



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.*

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[SIFMA Publishes Statement on House Passage of LIBOR Legislation \(December 8, 2021\)](#)

SIFMA published a statement commending the US House of Representatives bipartisan passage of the Adjustable Interest Rate (LIBOR) Act, sponsored by Rep. Brad Sherman (D-CA). The statement noted that “the legislation would provide four key benefits: (1) certainty of outcomes; (2) fairness and equality of outcomes; (3) avoidance of years of paralyzing litigation; and (4) preservation of liquidity and market resilience.”

[SIFMA Submits Statement for the Record to the US Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs for Hearing on the LIBOR Transition \(November 2, 2021\)](#)

SIFMA submitted a Statement for the Record to the US Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs for a hearing entitled “[The LIBOR Transition: Protecting Consumers and Investors.](#)” **SIFMA** also [published a summary](#) following the hearing. Additional details may be found in the US section of this newsletter.

[SIFMA Joins Joint Trade Letter to Senate Re Transition from LIBOR to Alternative Reference Rates \(November 1, 2021\)](#)

SIFMA in a joint letter with other associations, provided comments to the United States Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs in support of federal legislation to address “tough legacy” contracts that currently reference LIBOR.

Global

[FSB Issues Statement Urging Swift Action to Ensure Preparedness for LIBOR Cessation \(November 22, 2021\)](#)

The Financial Stability Board (FSB) published a statement urging swift action to ensure preparedness for LIBOR cessation. The statement emphasizes that market participants complete any remaining steps set out in the FSB’s [Global Transition Roadmap](#) and that global and national financial regulators closely monitor progress. The FSB noted they will review these issues in mid-2022 and assess the implications for any further supervisory and regulatory cooperation that may be required.

[FSB Includes LIBOR Transition Details in Annual Report \(October 27, 2021\)](#)

The Financial Stability Board (FSB) included details regarding the LIBOR Transition as part of its revamped and redesigned annual report. The report reaffirms that the LIBOR transition is a significant priority for the FSB and emphasizes that market participants prepare for milestones set out in its [Global Transition Roadmap](#).

NORTH AMERICA

Canada

[CARR Publishes CORRA Related Recommendations and Key Findings from its Review of CDOR \(November 23, 2021\)](#)

The Canadian Alternative Reference Rate Working Group (CARR) published a set of recommendations aimed at facilitating the widespread use of the Canadian Overnight Repo Rate (CORRA). The recommendations include [conventions for floating rate notes \(FRNs\)](#) that reference CORRA, [conventions for loans](#) that reference CORRA, [legal fallback language](#) for FRNs that reference CORRA, and conventions for inter-bank interest rate swaps that reference SOFR and either [CORRA](#) or [CDOR](#).

US

[US House of Representatives Passes LIBOR Transition Bill \(December 9, 2021\)](#)

The US House of Representatives passed H.R. 4616 Adjustable Interest Rate (LIBOR) Act of 2021. The Alternative Reference Rates Committee (ARRC) [published a statement](#) welcoming the passage of the Bill noting it will provide certainty and reduce disruption for a wide range of market participants. [SIFMA](#) also [published a statement](#) commending the passage of the bill (also see [GFMA](#), [AFME](#), [ASIFMA](#), and [SIFMA](#) section of this newsletter).

[CFPB Issues Final Rule on LIBOR Transition \(December 7, 2021\)](#)

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) released its Final Rule on the LIBOR transition. An updated version of their [LIBOR Transition FAQs](#) was also published reflecting the updated Final Rule.

[SEC Publishes Staff Statement on LIBOR Transition \(December 7, 2021\)](#)

The staff of the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) published a new statement on the LIBOR transition. The statement includes 56 footnotes including discussion of issues for and reminders to corporate issuers.

[ARRC Issues Statutory Fallback Recommendations for 1-Week and 2-Month USD LIBOR Contracts Under State LIBOR Legislation \(December 3, 2021\)](#)

As the “Relevant Recommending Body” under New York and Alabama State LIBOR Legislation, the Alternative Reference Rates Committee (ARRC) published a statement selecting and recommending forms of SOFR, along with associated spread adjustments and conforming changes, to replace 1-week and 2-month USD LIBOR.

