would 5 say the less controversial areas compared to 6 trading. But I'd be interested in your view on 7 how we stay in synch given that the Europeans are 8 a little bit behind or actually quite a long way 9 behind given the separation of the processes. 10 I will start out with 11 MR. BERKOVITZ: the answer and then I'm going to hand off to 12 Jackie as to how we can integrate the two on the 13 different timelines. I would emphasize that our 14 timeline is statutorily mandated. At CFTC we 15 virtually no flexibility in the timeline for 16 17 completing these rules. In order to meet the deadline for July 16, 2011, 360 days after 18 enactment, we're working diligently on the 19 20 proposed rules right now. We've had three come out last Friday and it's the intent to have a 21

number of others proposed in the upcoming weeks.

- 1 We have virtually no flexibility on the speed at
- 2 which we're going as it's dictated to us by
- 3 Congress so that within that timeframe we'll be
- 4 taking into account what Europe is doing and I'll
- 5 let Jackie answer that.
- 6 MS. MESA: I think Patrick said earlier
- 7 that it's not a surprise that the European
- 8 Commission's proposal came out largely in line
- 9 with Dodd-Frank and it wasn't because they just
- 10 looked at on paper once Dodd-Frank was out and
- 11 then just picked it up and implemented it, there
- 12 were conversations before even Dodd-Frank was
- passed with the European Commission as there is on
- 14 the trading bit of it. Patrick's team isn't
- 15 handling it on the European Commission. On that
- 16 side it's Maria Valensa but we've had regular
- 17 calls with Maria Valensa and her staff and our
- 18 staff working here on the trading requirement to
- 19 take on ideas that they're thinking about and to
- 20 share with them where we're going.
- You're right that this issue is highly
- 22 controversial even in Europe and Peter can talk

- 1 about that. This is a hotly debated issue, but
- 2 we're taking ideas from them and they're taking
- 3 ideas from us and I think we're going to see some
- 4 of the similar results that we saw on the trading
- 5 and clearing part of it.
- 6 COMMISSIONER SOMMERS: Are there any
- 7 other comments before we move to the foreign board
- 8 of trade issue? If not, we'll move to two of our
- 9 CFTC staff from the Division of Market Oversight,
- 10 Duane Andreson and David Van Wagner to present to
- 11 us on the foreign board of trade issues that are
- 12 within the Dodd-Frank and the rulemaking that
- 13 we'll have to do on this issue.
- 14 MR. VAN WAGNER: Good afternoon. This
- 15 is just by way of introduction to Duane getting
- 16 control of the PowerPoint. Dodd-Frank authorized
- 17 the Commission to establish a new market category,
- 18 registered foreign boards of trade. While the
- 19 rulemaking to establish rules around the process
- 20 and standards for registered foreign boards of
- 21 trade was discretionary and not mandatory, the
- 22 Commission has decided to go ahead with the

- 1 rulemaking because we thought it was important to
- 2 bring more transparency to the process and the
- 3 standards by which foreign boards of trade come
- 4 and get access to U.S.-based traders and to
- 5 replace the current process that we use which is a
- 6 staff-driven no action process which has been in
- 7 place or 14 years or so. By way of ticking
- 8 through the Dodd-Frank provisions and some of the
- 9 issues that we're thinking about in the context of
- 10 the rulemaking, Duane will take you through that.
- MR. ANDRESEN: Thanks, David. Good
- 12 afternoon. There's the famous disclaimer, and
- 13 this slide looks at lot like the one that was just
- 14 up there for a few minutes during the last
- 15 discussion.
- 16 The Dodd-Frank bill provides that the
- 17 Commission may require registered for foreign
- 18 boards of trade. They want to permit identified
- 19 members and other participants in the United
- 20 States with direction access to their trading
- 21 system. It also says the CFTC can adopt rules and
- 22 regulations prescribing the procedures and

