



The following provides a collection of relevant publications for transition to new reference rates related to the following currencies: USD, Euro, Japanese Yen, British Pound, Swiss Franc, Australian Dollar, Singapore Dollar, HK Dollar, Brazilian Real, Canadian Dollar, Mexican Peso, South African Rand, China/SHIBOR and Indonesia/JIBOR.*

September 2019

Global

[ISDA Publishes Consultation on Final Parameters for Benchmark Fallback Adjustments \(September 18, 2019\)](#)

The International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA) published a consultation seeking input on the final parameters that will apply to alternative risk-free rates (RFRs) if derivatives fallbacks are triggered. The deadline for responses to the consultation is October 23, 2019. The full text of the consultation can be found [here](#).

NORTH AMERICA

USD

[FRBNY President John Williams Gives Speech Entitled “LIBOR: The Clock Is Ticking” \(September 23, 2019\)](#)

John Williams, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (FRBNY) gave a speech focusing on the transition away from LIBOR. The speech provided updates on the progress of the transition and it highlighted the challenges that remain ahead. The speech also stressed the need for firms to actively be preparing for the transition today.

[ARRC Updates its FAQs \(September 19, 2019\)](#)

The Alternative Reference Rates Committee (ARRC) updated its previously published set of frequently asked questions (FAQs). The FAQs were initially [released](#) on September 20, 2018. The FAQs are periodically updated to reflect developments relating to the transition in the US and to provide information regarding the ARRC’s work, its progress to date, and its overall effort to promote voluntary market adoption of SOFR.

[ARRC Releases Practical Implementation Checklist for SOFR Adoption \(September 19, 2019\)](#)

The Alternative Reference Rates Committee (ARRC) published a “Practical Implementation Checklist for SOFR Adoption.” It provides 57 discrete steps, grouped under 10 areas (e.g. transition program, risk management, tax) that firms can take to help prepare for the transition away from LIBOR. The information provided is especially helpful for market participants that

have not fully started taking the steps needed for the transition. The full text of the checklist is available [here](#).

[FDIC Proposes Rule Amendment on Swap Margin Requirements \(September 17, 2019\)](#)

On September 17, the FDIC proposed rule amendments that would permit swaps entered into prior to an applicable margin compliance date (legacy swaps) to retain their legacy status in the event that they are amended to replace an interbank offered rate (IBOR) or another discontinued rate, as well as amendments for certain routine life-cycle activities, among other changes. The notice of proposed rulemaking (NPR) includes a 30-day comment period. Fact Sheet [here](#). The full text of the NPR is available [here](#).

[ARRC Extends the Comment Period for Fallback Language Consultation for New Closed-End, Residential Adjustable-Rate Mortgages until September 24 \(September 10, 2019\)](#)

The Alternative Reference Rates Committee (ARRC) extended the comment period for feedback on its fallback contract consultation for new closed-end, residential adjustable-rate mortgages until September 24. For information about the initial consultation, please see the consultation [text](#) and the original consultation [release](#).

[CFTC Market Risk Advisory Committee Holds Meeting on IBOR Transition Focus Areas and Progress to Date \(September 9, 2019\)](#)

The CFTC Market Risk Advisory Committee (MRAC) held a meeting focusing on key topics relating to the IBOR transition. The meeting included a status report from the MRAC's Interest Rate Benchmark Reform Subcommittee and a vote on its recommendation regarding plain-English disclosure materials. This recommendation was approved 30-0 and is being submitted to the Commission for consideration. Additional key topics that were discussed included CCP adjustments to discounting and price alignment interest, as well as the clearing treatment for certain physically settled swaptions. The agenda and materials for the meeting can be found at the MRAC [site](#).

[FASB Released Proposed Accounting Standards Update on Reference Rate Reform \(September 5, 2019\)](#)

The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) released a Proposed Accounting Standards Update (Proposed ASU) that “would provide temporary optional guidance to ease the potential burden in accounting for, or recognizing the effects of, reference rate reform on financial reporting.” The Proposed ASU would only apply to contracts or hedging relationships that reference LIBOR or other reference rates that will be discontinued due to the transition, and “the guidance would be effective upon issuance of final guidance and would not apply to contract modifications made and hedging relationships entered into or evaluated after December 31, 2022.” The full text of the Proposed ASU can be found [here](#), and an “FASB in Focus” summary is also [available](#). Comments on the Proposed ASU are due 10/7/2019.