[ARRC Publishes FAQs Regarding NY State LIBOR Legislation \(December 3, 2021\)](#)

The Alternative Reference Rates Committee (ARRC) published frequently asked questions (FAQs) regarding the ARRC proposed language for legislation addressing the LIBOR transition,

which served as a model for legislation that has been enacted by the states of New York and Alabama.

[CFTC MRAC Announces December 13th Switch to Interdealer Trading Conventions from LIBOR to SOFR for USD leg of Newly-Executed Cross-Currency Derivatives \(December 2, 2021\)](#)

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission's (CFTC) Market Risk Advisory Committee (MRAC) announced it has selected a 13 December date for switching interdealer trading conventions from LIBOR to SOFR for the USD leg of newly executed cross-currency derivatives under their [SOFR First Initiative](#). The EUR Risk Free Rates Working Group (EU RFRWG) also [issued a statement](#) supporting the initiative (see EU section of newsletter).

[ARRC Welcomes Refinitiv's USD IBOR Institutional and Consumer Cash Fallbacks \(November 30, 2021\)](#)

The Alternative Reference Rates Committee (ARRC) published a statement welcoming Refinitiv's [announcement](#) that its USD IBOR Institutional Cash Fallbacks are now available for immediate use and that, pending final approvals, their USD IBOR Consumer Cash Fallbacks for 1-week and 2-month settings would launch on 3 January 2022. ARRC previously [announced](#) the selection of Refinitiv as its chosen provider to publish ARRC-recommended fallback rates for cash fallbacks based on SOFR in March 2021.

[FRB Publishes Updated FAQs on the Transition Away from LIBOR \(November 19, 2021\)](#)

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (FRB) published an updated version of their answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) regarding the transition away from LIBOR. This version includes seven additional FAQs.

[CFTC Issues Request for Information and Comment on Swap Clearing Requirements to Address IBOR Transition \(November 17, 2021\)](#)

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) issued a request for information and comment on swap clearing requirements as they relate to the LIBOR transition. The comment period is open for 60 days after publication in the Federal Register.

[Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Holds Hearing on the LIBOR Transition \(November 2, 2021\)](#)

The Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs held a hearing on "The LIBOR Transition: Protecting Consumers and Investors." [SIFMA](#) submitted a [Statement for the Record](#) and published a [summary](#) of the hearing. Further details can be found in the [GFMA](#), [AFME](#), [ASIFMA](#), and [SIFMA](#) section of this newsletter.

[FRBNY SVP Nathaniel Wuerffel Delivers Speech on the LIBOR Transition \(October 27, 2021\)](#)

Nathaniel Wuerffel, Senior Vice President (SVP) at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (FRBNY) delivered a speech at the 2021 ISDA North America Conference on the LIBOR Transition. His remarks focused on the need to cease new LIBOR activity at year end and alternatives to LIBOR, noting that "market participants should carefully examine the construction of those rates and their underlying markets."

[ARRC Hosts Sixth SOFR Symposium \(October 26, 2021\)](#)

The Alternative Reference Rates Committee (ARRC) hosted the sixth event in its series “The SOFR Symposium: The Final Year.” The event focused on perspectives of banks and borrowers and included [remarks from Acting Comptroller of the Currency Michael J. Hsu](#). The [agenda](#) and [webcast recording](#) are available on the ARRC site.

[Joint Regulators Issue Statement on LIBOR Transition \(October 20, 2021\)](#)

The Federal Reserve Board (FRB), Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), and state bank and credit union regulators issued a joint statement on managing the LIBOR transition. The statement includes clarification regarding new LIBOR contracts, considerations when assessing appropriateness of alternative reference rates, and expectations for fallback language.

[OCC Publishes Updated LIBOR Transition Self-Assessment Tool for Banks \(October 18, 2021\)](#)

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) published a bulletin providing an updated self-assessment tool for banks to evaluate their preparedness for the cessation of LIBOR.

[ARRC Issues Recommendation to Act Now to Slow USD LIBOR Use to Meet Supervisory Guidance by Year-End \(October 14, 2021\)](#)

The Alternative Reference Rates Committee (ARRC) issued a statement recommending that market participants act to slow USD LIBOR use in order to be well-positioned to meet supervisory guidance that prohibits the use of USD LIBOR in new contracts by year-end.

[GSEs Publish Updated LIBOR Transition Playbook \(October 15, 2021\)](#)

The government sponsored enterprises (GSEs), Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, published an updated LIBOR transition playbook. This version was updated to reflect market changes since April 2021, including the availability of Term SOFR.