requirements applicable to that registration and 1 that's the duty of the current rulemaking team. 2 3 The registration requirement as David mentioned will replace the current practice of 4 issuing staff no action letters. Currently we 5 have 20 active letters, 20 exchanges, that have 6 active no action letters of whom 14 are showing 7 volume from within the United States. In adopting 8 these rules and regulations, the Commission shall 9 10 consider whether the foreign board of trade is subject to comparable comprehensive supervision 11 12 and regulation by the appropriate governmental 13 authorities in the FBOT's home country. I understand from earlier today that was all 14 whittled down to whether the FBOT is subject to 15 equivalent regulation in its home country. 16 17 Some other things that would be looked at during the context of the registration 18 requirement are these seven areas probably because 19 we're not really certain at this point, but these 20 are the seven areas that perform the basis of the 21 22 review for the no action process, in particular,

- 1 the trading system, does it comply with the IOSCO
- 2 principles, settlement and clearing, the same
- 3 kinds of things that the Commission would look at
- 4 as part of the DCM registration.
- 5 The Dodd-Frank bill also has special
- 6 provisions for linked contracts, that is, the
- 7 Commission cannot permit a foreign board of trade
- 8 to provide direct access to its trading system
- 9 unless the Commission determines that the foreign
- 10 board of trade does the following with respect to
- 11 any linked contract, that is, a contract that
- 12 settles against any price of a contract listed in
- 13 a U.S.-registered entity. The foreign board of
- 14 trade must make available daily trading
- 15 information that's equivalent to that of the
- 16 linked contract, it must establish equivalent
- 17 position limits, it or its regulatory authority
- 18 must have the capability to require position
- 19 adjustments, it must provide information to the
- 20 Commission, large trader information, that is
- 21 comparable to that provided for the linked
- 22 contract and it must provide the Commission

- 1 information for the aggregate trader positions.
- 2 Those are the provisions in the
- 3 Dodd-Frank Act. Some of the considerations that
- 4 would impact a rulemaking with respect to
- 5 registration for a foreign board of trade are on
- 6 the next three slides. That is, as we said, the
- 7 registration requirement replaces the current
- 8 practice of no action letters. To what extent
- 9 should the registration submission requirements
- 10 match those, the requirements of the no action
- 11 letters? And should registration be viewed as a
- 12 codification of the current no action policy or
- 13 something different? Secondly, what standard
- 14 should the Commission use to determine if a
- 15 foreign board of trade should be eligible for
- 16 registration? The four standards that are listed
- 17 here are those that were published in the
- 18 Commission's policy statement in 2006 in which the
- 19 Commission endorsed the no action policy.
- 20 Another set of provisions that are
- 21 considered would be considered in any rulemaking.
- 22 What should constitute comparable comprehensive

supervision and regulation by appropriate 1 government authorities in the foreign board of 2 3 trade's home country? To what extent does that mean that the foreign board of trade is subject to 4 comprehensive supervision and regulation that is 5 comparable to that the CFTC provides in overseeing 6 Secondly, how should the registration 7 its DCMs? requirements affect foreign boards of trade that 8 current have no action relief? Should the 20 9 foreign boards of trade be grandfathered and not 10 have to apply for registration at all? Should 11 12 there be some kind of limited registration based on the fact that they've already been reviewed 13 once and determined to be adequate for the no 14 action process? Or should they be treated like a 15 16 brand-new applicant? 17 Finally in terms of the consideration, the Dodd- Frank bill defines direct access for 18 19 purpose of foreign board of trade registration to refer to an explicit grant of authority by a 20 foreign board of trade to an identified member or 21 22 other participant located in the U.S. to enter

