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1 Introduction

1.1 This supervisory statement (SS) outlines the Prudential Regulation Authority's (PRA's) expectations for liquidity reporting by PRA-regulated UK branches of third-country credit institutions and designated investment firms ('third-country firms').

1.2 This SS should be read in conjunction with the Regulatory Reporting Part of the PRA Rulebook and with Supervisory Statement 34/15 'Guidelines for completing regulatory reports'.¹

2 Reporting for relevant third-country firms

2.1 The PRA expects relevant third-country firms to submit liquidity information at the whole-firm level, based upon data which is reported to the firm's home state supervisor ('HSS'). Data should be provided in a single, consolidated currency and where this is provided to the HSS, also on a significant currency basis. In particular, this should include data reported to the firm's HSS that relates to the liquidity coverage ratio (LCR)² and in particular the completed LCR template and any other additional liquidity reports submitted to the HSS.³

2.2 Where liquidity information is not provided to the HSS in English, firms are expected to translate this prior to submission to the PRA.

2.3 Data should be submitted to the PRA on a semi-annual basis, based on 30 June and 31 December end of reporting periods (EORP).

2.4 The PRA expects that some relevant third-country firms will need to submit liquidity information on a more frequent basis than semi-annually. In determining whether or not a relevant third-country firm would report on a more frequent basis, the PRA will have regard, among other factors, to a firm's potential impact on UK financial stability taking into account the frequency of reporting under the HSS, and will be proportionate to the nature, scale and complexity of the firm's activities.

2.5 The PRA expects liquidity information to be provided within the HSS's submission timescales or within 30 calendar days from the EORP, whichever is longer.

2.6 The PRA requests firms to submit the information, via their usual secure email system to LCRBranchData@bankofengland.gsi.gov.uk.

2.7 The PRA expects most relevant third-country firms to be able to comply with the PRA's approach outlined above. Where a relevant third country firm can demonstrate that this is not the case, the PRA will work with the firm to determine suitable, alternative reporting arrangements on a case by case basis.

2.8 Circumstances which may mean the normal reporting approach is not appropriate could include where the format of reporting provided to the HSS is such that it cannot be sent in a readable format, or where a branch's home jurisdiction does not currently have a LCR regime. Suitable

¹ PRA Supervisory Statement 34/15, 'Guidelines for completing regulatory reports': <https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/prudential-regulation/publication/2015/guidelines-for-completing-regulatory-reports-ss>.

² Based on the HSS's implementation of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision's introduction of Liquidity Coverage Requirement (LCR) in 2013.

³ Examples of additional liquidity reports that may be submitted to the HSS include contractual maturity ladder, concentration of funding by counterparty/product type, available unencumbered assets and net stable funding ratio (NSFR).

arrangements may include branches providing information based on the HSS's own liquidity regime, internal liquidity management information and internal LCR ratios at the whole-firm level.

2.9 Relevant third-country firms should also be able to provide liquidity information on a daily basis when necessary during a stress. When requesting any additional or more frequent reporting from a branch during a stress, the PRA will be proportionate and take into account the liquidity data available pursuant to the requirements of the HSS.

2.10 Firms should also be aware of the expectations in relation to reporting the liquid assets available to the branch, in particular availability of liquid assets in Member State currencies. These are set out in SS34/15 'Guidelines for completing regulatory reports'.

Annex – SS1/17 updates

This annex details changes made to SS1/17 following its initial publication in February 2017.

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Following publication of the Policy Statement PS26/20 'Responses to Capital Requirements Directive V (CRD V)', this SS was updated in Chapter 2 to include reference to SS34/15 'Guidelines for completing regulatory reports', which sets out the PRA expectations in relation to the reporting requirement for liquid assets available to the branch. The effective date for these requirements is 29 December 2020.