

physician to provide medical services, appliances, and supplies, in accordance with such regulations and instructions as the Secretary considers necessary, and may be furnished necessary and reasonable transportation and expenses incident to the securing of such services, appliances, and supplies. These expenses, when authorized or approved by the Secretary, shall be paid from the Employees' Compensation Fund.

(b) The Secretary, under such limitations or conditions as he considers necessary, may authorize the employing agencies to provide for the initial furnishing of medical and other benefits under this section. The Secretary may certify vouchers for these expenses out of the Employees' Compensation Fund when the immediate superior of the employee certifies that the expense was incurred in respect to an injury which was accepted by the employing agency as probably compensable under this subchapter. The Secretary shall prescribe the form and content of the certificate.

References: 5 U.S.C. 8102, 5 U.S.C. 8103, and 5 U.S.C. 8149, 20 CFR 10.102, 20 CFR 10.211, 20 CFR 10.300, 20 CFR 10.314, 20 CFR 314, and 20 CFR 10.506.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

OWCP is soliciting comments concerning the proposed information collection related to the FECA Medical Report Forms, Claim for Compensation. OWCP is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information has practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of OWCP's estimate of the burden related to the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used in the estimate;
- Suggest methods to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the information collection on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

Background documents related to this information collection request are available at <https://regulations.gov> and at DOL-OWCP located at the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Room S3323, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210. Questions about

the information collection requirements may be directed to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

III. Current Actions

This information collection request concerns Federal Employees' Compensation Act Medical Reports and Compensation Claims. OWCP has updated the data with respect to the number of respondents, responses, burden hours, and burden costs supporting this information collection request from the previous information collection request.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Office of Worker's Compensation Programs.

OMB Number: 1240-0046.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Number of Respondents: 282,353.

Frequency: On occasion.

Number of Responses: 282,353.

Annual Burden Hours: 25,605.

Annual Respondent or Recordkeeper Cost: \$133,412.00.

OWCP Forms: CA-16, Authorization for Examination and/or Treatment; CA-17, Duty Status Report; CA-20, Attending Physician's Report; OWCP-5a, Work Capacity Evaluation, Psychiatric Conditions; OWCP-5b, Work Capacity Evaluation, Cardiovascular/Pulmonary Conditions; OWCP-5c, Musculoskeletal Conditions; CA-7, Claim for Compensation; Letters: CA-1090, Claimant request for Attendant Services; CA-1305, Authorization to doctor for eye examination with PPI rating; CA-1331, with CA-1087 enclosure, Authorization to Doctor for Audiologic and Otologic Evaluation with OWCP Hearing Loss Requirements; CA-1332, Outline for Otologic Testing.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the proposed information collection request; they will become a matter of public record and will be available at <https://www.reginfo.gov>.

Anjanette Suggs,
Certifying Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Committee Management Renewal

The NSF management officials having responsibility for the advisory

committee listed below has determined that renewing this committee for another two years is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed upon the Director, National Science Foundation (NSF), by 42 U.S.C. 1861 *et seq.* This determination follows consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration.

Committee: Advisory Committee for Polar Programs, #1130.

Effective date for renewal is March 10, 2023. For more information, please contact Crystal Robinson, NSF, at (703) 292-8687.

Dated: March 10, 2023.

Crystal Robinson,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Polar Programs; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the following meeting:

Name and Committee Code: Advisory Committee for Polar Programs (1130).

Date and Time: April 12, 2023; 9 a.m.-4 p.m., April 13, 2023; 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; In-person and Virtual via Zoom. Registration for the meeting will be available at least two weeks prior to the meeting date. Both the agenda and the registration link will be located on the Polar AC website at: <https://www.nsf.gov/geo/opp/advisory.jsp>.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Sara Eckert, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; Telephone: (703) 292-7899.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations to the National Science Foundation concerning support for polar research, education, infrastructure and logistics, and related activities.

Agenda

April 12, 2023; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (In Person and Virtual)

- Upcoming field seasons and COVID-19

- Discussion on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Antarctic Research Vessel Updates
- Subcommittee on South Pole Prioritization
- Physical Qualifications in Polar Programs
- International Engagement

April 13, 2023; 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. (In Person and Virtual)

- Joint session with AC–GEO
 - Geosciences Directorate Update
 - Update on Sexual Assault/Harassment Prevention and Response Briefing by head of NSF Office of Legislative and Public Affairs
 - NSF Leadership presentation

Dated: March 10, 2023.

Crystal Robinson,

Committee Management Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–97100; File No. SR–LCH SA–2023–001]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; LCH SA; Order Approving Proposed Rule Change Relating to the Liquidity Risk Model Framework

March 9, 2023.

I. Introduction

On January 4, 2023, Banque Centrale de Compensation, which conducts business under the name LCH SA (“LCH SA”), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),¹ and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,² a proposed rule change (the “Proposed Rule Change”) to amend its Liquidity Risk Modelling Framework (the “Framework”). The Proposed Rule Change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on January 24, 2023.³ The Commission has not received any comments on the Proposed Rule Change. For the reasons discussed below, the Commission is approving the Proposed Rule Change.

