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Supervision of Remote Offices

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Agenda



- Remote associated persons
- Supervision of remote offices
- Recordkeeping
- Cross-border implications for swap dealers
- Q&A



Remote Associated Persons



- Branch office definition excludes home offices or flexible shared workspace if certain criteria met
- Risk assessment to determine if an AP is permitted to work remotely
 - Scope of activities and responsibilities
 - AP's background
 - Risks of the AP's remote location
- Swap AP identification and proficiency requirements



Remote APs



- Written supervisory policies and procedures
- Supervisory system and structure
- Initial and ongoing training on regulatory requirements and policies and procedures

Trading Activity



- Policies and procedures to surveil and monitor APs' order handling and/or trading activities
 - Address any additional or enhanced reviews for remote APs
 - Consider changes to scope or frequency of reviews
 - Documented reviews of order handling and trading, escalation and resolution of potential issues

Communications



- Required communications carried out on equipment and through applications that Member can capture and retain
- Policies and procedures for review of pre-trade communications
 - Address alternative or enhanced procedures for remote APs

Information Security



- Cybersecurity standards same as in-office workers
 - May require additional equipment or technology for remote APs
 - Consider additional training regarding increased cyber risks in a remote work environment
- Remote AP location should be sufficiently secure

Business Continuity



- Consider BCDR for remote APs and traders
 - Testing of trading abilities and resolution of latency or bandwidth issues
 - Contingency plans for internet connectivity issues
 - Back-up for phone and recording outages



Recordkeeping



- Members with remote offices remain responsible for all applicable recordkeeping requirements
 - Accessible from regular business office
 - Supervisory procedures to address how Member ensures required records are created, retained, and accessible
 - Member may mandate use of firm-approved devices and technology
 - Consider training on firm-approved devices and applications and requiring attestation



Cross-Border



- CFTC Cross-Border Regulation 23.23
 - Requirements apply to trades after September 14, 2021
- Branch offices
- Application of certain regulations
 - U.S. Swap Dealers operating through a Foreign Branch
 - Non-U.S. Swap Dealer operating through a U.S. Branch
- Recordkeeping



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