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TO:	ALL PARTICIPANTS
ATTENTION:	MANAGING PARTNER/OFFICER; RISK MANAGERS; OPERATIONS MANAGER; MANAGER, DATA PROCESSING MANAGER, IT MANAGER
FROM:	PRODUCT MANAGEMENT
SUBJECT:	DTCC LIMIT MONITORING ENHANCEMENTS- MARCH 2015

Effective Friday, March 13, 2015, DTCC will release the following enhancements to DTCC Limit Monitoring:

- 1. Creating a new risk-entity set-up field "Counterparty Firm (9b)"
- 2. Renaming "Submitting Firm" field heading "Submitting Firm (9a)"
- 3. Creating a new alert message-type to notify of unassigned trade flow
- 4. Permitting thousands comma to enter net-notional limit amounts
- 5. Adding a do-not-monitor indicator
- 6. Distributing do-not-monitor output reporting

Counterparty Firm (9b) / Submitting Firm (9a) Enhancements

The DTCC Limit Monitoring trade-array functionality set-up will be enhanced to allow Qualified Special Representatives (QSR) and/or Special Representatives (SR) (collectively referred to as "9a firms") to monitor their trading activity against their respective clients (also known as "9b firms"). A new column will be added in the trade-array set-up view, titled "Counterparty Firm (9b)". The new input field will become available (or un-grayed) only when the submitting-market field contains either the value of '060- Over the Counter' or '100- Correspondent Clearing'. For further information about the usage and set-up, please refer to the <u>www.DTCCLearning.com</u> web site.

In order to maintain consistent naming conventions following the introduction of the "Counterparty Firm (9b)" risk-entity set-up field, the "Submitting Firm" field in DTCC Limit Monitoring will be renamed "Submitting Firm (9a)". This change will not affect any existing risk-entity content or the functionality of this field.

Unassigned Risk Entity Enhancements

On October 17, 2014 DTCC released the 'Unassigned Risk Entity' enhancement and the Unassigned Risk-Entity reporting. As a further enhancement, DTCC Limit Monitoring will begin sending out alert messages (MQ and/or email) in order to notify its users about the <u>first</u> occurrence of a new identifier (MPID, mnemonic) allocated to the 'Unassigned Risk Entity'. Congruously, the system will <u>not</u> send a

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separate message for each unassigned trade with the same value in the executing broker field. For MQ-message specifications, please refer to the <u>www.DTCCLearning.com</u> web site.

Thousands Comma Enhancements

As a part of the March, 2015 enhancements, DTCC Limit Monitoring will also permit the usage of thousands commas for the entry of the net-notional limit amounts. Currently the system rejects limit-amount formats such as '1,000,000', expecting the corresponding entry of '1000000'. Following the new release implementation, the former will be accepted. The entry of cents and decimal points is not supported.

Do-Not-Monitor Enhancements

DTCC will introduce a new "do-not-monitor" risk-entity designation to DTCC Limit Monitoring that can be appended to a new risk entity. When a risk entity is designated as "do-no-monitor" it will no longer generate any alerts, but will continue calculating its net-notional amount. As with any update to the risk-entity set-up, the do-not-monitor designation can be removed, and all updates will be reported back to the firm as MQ or email messages.

NSCC Members are reminded that they may be required to subscribe for DTCC Limit Monitoring and must ensure their firms' compliance with this requirement. As a matter of monitoring follow-up, DTCC will reach out to firms with newly-created do-not-monitor risk entities to ensure that those firms continue to be in compliance with their requirements.

DTCC will also make the do-not-monitor information available as a part of the existing Risk Entity MRO file. If you already consume this output, please make sure to amend your specifications in order to account for the new field. Specification document outlining the new file layout will also be available on <u>www.DTCCLearning.com</u>.

Additional Information

For questions about this Important Notice, contact your DTCC relationship manager, Client Account Representative at 212-855-4270 or Pawel Pieczara at 212-855-5697 or at <u>ppieczara@dtcc.com</u>.

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