II. Description of the Proposed Rule Change

LCH SA is a clearing agency registered with the Commission for the

purpose of clearing security-based swaps (also known as credit-default swaps or “CDS”). LCH SA provides clearing services for eligible CDS contracts, including both European and US Indices and Single Names Index constituents, and clearing services for eligible options on European Index CDS. In offering clearing services for these CDS contracts, LCH SA acts as a central counterparty (“CCP”). Being a CCP means that LCH SA, in clearing a trade, becomes a counterparty to, and responsible for, the corresponding trade obligations arising from the original bilateral trade between its clearing members. In other words, as a CCP, LCH SA acts functionally as the buyer to every seller and the seller to every buyer.

As a CCP providing clearing services, LCH SA is subject to liquidity risk in that it may not have enough cash in the relevant currency to meet its payment obligations when they become due, in particular upon the default of a clearing member. For example, LCH SA would be unable to make a payment in United States Dollars (“USD”) if, at the time the payment were due, all of LCH SA’s resources were held in securities or British Pounds Sterling. To comprehensively measure, monitor, and manage its liquidity risk, LCH SA has established, among other policies and procedures,⁴ the Framework.

The Framework supports LCH SA’s management of liquidity risk by identifying LCH SA’s sources of liquidity and corresponding liquidity risks, identifying LCH SA’s liquidity requirements with respect to its members and its interoperable central counterparty,⁵ describing the metrics and limits that LCH SA monitors, and describing the scenarios under which these metrics are computed.⁶

Broadly, the Proposed Rule Change seeks to amend the Framework in four ways: (1) more accurately describe how LCH SA currently manages its liquidity

requirements and operational target⁷ calculation when there is a scheduled reduction to LCH SA’s Default Fund⁸ or when LCH SA needs to provide an extraordinary liquidity injection to facilitate settlement of transactions during a business day; (2) reflect changes to two of LCH SA’s committed credit lines; (3) add a list of LCH SA’s existing options to address default situations in which there is a liquidity shortfall in a currency different from EUR;⁹ and (4) make two changes relating to LCH SA’s existing processes for injecting liquidity in the settlement system to ease settlement flow at International Central Securities Depositories (“ICSDs”). Each of these proposed changes is discussed in turn below.

A. Liquidity Requirements and Operational Target

Based on a recommendation from its independent risk model validation department, LCH SA proposes to amend the Framework to address more fully its liquidity requirements in the event of a Default Fund scheduled reduction or an extraordinary intraday liquidity injection in the settlement platform.

A Default Fund scheduled reduction refers to an instance where LCH SA returns Default Fund contributions to its clearing members. As background, at the start of each month, LCH SA determines the amount of its Default Fund according to its internal procedures.¹⁰ If the new amount for a given clearing member is lower than the current amount, then LCH SA will return the appropriate difference to that clearing member. Before a Default Fund

⁷ The operational target “represents the amount of liquidity to be held to satisfy the liquidity needs related to the operational management of the CCP in a stressed environment that does not lead to a member’s default.” Notice, 88 FR at 4228, n.6.

⁸ LCH SA maintains a Default Fund for its CDS clearing service. The Default Fund consists of financial resources that LCH SA can use to cover losses in the event of a default by a clearing member, in accordance with its rules and procedures. LCH SA requires clearing members to contribute to the Default Fund, and Article 4.4.1.3 of the LCH SA CDS Clearing Rulebook explains how LCH SA determines the amount of each clearing member’s contribution. Generally, LCH SA calculates the amount of the Default Fund and each clearing member’s contribution thereto each month. If a clearing member’s contribution decreases for a given month, LCH SA could be obligated to return cash to that clearing member in the amount of the reduction in its contribution. Such a return of cash to a clearing member would decrease the amount of liquidity available to LCH SA.

⁹ As described below, LCH SA did not propose adopting new authorities, but rather, specified existing options to conform the Framework to the LCH SA Liquidity Plan and the LCH SA CDS Clearing Rulebook. See LCH SA CDS Clearing Rule Book Chapter 3 Article 1.3.1.7, Appendix 1 Article 8.2, Appendix 1 Article 8.10.

¹⁰ Notice, 88 FR at 4228, n.8.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

³ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 96694 (Jan. 18, 2023), 88 FR 4227 (Jan. 24, 2023) (File No. SR–LCH–2023–001) (“Notice”).

⁴ For example, as described in the Notice, LCH SA, as a subsidiary of LCH Group, manages its liquidity risk pursuant to, among other policies and procedures, the LCH Group Liquidity Risk Policy and the LCH Group Liquidity Plan. *Id.* at 4228.

⁵ LCH SA has an interoperability agreement with Cassa di Compensazione e Garanzia (“CC&G”), an Italian CCP, pursuant to which LCH SA’s clearing members and CC&G’s clearing members are able to benefit from common clearing services without having to join the other CCP. Each CCP is a clearing member of the other one with a particular status when accessing the clearing system of the other counterparty.

⁶ For additional information regarding the Framework, see Self-Regulatory Organizations; LCH SA; Order Approving Proposed Rule Change Relating to Liquidity Risk Management, Exchange Act Release No. 83691 (July 24, 2018), 83 FR 36635 (July 30, 2018) (SR–LCH SA–2018–003).