trades directly into the trade-matching system of 1 the foreign board of trade. We are well aware 2 3 that there are many different methodologies for electronic transmission of orders that are not 4 5 exactly like this but are very similar to this. For instance, if a 3010 firm allows orders to be 6 routed to it and they simply pass through the 7 risk- management filter without any additional 8 interface with the infrastructure, is that not 9 10 direct access? And what about a firm that authorized its clients to connect directly to the 11 12 foreign board of trade under the firm's mnemonic or password referred to IOSCO as sponsored access? 13 To what extent are those kinds of access to a 14 trade-matching engine equivalent to direct access 15 such that the Commission should consider requiring 16 those foreign boards of trade to register? 17 18 The proposed registration rules will be 19 published in the Federal Register before the end of the year. We would certainly welcome your 20 comments on any area of the proposed rule. 21 the rulemaking is on a 1-year timeframe and even 22

- 1 though it's discretionary it's on a 360-day
- 2 timeframe and if you wish to make comments there
- 3 is a way to make comments including the FBOT
- 4 registration team page if you wish to make
- 5 comments before any proposed rule hits the street.
- 6 Thank you very much.
- 7 COMMISSIONER SOMMERS: Thank you, Duane.
- 8 Richard?
- 9 MR. BERLIAND: Duane, thank you. I
- 10 think as Chairman Gensler has said, the process of
- 11 the no action letters is something that grew up
- 12 over the years. I'm sure we wouldn't have
- introduced it if we'd known it had grown into
- 14 something that it is today. But my main concern
- is that to have a process that is one way, i.e., a
- 16 process where a foreign board of trade wanting to
- 17 grant access to U.S. participants goes under this
- 18 process is going to lead inevitably to a whole
- 19 load of bilateral arrangements that exist around
- 20 the world, so whether it's ICE or any of the
- 21 entities that exist in the U.S. that was to
- 22 provide access to other countries, I think it

- 1 would be great whether it's using IOSCO or
- 2 otherwise to a process where we could come up with
- 3 a global standard and I think undoubtedly these
- 4 are going to incorporate a lot of best practices
- 5 to do just that. But much as I think the Part 30
- 6 process which had so much of this mutual
- 7 recognition and sharing of information, whether we
- 8 could come up with something similar I think it
- 9 would be a tremendous step forward of efficiency
- 10 in trying to achieve what will be a better and
- 11 more regulated process. But I would strongly
- 12 endorse the idea that we try to use IOSCO to come
- 13 up with a multilateral process rather than
- 14 everybody putting their own access rights in
- 15 place.
- 16 COMMISSIONER SOMMERS: Tom?
- MR. CALLAHAN: My question is how do we
- 18 ensure that as the Commission moves forward with
- 19 this discretionary rule-writing that there are not
- 20 unintended consequences, to take some of Richard's
- 21 comments a bit further, that create trade
- 22 barriers? Liffe has been subject to this no

- 1 action regime since 1998 and our experience is
- 2 that it's worked exceptionally well; that although
- 3 informal it's a very robust process that was
- 4 further strengthened in 2008 to give further
- 5 requirements around foreign contracts linked to
- 6 U.S. markets; certainly requires a high level of
- 7 coordination between international regulators but
- 8 certainly from everything we've heard today that's
- 9 happening. Our concern given that one-third of
- 10 the volume on our European Liffe Exchange comes
- 11 from U.S. Clients which is a direct result I
- 12 think of the success of the current no action
- 13 regime, that if this causes foreign jurisdictions
- 14 to retaliate and force their own registrations
- 15 although it may be helpful as Richard said if
- 16 there are some standards but there will be no
- 17 requirement that those are followed, there could
- 18 be very severe unintended consequences. We have a
- 19 process right now that I think has been
- 20 exceptionally effective and it sounds from the
- 21 proposal that we're formalizing processes in many
- 22 instances that are happening right now anyway.

