

§ 420.1

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§ 420.1 Applicability.

(a) This part, including the Appendices, is applicable to all persons that participate in the government securities market, including, but not limited to: government securities brokers and dealers, depository institutions that exercise investment discretion, registered investment companies, registered investment advisers, pension funds, hedge funds and insurance companies that may control a reportable position in a recently-issued marketable Treasury bill, note or bond as those terms are defined in § 420.2.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this section, foreign central banks, foreign governments and international monetary authorities are exempt from this part. This exemption is not applicable to a broker, dealer, financial institution or other entity that engages primarily in commercial transactions and that may be owned in whole or in part by a foreign government.

(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this section, Federal Reserve Banks are exempt from this part for the portion of any reportable position they control for their own account.

§ 420.2 Definitions.

For the purposes of this part:

(a) “Aggregating entity” means a single entity (e.g., a parent company, affiliate, or organizational component) that is combined with other entities, as specified in paragraph (i) of this section, to form a reporting entity. In those cases where an entity has no affiliates, the aggregating entity is the same as the reporting entity.

(b) “Control” means having the authority to exercise investment discretion over the purchase, sale, retention or financing of specific Treasury securities. Only one entity should be considered to have investment discretion over a particular position.

(c) “Gross financing position” is the sum of the gross par amounts of a security issue received from financing transactions, including reverse repurchase agreement transactions, bonds borrowed, and as collateral for financial derivatives and other securities transactions (e.g., margin loans). In calculating the gross financing position, a reporting entity may not net its

positions against repurchase agreement transactions, securities loaned, or securities pledged as collateral for financial derivatives and other securities transactions.

(d) “Large position threshold” means, with respect to a reportable position, the dollar par amount such position must equal or exceed in order for a reporting entity to be required to submit a large position report. The large position threshold will be announced by the Department and may vary with each notice of request to report large position information and with each specified Treasury security. However, under no circumstances will a large position threshold be less than \$2 billion.

(e) “Net fails position” is the net par amount of “fails to receive” less “fails to deliver” in the same security. The net fails position, as reported, may not be less than zero.

(f) “Net trading position” is the net sum of the following respective positions in the specific security issue:

(1) Cash/immediate net settled positions;

(2) Net when-issued positions;

(3) Net forward positions, including next-day settling;

(4) Net futures contract positions that require delivery of the specific security; and

(5) Net holdings of STRIPS principal components of the security.

(g) “Recently-issued” means:

(1) With respect to Treasury securities that are issued quarterly or more frequently, the three most recent issues of the security (e.g., in early April, the January, February, and March 2-year notes).

(2) With respect to Treasury securities that are issued less frequently than quarterly, the two most recent issues of the security.

(3) With respect to a reopened security, the entire issue of a reopened security (older and newer portions) based on the date the new portion of the reopened security is issued by the Department (or for when-issued securities, the scheduled issue date).

(4) For all Treasury securities, a security announced to be issued or auctioned but unissued (when-issued), starting from the date of the issuance