



NATIONAL
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CORPORATION

RULES & PROCEDURES

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PROCEDURE II. TRADE COMPARISON AND RECORDING SERVICE

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C. Debt Securities

1. Trade Input and Comparison

The Corporation provides the following procedures for trade input and comparison of transactions in regular way debt securities, including unit investments trusts, in any par value (excluding fractions and decimals), other than securities submitted through the correspondent clearing service and by regional exchanges/marketplaces or Qualified Securities Depositories:

(a) Trade data as submitted by Members and Municipal Comparison Only Members for comparison processing is converted, if necessary, validated and matched by the Corporation to insure that the details of each trade are in agreement between the purchaser and the seller.

(b) Trade data may be submitted during the timeframes specified by the Corporation from time to time, and shall include quantity, security identification, identification of the marketplace of execution, contra-broker, trade value, settlement date (which may be no greater than 50 business days beyond the trade date), trade date, unique reference number (x-ref), and other identifying details as the Corporation may require or permit and shall be in such formats as specified by the Corporation relative to the method utilized for trade submission.

(c) If the purchaser and seller have submitted trade data that matches in all required respects other than for trade value, the trades shall be deemed compared if one of the following tolerances apply:

(1) Trades that are submitted prior to the cut-off time for intraday comparison established by the Corporation from time to time shall be deemed compared using the seller's contract amount if the contract amounts are within (i) a net \$2 difference for trades of \$1 million or less and (ii) \$2 per million for trades greater than \$1 million.

(2) Trades that remain un-compared after the intraday comparison process shall be deemed compared during the end-of-day enhanced comparison process using the seller's contract amount if the contract amounts are within (i) a net \$10.00 difference for trades of \$250,000 or less and (ii) \$.04 per \$1,000 for trades greater than \$250,000.

(d) Trades that are submitted prior to the cut-off time for intraday comparison established by the Corporation from time to time shall be deemed compared if the purchaser and seller have submitted trade data that matches in all required respects, including contract amounts which were deemed matched pursuant to the money

tolerances in subsection (c), except for the trade date. In such case, the earlier of the two trade dates is used.

(e) Trades deemed compared pursuant to subsections (c) and/or (d) shall be identified on output made available by the Corporation in such format as determined by the Corporation from time to time. Trades that remain uncomparing after any end-of-day enhanced comparison process shall be treated as if they were submitted prior to the cut-off time for the next available comparison processing cycle.

(f) Trade input must indicate one of the following: OTC, municipal security transactions or unit trust fund transactions.

(g) Corporate bond trades in quantities of other than multiples of a thousand (round-lots) must be divided into separate trade submissions of the round lot quantity and the odd-lot quantity (multiples of less than one thousand). All compared corporate bond trades in odd-lot quantities will be processed on a trade-for-trade basis. Transactions in municipal securities must be in multiples of a thousand.

(h) Results of the comparison process shall be provided on intraday or end-of-day output, as applicable, and shall categorize trade data as:

(1) Compared/Matched - Items identified either as compared or matched on applicable output are those for which both a purchaser and a seller submitted mandatory trade details that were either identical or were compared pursuant to subsections (c) and/or (d) above and for which a comparison has been effected.

(2) Uncomparing/Unmatched - Items identified as uncomparing or unmatched on applicable output reflect trades submitted by the Member or the Municipal Comparison Only Member for which the opposite side either did not submit data or did not submit data which agreed in all required respects including the use of tolerances set forth in subsections (c) and (d) above.

(3) Advisory/Match Request – Items identified as advisory or match request on applicable output represent trades submitted by another party against the Member or Municipal Comparison Only Member, but which did not match any trade the Member or Municipal Comparison Only Member submitted.

Information made available to Members and Municipal Comparison Only Members shall identify each trade as being CNS-eligible, non-CNS-eligible or trade-for-trade/Special Trade through such designation as the Corporation shall determine from time to time.

Depending upon whether trade data is submitted on T or T+n and the format in which output is produced with respect to such data, the output may reflect totals. Information made available to Members and Municipal Comparison Only Members may reflect such other details as the Corporation may determine from time to time.

(i)(i) The Corporation provides Members with the ability to clear and settle any compared trade on a trade-for-trade basis. Such transaction is referred to as a Special Trade and may be classified as such, whether or not the security is a CNS security. In order for a transaction that is submitted for comparison processing to be classified as a Special Trade, each of the purchaser and seller must indicate the appropriate trade-for-trade indicator ("Trade-for-Trade Indicator") on its trade input and such Trade-for-Trade Indicator shall be part of the terms and conditions of the applicable contract. Unless both parties submit the identical Trade-for-Trade Indicator, the trade will not compare. In addition, the Corporation itself may determine that some or all transactions in a security shall settle on a trade-for-trade basis.

(ii) The Corporation provides Members and Municipal Comparison Only Members with the ability to submit trades for comparison-only processing. Trade input must indicate that the trade is being submitted for comparison-only processing and such trade will not be reflected on a Consolidated Trade Summary. Information made available with respect to such trades will not designate such trades as being CNS-eligible, non-CNS-eligible or trade-for-trade/Special Trades.

(j) Members and Municipal Comparison Only Members may override clearing agent designations by submitting trade input for comparison using the appropriate Trade-for-Trade Indicator.

(k)(i) All compared trades between Members in municipal securities which are not eligible for deposit in a Qualified Securities Depository will be processed on a trade-for-trade basis.

(ii) All compared trades in municipal securities between Members and Municipal Comparison Only Members and between two Municipal Comparison Only Members, whether or not eligible for deposit in a Qualified Securities Depository, will be processed on a trade-for-trade basis.