- 1 How do we guard against those unintended
- 2 consequences that could really hurt global flows
- 3 of capital?
- 4 MS. MESA: If you look around the globe
- 5 at other countries' mutual recognition regimes,
- 6 they have a registration process in place. It's
- 7 sort of what we're contemplating at the CFTC. I
- 8 think the process that this is embedded in a
- 9 statute should give the foreign exchanges more
- 10 comfort because a staff no action today could just
- 11 be ripped out by staff at any time. So this is a
- 12 formal in- statute recognition process which will
- 13 grant access to U.S. Customers. I think you
- 14 rightly point out that we're codifying what's
- 15 there now on an informal basis. There will of
- 16 course be some adjustments to keep in line with
- 17 raising the bar, but we hope those won't be out of
- 18 synch with what other regulators are doing around
- 19 the globe.
- 20 CHAIRMAN GENSLER: Tom and Jeff might
- 21 want to comment on this. One of the things that
- 22 I've found is, and it was even in my confirmation

- 1 process, this whole concept that a regulatory
- 2 body, the CFTC, over some 14 years has done 20 of
- 3 these at the staff level and weren't necessarily
- 4 at the full Commission level even though sometimes
- 5 they went through what was called an absent
- 6 objection process. That lacks some credibility to
- 7 certain members of Congress and the public so that
- 8 here is a very transparent process. The public
- 9 will be able to comment on the set of proposed
- 10 rules and I'm sure we'll adjust them in some way
- 11 before we get to the final rules because that's
- 12 the process. I'm encouraged by this. I think it
- 13 brings greater transparency and public input and
- 14 hopefully uniformity. Again I sense what you're
- 15 saying is you're a little nervous because
- 16 something has worked and so what you know has
- 17 worked and you're worried for New York Stock
- 18 Exchange Liffe as to what might come.
- MR. CALLAHAN: I think that's exactly
- 20 right in that we are formalizing a process that's
- 21 been in place for 14 years, it's tried and true
- 22 and it has worked.

- 1 CHAIRMAN GENSLER: I would say that it
- 2 hasn't fully worked. It hasn't gained the full
- 3 confidence and credibility of the public.
- 4 MR. CALLAHAN: That's a perception issue
- 5 which may be valid, but the technical details of
- 6 how this process worked before and after are going
- 7 to be largely unchanged at least from what I
- 8 understand from the proposal so that I'm just
- 9 worried again about the unintended consequences,
- 10 that if the facts aren't changing we're just
- 11 formalizing this through this formal registration
- 12 process, how do we guard against this becoming a
- 13 trade barrier? And I think that's a hard question
- 14 to answer and we're not going to know until the
- 15 rule goes into affect.
- 16 COMMISSIONER SOMMERS: Mike?
- 17 COMMISSIONER DUNN: If I may enter in
- 18 here with a couple of thoughts. First of all,
- 19 Tom, I understand your concerns but in my opinion
- 20 this gives much greater legal certainty as to what
- 21 is taking place because it is codified now and we
- 22 have had recent situations where a chairman or a

- 1 division director has said I'm going to change
- 2 that no action letter and just like that with no
- 3 rhyme or reason. Under our regulations they don't
- 4 have to tell you why they're going to be changing
- 5 that, they can just yank it and I feel this gives
- 6 a great deal more uncertainty.
- 7 The second aspect is uniformity and
- 8 during my tenure as I see things evolving here on
- 9 these no action letters, that initially there were
- 10 a couple of points said we have to have these in
- 11 there, later on three or four more points were
- 12 added and now we're up to seven points that to be
- 13 added. All of those originally were in there and
- 14 the no action letter only applies to those that
- 15 had that no action letter to them and not
- 16 uniformly across the entire industry, so that in
- 17 my opinion this really does give an opportunity
- 18 for everybody to be on a level playing field.
- 19 COMMISSIONER SOMMERS: I would say that
- 20 I agree with codifying and formalizing the
- 21 process, but in doing so to take into
- 22 consideration some of the concerns of the people

