Response to consultation: Refinements to the error correction policy for financial benchmarks administrated by the Treasury Markets Association

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| ***Recommendation 1: Make consistent the error correction policies*** |
| ***Question 1****Do you agree that the specifications of the TMA-administrated benchmarks should state that the benchmarks are subject to revision?* | [ ]  **Agree** [ ]  **Disagree**  |
| ***If disagreed*, please state suggested way forward and rationale behind** |
| ***Question 2****Do you agree that we should adopt the same timeline for making revisions to the published rates of the TMA-administrated benchmarks, i.e.* *(a) standardise the cut-off for notification of errors as 1 hour after initial publication; and* *(b) errors eligible for revision should be corrected by 1 hour 50 minutes after initial publication?* | **(a) Standardise the cut-off for notification of errors as 1 hour** **–**[ ]  **Agree** [ ]  **Disagree – cut-off should be**[ ]  **30 minutes**[ ]  **2 hours**[ ]  **3 hours**[ ]  **Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
| **(b) Errors to be corrected by 1 hr 50 mins after initial publication** **–**[ ]  **Agree** [ ]  **Disagree – error should be corrected by \_\_\_\_\_ hr \_\_\_\_\_ mins after initial publication**  |
| ***If disagreed*, please state suggested way forward and rationale behind** |
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| ***Recommendation 2: A “materiality threshold” for interest rate benchmarks*** |
| ***Question 3****Do you agree that any revision of HIBOR and ONIA should be subject to a “materiality threshold” (i.e. below which the benchmark rates would not be revised after initial publication), in a manner similar to other major interest rate benchmarks such as LIBOR and EURIBOR?* | [ ]  **Agree** [ ]  **Disagree**  |
| ***If disagreed*, please state suggested way forward and rationale behind** |
| ***Question 4****If you agree that a threshold should be set for revisions of HIBOR and ONIA, do you agree that it should be 3 basis points, i.e. same as LIBOR?* | [ ]  **Agree** [ ]  **Disagree – threshold should be**[ ]  **1 basis point**[ ]  **2 basis points**[ ]  **Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
| ***If disagreed*, please state suggested way forward and rationale behind** |
| ***Question 5****Do you agree that a “materiality threshold” would not be needed in the error correction policy of the FX Spot Rates, i.e. same as other major FX spot benchmarks including the WM/Reuters 4 pm London Fix?* | [ ]  **Agree** [ ]  **Disagree – there should be a threshold of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
| ***If disagreed*, please state suggested way forward and rationale behind** |
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| ***Recommendation 3: Increasing the transparency of errors*** |
| ***Question 6****Do you agree with the recommendations for increasing transparency of error corrections, i.e.* *(a) publishing the error correction policy;* *(b) publishing an interim message that the benchmark rates may be revised;* *(c) clearly indicating any revised benchmark rates; and* *(d) within one month after the end of each quarter, publishing incidences of error in the past quarter on an anonymous basis, including those not leading to a revision?* | **(a) Publishing error correction policy** **–**[ ]  **Agree** [ ]  **Disagree**  |
| **(b) Publishing an interim message** **–**[ ]  **Agree** [ ]  **Disagree**  |
| **(c) Clearly indicating any revised benchmark rates** **–**[ ]  **Agree** [ ]  **Disagree**  |
| **(d) Publishing on a quarterly and anonymous basis incidences of errors within one month after the end of each quarter** **–**[ ]  **Agree** [ ]  **Disagree**  |
| ***If disagreed*, please state suggested way forward and rationale behind** |
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| ***Recommendation 4: A three-month notice period for the transition*** |
| ***Question 7****Do you agree with a* ***three-month notice period*** *for transition?*  | [ ]  **Agree** [ ]  **Disagree – notice period should be**[ ]  **one month**[ ]  **six months**[ ]  **Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
| ***If disagreed*, please state suggested way forward and rationale behind** |
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| If you would like to provide other responses to the TMA regarding this consultation, please include them here |

The closing date for responses is **24 February 2017**. ***Responses received after this date may not be read.*** Consultation responses should be returned to the TMA Secretariat by ***any one*** of the following channels:

1. ***By mail***

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Next steps

We do not intend to write back to those who respond to this consultation. However, we will read and consider responses received, as well as publish a summary of the consultation feedback, which will include our final response explaining how comments and views have influenced the final decisions on relevant issues.