(l)(i) All compared trades in municipal securities which have been processed on a trade-for-trade basis will be listed on the applicable Consolidated Trade Summaries at the original contract price. Each such individual listing (including any such listing pursuant to Section D.2(A)(2)(a) below) will constitute a security order for all purposes of the Corporation's Rules and Procedures, including the National Securities Clearing Corporation Fee Structure. The Corporation may make additional information regarding such trades (e.g., any clearing agent indicated by the applicable contra-party) available to Members and Municipal Comparison Only Members by such means as the Corporation determines from time to time.

(ii) Compared trades between Members in municipal securities which are eligible for deposit in a Qualified Securities Depository will be entered into the CNS Accounting System or processed on a trade-for-trade basis, depending upon the Member's standing

instructions to the Corporation; provided, however, that if a Member has a CNS standing instruction and the contra side has a trade-for-trade standing instruction, the transaction will be processed on a trade-for-trade basis notwithstanding the CNS standing instruction, provided, further, that Members may override a CNS standing instruction by submitting trade input for comparison as a Special Trade.

(m) When the Corporation processes municipal securities transactions as Special Trades (with the exception of comparison-only trades), the resultant compared trades, as indicated on the applicable Consolidated Trade Summaries, are subject to the rules of the MSRB, including but not limited to the close-out provisions and delivery requirements and the transactions will not be included in the Balance Order Accounting Operation. Settlement of the resultant compared trades is the responsibility of the parties to the trades.

(n) The Corporation may accept locked-in trade data reported by Self-Regulatory Organizations, Qualified Special Representatives and Service Bureaus on behalf of Members and Municipal Comparison Only Members. Such trade data will be reflected on appropriate output as determined by the Corporation. Receipt of a locked-in trade that satisfies the Corporation's trade input requirements shall result in a compared trade. The status of such transaction as a compared trade shall not be affected by output indicating a status of "match request" or "unmatched".

Submission of any input or instruction by a Member or Municipal Comparison Only Member on behalf of whom locked-in trade data is being submitted shall have no legal effect notwithstanding output made available by the Corporation as a result of such submission.

Data submitted by a Qualified Special Representative which identifies a trade as a syndicate takedown shall be rejected.

(o) If a trade, other than a trade which the parties have identified as being submitted for comparison-only processing, is submitted with a settlement date of or prior to the date of submission after such cutoff time as the Corporation may designate, the Corporation will assign a delivery date of the next Settlement Date.

(p) Trade input and comparison of transactions submitted for T+2 **and T+1** settlement is handled in the same manner as set forth above with respect to transactions submitted for regular way settlement.

(q) The Corporation shall accept cash ~~and next day~~ transactions for comparison-only processing. Results of the comparison-only process for these items are reported by the Corporation as specified from time to time. Settlement of the resultant compared trades is the responsibility of the parties to the trades.

2. Resolution of Uncompared Trades in Regular Way Debt Securities

The Corporation provides the following procedures for resolution of uncompared trades in Regular Way Debt Securities:

(a) In order to accept a trade that is reported as advisory or match request, a Member or Municipal Comparison Only Member must submit the appropriate instruction within the timeframes specified by the Corporation from time to time.

(b) A Member or a Municipal Comparison Only Member with an advisory or match request that does not agree with the terms of the trade may respond with the appropriate instruction indicating the reason, if any, that the member disagrees with the terms of the trade. Submission of such instruction must be submitted within the timeframes specified by the Corporation from time to time and will cause the trade to be deleted from processing. The Member or Municipal Comparison Only Member may submit a subsequent instruction on the same day to return the trade to processing.

(c) Members and Municipal Comparison Only Members who, subsequent to their submission of trade data, find that such trade data is incorrect may delete uncompared trades by forwarding the appropriate instruction by the time specified by the Corporation from time to time.

(d) No partial deletions for transactions in debt securities will be permitted.

(e) Previously compared trades may be deleted through the submission of offsetting trade details by both parties to the transaction. Each of the purchaser and the seller must submit the trade details within the timeframes specified by the Corporation from time to time and they must match in all respects or match pursuant to subsections (c) and/or (d) of Section C.1 above ("Trade Input and Comparison").

(f) Transactions which are deleted and offsetting transactions which are submitted and matched will appear on the appropriate output. Unless otherwise specified herein, deletion of a trade will not extinguish the rights and obligations of either party with respect to such trade.

(g) The Corporation may permit uncompared trade details to be modified by the submitter on the submission date through the use of the appropriate instruction within the timeframes specified by the Corporation from time to time. After the submission date, only such fields as determined by the Corporation from time to time may be modified by the submitter.

(h) Transactions which compare for the first time after such cutoff time as the Corporation may designate on the date on which they were scheduled to settle or later will be assigned a new Settlement Date, which will be the next business day following the date the trade is compared by the Corporation. The assignment of a new

Settlement Date applies to both CNS, Balance Order Securities and Special Trades other than those submitted for comparison-only processing.

(i) Trade input which is not compared by such timeframes as determined by the Corporation from time to time shall be deleted from processing.

(j) The Corporation shall have no responsibility for determining whether any trade submission is duplicative of an earlier trade submission. Any such input shall be treated as a separate submission for all purposes of these Rules and Procedures.

(k) Only the submitter of a locked-in trade may submit subsequent processing instructions with respect to such trade and any action in this respect taken by the Member or Municipal Comparison Only Member on behalf of whom such trade has been submitted shall have no legal effect notwithstanding output made available by the Corporation as a result of such action.

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