- 1 who have been operating under the no action
- 2 process and a process that has not had problems
- 3 besides the linked contract issues that we've
- 4 dealt with separately.
- I do have a question for Jackie. Is
- 6 there is an IOSCO work stream on mutual
- 7 recognition?
- 8 MS. MESA: There was, and maybe Duane
- 9 knows the date, of the screen-based project in
- 10 IOSCO which came up with a mutual-recognition
- 11 regime for foreign boards of trade. It's
- 12 something that we at the CFTC use as the basis for
- 13 a no action process and it's what other countries
- 14 modeled their regimes on mutual recognition on.
- 15 It's been quite some time since we've looked at
- 16 that, so maybe what I'm hearing is it's time to
- 17 take another look at it in IOSCO, but there is
- 18 something that tried to harmonize this process
- 19 really early on.
- 20 COMMISSIONER SOMMERS: Thank you.
- 21 Bonnie?
- MS. LITT: Duane, you mentioned that

- 1 there was some talk about what direct access from
- 2 the U.S. means and you talked about sponsored
- 3 access and access through firm-provided filters.
- 4 Is there any thought that this new provision is
- 5 going to change the way you thought about what
- 6 presence in the U.S. means under the no action
- 7 letters versus under this statutory and regulatory
- 8 regime?
- 9 MR. ANDRESEN: It's hard to say now but
- 10 I wouldn't think so.
- 11 MS. LITT: You wouldn't think that it
- 12 would change?
- MR. ANDRESEN: No. The idea that the
- 14 direct access is from the United States is in the
- 15 definition. It's just what is encompassed within
- 16 that definition in the real world in terms of
- 17 order routing systems, but there would still be
- 18 players from within the United States who would be
- 19 impacted.
- MS. LITT: Having been around for the
- 21 first time we talked about this stuff, it was a
- 22 very big issue because obviously when FCMs provide

- 1 access through their own trading systems, that
- 2 doesn't necessarily make the exchange present in
- 3 the United States and this is another place where
- 4 there is some room for mischief because if you
- 5 overly broadly define what presence in a country
- 6 means, and in an electronic world what in the
- 7 world does that mean anyway, you worry about
- 8 having too many people cross-registering across so
- 9 that I think it's something we have to be
- 10 conscious of. Obviously the no action regime has
- 11 worked well in this regard so that it's a place
- 12 where we would vote thumbs up for those
- 13 interpretations.
- MR. VAN WAGNER: I'd add that Congress
- 15 had some decent wordage on this. There is wording
- 16 in there about the exchange itself being the actor
- 17 which gives explicit authority which is helpful.
- 18 But as with all things I think in Dodd-Frank, we
- 19 are concerned about the possibility of evasion
- 20 where an exchange might encourage direct access
- 21 because they don't want to bother coming to us. I
- 22 think it's fair to say on this issue there will be

- 1 a number of questions regardless of how the
- 2 Commission proposes the rule so I would definitely
- 3 watch the Federal Register space.
- 4 CHAIRMAN GENSLER: Anthony?
- 5 MR. BELCHAMBERS: I think that the shift
- 6 from no action is entirely right and I think it's
- 7 an unacceptable concept in the post-crisis climate
- 8 to say that it's no action, it sounds rather
- 9 negative so that I think the idea of going to an
- 10 overseas licensing regime which is where most of
- 11 the jurisdictions are moving toward is entirely
- 12 right. I think the risk is, and I think Bonnie
- 13 touched on it, will this be a vehicle for
- 14 redefining what is a U.S. Exchange and I think
- 15 there is a certain nervousness because as you know
- 16 we had this debate 3 or 4 years ago. Was it
- 17 longer? I'm getting older and I feel my memory is
- 18 no good anymore.
- The other thing is whether or not there
- 20 are going to be additional rules that if you like
- 21 are brought under this new title of describing the
- 22 way in which exchanges can do business in the