[ARRC Publishes Summary of its Spread-Adjusted Fallback Recommendations \(October 6, 2021\)](#)

The Alternative Reference Rates Committee (ARRC) released a summary of its recommendations to date regarding spread-adjusted fallbacks for contracts referencing USD LIBOR. The summary provides a single point of reference for market participants to understand the ARRC’s current recommendations in relation to its fallback language and to state legislation that references the ARRC recommended fallbacks.

[FRB Vice Chair Delivers Speech on the End of LIBOR \(October 5, 2021\)](#)

Federal Reserve Board Vice Chair for Supervision, Randal K. Quarles, delivered a speech on the end of LIBOR at the Structured Finance Association Conference in Las Vegas. His remarks covered the rationale for the transition, the approach for cessation dates, and the “no new LIBOR” requirements that kick in at the end of this year.

EUROPE

EU

[EU RFRWG Issues Statement on Preparedness for the Cessation of EUR, GBP, CHF, and JPY LIBORs and EONIA, and Ceasing Use of USD LIBOR in New Contracts at the End of 2021 \(December 13, 2021\)](#)

The Euro Risk Free Rates Working Group (EU RFRWG) has issued a statement reminding market participants to cease entering into new contracts that use EONIA and EUR, GBP, CHF, JPY, and USD LIBORs as soon as practicable. The EU RFRWG has recommended the adoption of the Euro Short-Term Rate (€STR) plus 8.5 basis points as the alternative to EONIA in legacy and new contracts, after the end of this year. For EUR, GBP, CHF and JPY LIBORs, the EU RFRWG has recommended the adoption of the selected alternative risk-free rates identified by the relevant national working groups in new and legacy contracts.

[EU RFRWG Issues Statement Supporting CFTC MRAC's Switch Date Under SOFR First Initiative and Recommends Alignment with EU Interdealer Cross Currency Swap Markets \(December 9, 2021\)](#)

The Euro Risk Free Rates Working Group (EU RFRWG) issued a statement welcoming [part II](#) of the US CFTC Market Risk Advisory Committee's (MRAC) [SOFR First Initiative](#). The switch to adopting SOFR instead of USD LIBOR in all new cross currency swaps under this plan goes into effect on 13 December 2021 (further details on this announcement available in US section of newsletter). The EU RFRWG also recommends alignment with part II in EU interdealer cross currency swap markets and the adoption of €STR for the leg of EUR vs USD cross currency swaps in the EU interdealer market as of 13 December 2021.

[ESMA Publishes Updated FAQs on EU BMR \(November 19, 2021\)](#)

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) published an updated version of its Questions and Answers (Q&A) on the EU Benchmarks Regulation (EU BMR).

[ESMA Publishes Proposed Changes to the Scope of the Clearing and Derivative Trading Obligations for the Benchmark Transition \(November 18, 2021\)](#)

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) published its final report on the clearing (CO) and derivative trading (DTO) obligations to accompany the benchmark transition. The report sets out the proposed draft Regulatory Technical Standards (RTS) amending the CO and DTO for OTC interest rate derivatives denominated in EUR, GBP, JPY, and USD as part of the transition to alternative risk-free rates.

[EU RFRWG Chair Sends Letter to European Commission Regarding Tough Legacy Contracts \(November 15, 2021\)](#)

James von Moltke, Chairman of the Euro Risk Free Rates Working Group (EU RFRWG) sent a letter to the European Commission regarding the potential designation of statutory replacement rates for GBP LIBOR and JPY LIBOR. The letter suggested alignment with tough legacy contracts under EU law with the approach taken by the UK.

[Decision on the Designation of the Statutory Replacement of EONIA Published \(October 21, 2021\)](#)

A decision on the designation of the statutory replacement of EONIA was published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

[EBA Publishes Analysis of Benchmark Transition Risks \(October 14, 2021\)](#)

The European Banking Authority (EBA) published an analysis of the EU/EEA banking sector's exposures to benchmark rates and transition risks relating to IBORs. The report concludes that banks still hold significant volumes of financial instruments related to ceasing benchmark rates and recommends that actions be taken in a timely manner.

