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Swap Dealers Set to Issue IM Segregation Right Notices In Advance of First CFTC Compliance Deadline

- ISDA Amend Offers Buy Side Centralized Platform for Making Required Elections
- Prompt Responses Will Help to Avoid Potential Trading Disruptions

In November 2013 the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "CFTC") finalized new regulations (the "IM Segregation Rules") addressing the right of a counterparty to an uncleared swap with a swap dealer ("SD") to require the segregation of initial margin ("IM") that it posts with a third-party custodian. These IM Segregation Rules require SDs to send an annual written notice to counterparties regarding this segregation right ("IM Segregation Right Notice") and establish a particular regime for the segregation of IM that counterparties may elect to invoke. The ISDA Amend platform may be used free of charge by buy side clients to receive and respond to these IM Segregation Right Notices.

Market participants should be prepared to respond to IM Segregation Right Notices in a timely manner. Failure to do so may affect an SD's ability to trade with a counterparty.

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