- 1 U.S., and I think those are the worry areas. But
- 2 my understanding is that there isn't going to be
- 3 raft of new rules sitting under this and that it's
- 4 going to be more of the way of describing it as a
- 5 positive regime for the purposes of the Hill
- 6 particularly rather than a negative regime.
- 7 CHAIRMAN GENSLER: Poor Duane is trying
- 8 to answer the questions. He doesn't really know
- 9 there are five independently Senate confirmed
- 10 Commissioners, so I want to get Duane off the hook
- 11 for a little bit, and as David Wan Wagner said,
- 12 you'll have to wait for the Federal Register
- 13 release. We have a lot to debate and discuss. I
- 14 note that because the old foreign board of trade
- 15 no action regime was about futures and now we have
- 16 this product called swaps and so one of the things
- 17 I've at least been briefed on is how does this
- 18 relate to swaps? That may not go to Bonnie's
- 19 question, but I wouldn't put Duane in the box of
- 20 saying nothing is going to change because I think
- 21 that would be unfair to Duane, and we have the
- 22 whole world of swaps in here too.

1 MR. ANDRESEN: I would certainly encourage you to comment. Your comments will be 2 3 taken into account, believe me. There are some areas that we're really interested in how the 4 5 industry feels about it and how our approach should go and I promise you we will consider all 6 7 comments. 8 COMMISSIONER SOMMERS: If there are no other comments on specifically foreign board of 9 10 trade issues, I think I'll ask if any of the 11 members have any general comments and we can wrap up the meeting unbelievably early today. Do any 12 of my fellow Commissioners have any closing 13 comments? I want to say thank you again to not 14 only the CFTC staff that put together the 15 presentations that are on the agenda today, but to 16 17 all of you for being here, and especially to Peter and Patrick for being here and for Mr. Sumi and 18 Mr. Mori from the Japanese FSA, thank you so much 19 20 for traveling. I'm sure it's been a very long day for you and we appreciate you sitting through this 21 almost 4-hour meeting to talk about these very 22

- 1 important issues. Do you have any closing
- 2 comments?
- CHAIRMAN GENSLER: I was going to thank
- 4 Jill for her leadership of this. These
- 5 international issues are so important. And to all
- 6 five the Commissioners I also thank them for their
- 7 work and the full panel for the discussion. I'm
- 8 glad to see that Roger and Don got closer to this
- 9 participant membership thing, but it seems like
- 10 there's a little bit more work to be done there.
- 11 COMMISSIONER DUNN: I'd like to thank
- 12 all of the participants and all our presenters.
- 13 Mister Chairman, I thought you were very artful in
- 14 getting that exchange of ideas there, and I wish
- 15 everyone a pleasant movie on their flight home.
- 16 COMMISSIONER SOMMERS: Thank you to
- 17 everyone and especially to my staff, Mike Otten
- 18 who is our new designated federal official for the
- 19 Global Markets Advisory Committee and Marcia Blase
- 20 and my assistant Sharon Floyd who put together all
- 21 the specific details for this. If you have any
- 22 further questions with regard to this meeting,

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don't hesitate to call my office. Thank you.
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                      (Whereupon, at 4:25 p.m., the
                      PROCEEDINGS were adjourned.)
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1	CERTIFICATE OF NOTARY PUBLIC
2	I, Carleton J. Anderson, III do hereby
3	certify that the witness whose testimony appears
4	in the foregoing hearing was duly sworn by me;
5	that the testimony of said witness was taken by me
6	and thereafter reduced to print under my
7	direction; that said deposition is a true record
8	of the testimony given by said witness; that I am
9	neither counsel for, related to, nor employed by
10	any of the parties to the action in which these
11	proceedings were taken; and, furthermore, that I
12	am neither a relative or employee of any attorney
13	or counsel employed by the parties hereto, nor
14	financially or otherwise interested in the outcome
15	of this action.
16	/s/Carleton J. Anderson, III
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20	Commonwealth of Virginia
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