[Decision on the Designation of the Statutory Replacement of CHF LIBOR Settings \(October 14, 2021\)](#)

A decision on the designation of the statutory replacement of certain CHF LIBOR settings was published in the Official Journal of the European Union (update also included in Switzerland section of newsletter).

Switzerland

[FINMA Downgrades LIBOR Transition from Status as a Principal Risk \(November 11, 2021\)](#)

The Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA) downgraded the risk of a disorderly abolition of LIBOR benchmark rates in their Risk Monitor for 2021. The LIBOR Transition had previously been listed as a principal risk in the report.

[NWG Publishes Executive Summary of November Meeting \(November 10, 2021\)](#)

The National Working Group on Swiss Franc Reference Rates (NWG) published the executive summary of their 9 November meeting. Notably, the NWG members concluded that the transition to SARON is conceptually completed and the operational transition to SARON is on track. For this reason, members recommended that the NWG and its sub-groups cease to exist after the end of Q1 2022. The final decision will be taken by the Co-Chairs and all information as references will remain available for the foreseeable future on the [NWG website](#).

[Decision on the Designation of the Statutory Replacement of CHF LIBOR Settings \(October 14, 2021\)](#)

A decision on the designation of the statutory replacement of certain CHF LIBOR settings was published in the Official Journal of the European Union (update also included in EU section of newsletter).

UK

[BOE Financial Stability Report Includes Section on LIBOR Transition \(December 13, 2021\)](#)

The Bank of England (BOE) published their [Financial Stability Report](#). The report included a section emphasizing the importance of market participants to be fully prepared for relevant LIBOR settings to either cease or become unrepresentative, as well as cease new use of continuing USD LIBOR settings, by the end of this year.

[FCA Publishes Updated Q&As on Powers Under UK BMR \(December 10, 2021\)](#)

The UK Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) published an updated version of questions and answers (FAQs) on their powers under the UK Benchmarks Regulation (UK BMR). The first version was published in October 2021 (see 15 October update).

[FCA's Edwin Schooling Latter Delivers Speech on LIBOR Transition \(December 8, 2021\)](#)

Edwin Schooling Latter, Director of Markets and Wholesale Policy and Wholesale Supervision at the UK Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) delivered a keynote speech at Risk.net's LIBOR telethon. The speech highlighted the FCA's work to date, upcoming key milestones, and steps that some firms will need to take to convert remaining legacy LIBOR contracts in 2022.

[UK RFR WG Publishes Statement Encouraging Continued Focus Ahead of End-2021 LIBOR Transition Milestone Date \(December 2021\)](#)

The Working Group on Sterling Risk-Free Reference Rates (UK RFR WG) published a statement encouraging continued focus ahead of end-2021. The statement encourages market participants to use SONIA linked contracts for new business, continue to pursue active transition of legacy GBP LIBOR contracts, and ensure the readiness for implementation of contractual fallbacks.

[FCA Confirms Rules for Legacy Use of Synthetic LIBOR Rates and Prohibition of New USD LIBOR Use \(November 16, 2021\)](#)

The UK Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) [published a Notice](#) that permits their regulated firms to continue to use synthetic versions of 1-, 3-, and 6-month Sterling LIBOR and JPY LIBOR after 1 January 2021 in existing (legacy) contracts. A [Feedback Statement](#) relating to this decision was also published. Additionally, the FCA also [published a Notice](#) prohibiting the new use of five continuing USD LIBOR settings after 1 January 2021. This notice also includes a list of exceptions under which new use is allowed. In December 2021, the FCA published a [Feedback Statement](#) of their responses to comments received through the consultation that led to the decision on the USD LIBOR settings.

[Critical Benchmarks \(References and Administrator's Liability\) Bill Completes All UK Parliamentary Stages and Awaits Royal Assent to Become UK Law \(November 2021\)](#)

The bill will support the operation of powers granted to the FCA under the Financial Services Act of 2021. The bill provides certainty on how contracts referencing critical benchmarks should be treated where the FCA exercises powers under the Benchmarks Regulation (BMR) and also grants immunity to administrators of critical benchmarks that are designated under Article 23A of the BMR where they act in accordance with FCA requirements. The legislation within the bill will come into force from midnight on the start of the day of Royal Assent.

[UK RFR WG September Newsletter \(November 2021\)](#)

The UK RFR WG released its newsletter for November 2021. The newsletter provides an update from the Working Group regarding the 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](#).