[CME Updates Proposal for SOFR Discounting and Price Alignment Transition Plan \(September 3, 2019\)](#)

CME released proposed updates to their SOFR discounting and price alignment transition plan. Updates to the plan include the establishment of a risk exchange mechanism for participants

that don't want to hold basis swaps and a compensation calculation adjustment for certain swaptions.

[ARRC Publishes Letter Requesting Clarification on the Treatment of Preferred Stock Instruments \(August 15, 2019\)](#)

The Alternative Reference Rates Committee (ARRC) released a letter to the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) requesting confirmation that preferred stock instruments that reference LIBOR will qualify for the same relief that the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) has proposed for other contracts and instruments referencing IBORs.

EUROPE

EUR

[WG RFR Holds Meeting to Discuss Updates on the Transition \(August 29, 2019\)](#)

The Working Group on Risk Free Rates (WG RFR) held a meeting to discuss EU updates relating to the transition. Update topics included cash and derivative products, term rate methodologies, financial accounting and risk management, and communication issues. Materials for this meeting and all previous WG RFR meetings can be found on the [ECB site](#). The meeting minutes have not yet been posted.

[ECB Publishes Report on Impact of EONIA to €STR Transition on Cash and Derivatives Products \(August 19, 2019\)](#)

This report focuses on the impact that the above transition will have on cash and derivatives products. Market participants will have to prepare extensively for this benchmark rate change by adapting IT systems, among other things, and reviewing current documentation, processes and procedures, product structures as well as terms of application. In this report, the working group on euro risk-free rates analyses the implications of this transition and provides market participants with recommendations on how to smoothen the transition. It does so primarily from an operational and valuation standpoint.

GBP

[WG on Sterling Risk-Free Reference Rates Publishes Newsletter \(August 2019\)](#)

The Working Group on Sterling Risk-Free Reference Rates released its latest newsletter for August 2019. The newsletter provides an update from the Working Group regarding RFR transition in the GBP market with a focus on market developments, official sector updates, key liquidity indicators and key milestone dates. Previous editions of the Newsletter can be found on the Bank of England [site](#).

APAC

JPY

[Cross-Industry Committee on Japanese Yen Interest Rate Benchmarks Publishes Materials from Forum on “Main Points of the Public Consultation and Overview of Deliberations on Interest Rate Benchmark Reform in Japan and Abroad” \(August 30, 2019\)](#)

On August 1, the Cross-Industry Committee on Japanese Yen Interest Rate Benchmarks held a forum on “Main Points of the Public Consultation and Overview of Deliberations on Interest Rate Benchmark Reform in Japan and Abroad.” The forum focused on the main points of the [public consultation](#), initiatives related to derivatives, and the international progress on interest rate benchmark reform. The materials from this forum were posted on the Bank of Japan [site](#) including summaries and materials from each of the speakers as well as an FAQ section.

[Task Force on Term Reference Rates Holds First Meeting \(August 28, 2019\)](#)

The newly [announced](#) “Task Force on Term Reference Rates” was officially established and held its first meeting on August 28. A list of entities composing the Task Force were provided in a [release](#) along with the Task Force’s contact information. Any updates that the Task Force publishes will be included on the Bank of Japan’s [website](#).

SGD

[MAS Establishes Steering Committee to Drive Transition from SOR to SORA \(August 30, 2019\)](#)

The Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) established a Steering Committee (SC-STs) to drive the transition from SGD Swap Offer Rate (SOR) to Singapore Overnight Rate Average (SORA). SC-STs will be chaired by Samuel Tsien, Group CEO of OCBC Bank and ABS Chairman, and a full list of members and representatives can be found [here](#). The Committee will focus on providing strategic direction on industry proposals to develop new products and markets based on SORA.

[ABS-SFEMC Releases Consultation on the Roadmap for Transition from SOR to SORA \(August 30, 2019\)](#)

The Association of Banks in Singapore and the Singapore Foreign Exchange Market Committee (ABS-SFEMC) issued a consultation identifying SORA as the alternative interest rate benchmark for SOR and proposing a roadmap for this transition. The full text of the consultation can be found [here](#). Guidance relating to the SOR transition to SORA will be provided by the SC-STs. More information on the newly formed SC-STs can be found above in this section.

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