[FCA Publishes Q&A Regarding New Powers under the UK BMR \(October 15, 2021\)](#)

The UK Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) published a questions and answers (Q&A) guide regarding their [new powers](#) set out under the UK Benchmarks Regulation (BMR). The guide also answers questions regarding various related [FCA publications](#) from 29 September 2021. An updated version was published in December (see 10 December update).

[BOE Financial Policy Summary and Record and Financial Stability in Focus Include Section on LIBOR Transition \(October 8, 2021\)](#)

The Bank of England (BOE) published their [Financial Policy Summary and Record](#), as well as their [Financial Stability in Focus](#). Both reports included sections highlighting that the Financial Policy Committee (FPC) emphasizes that market participants should use the most robust alternative benchmarks available when transitioning in order to minimize future risks to financial stability.

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[BOE Publishes Consultation Paper on Including Contracts Referencing TONA under the Derivatives Clearing Obligation \(September 29, 2021\)](#)

The Bank of England (BOE) published a consultation paper regarding a proposal to add overnight index swaps that reference TONA to the scope of contracts that are subject to the derivatives clearing obligation. The comment period for the paper ended on 27 October 2021.

[BOE Publishes Final Policy Proposal to Modify the Scope of Contracts Subject to the Derivatives Clearing Obligation Relating to Benchmark Reform \(September 29, 2021\)](#)

The Bank of England (BOE) published its final policy proposal to modify the scope of contracts subject to the derivatives clearing obligation. This proposal was set out in a [consultation paper](#) published in May 2021. The final policy maintains the modifications proposed in the consultation paper and removes the scope of the clearing obligation contracts referencing EONIA, JPY LIBOR, and GBP LIBOR.

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APAC

Hong Kong

[HKMA's Arthur Yuen Publishes Article on Engagement with Corporates Regarding the LIBOR Transition \(December 10, 2021\)](#)

Arthur Yuen, Deputy Chief of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) published an article summarizing the HKMA's engagement with corporates regarding the LIBOR transition. The article noted that corporates recognize they need to transition away from LIBOR and that they have made preparations. It also expressed that the HKMA will continue to monitor market developments regarding the transition and follow up recommendations made by the corporate sector.

[HKMA's Edmund Lau Delivers Keynote Address on LIBOR Transition \(October 19, 2021\)](#)

Edmund Lau, Senior Executive Director of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) delivered a speech on LIBOR transition and sustainable finance at the 2021 ISDA Asia-Pacific Conference. The speech provides updates on efforts to date and also urges the importance of market participants to prepare for the end-2021 milestones.

Japan

[Cross-Industry Committee on JPY Interest Rate Benchmarks Publishes Final Report on the Treatment of Tough Legacy Contracts \(November 19, 2021\)](#)

Following a [consultation](#), the Cross-Industry Committee on JPY Interest Rate Benchmarks published its final report on the treatment of tough legacy contracts. The report is intended to be used as a standard in the Japanese markets for the treatment of tough legacy contracts and the use of synthetic LIBOR.

[FSA and BOJ Publish Key Results of the Brief Survey on the Use of JPY LIBOR \(November 1, 2021\)](#)

The Japanese Financial Services Agency (FSA) and Bank of Japan (BOJ) published the key results of their brief survey on the use of JPY LIBOR. The report summarizes trends in the transition away from LIBOR and highlights statistics as of end-September 2021.

Singapore

[SC-STs Publishes Update to the SORA Market Compendium \(November 17, 2021\)](#)

The Steering Committee for SOR and SIBOR Transition to SORA (SC-STs) published an updated version of their SORA Market Compendium on the Transition from SOR to SORA. The version is updated as of 17 November 2021 and a [tracked changes version](#) is also available.

[SC-STs Publishes Updated General FAQs on the Transition from SOR and SIBOR to SORA \(October 13, 2021\)](#)

The Steering Committee for SOR and SIBOR Transition to SORA (SC-STs) published an updated version of their SOR and SIBOR Transition to SORA General FAQs. Other FAQs resources are available [here](#).

[SC-STs Publishes Updated FAQs for Consumers on the Transition from SOR and SIBOR to SORA \(October 13, 2021\)](#)

The Steering Committee for SOR and SIBOR Transition to SORA (SC-STs) published an updated version of their SOR and SIBOR Transition to SORA FAQs for Consumers. Other FAQs resources are available [here](#).

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