

**FINANCIAL INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY
LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE, WAIVER AND CONSENT**

NO. 20130358230-01

TO: Department of Market Regulation
Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA")

RE: Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Respondent
Broker-Dealer
CRD No. 816

Pursuant to FINRA Rule 9216 of FINRA's Code of Procedure, Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC (the "firm" or "Respondent") submits this Letter of Acceptance, Waiver and Consent ("AWC") for the purpose of proposing a settlement of the alleged rule violations described below. This AWC is submitted on the condition that, if accepted, FINRA will not bring any future actions against Respondent alleging violations based on the same factual findings described herein.

I.

ACCEPTANCE AND CONSENT

- A. Respondent hereby accepts and consents, without admitting or denying the findings, and solely for the purposes of this proceeding and any other proceeding brought by or on behalf of FINRA, or to which FINRA is a party, prior to a hearing and without an adjudication of any issue of law or fact, to the entry of the following findings by FINRA:

BACKGROUND

The firm became a member of FINRA on October 16, 1936, and its registration remains in effect.

RELEVANT DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

On April 25, 2013, FINRA accepted an AWC in which the firm was censured and fined \$92,500, which included a fine of \$32,500 for Order Audit Trail System ("OATS") violations for conduct that occurred in the 3rd trimester of 2008 and on September 29, 2010 and September 30, 2010.

On December 27, 2011, FINRA accepted an AWC in which the firm was censured and fined \$1,750,000, which included a fine of \$100,000 for OATS violations for conduct that occurred from June 1, 2006 through December 2010.

On January 25, 2011, FINRA accepted an AWC in which the firm was censured and fined \$50,000, which included a fine of \$12,500 for customer confirmation violations for conduct that occurred on August 26, 2009 and August 27, 2009 and a fine of \$27,500 for OATS violations for conduct that occurred in the 2nd quarter of 2006 and the 1st quarter of 2007.

SUMMARY

In Review No. 20130358230, the Trading and Financial Compliance Examination ("TFCE") staff of the Department of Market Regulation conducted the 2013 TFCE examination wherein the staff reviewed the items set forth on Exhibit 1, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference, primarily for trade dates July 17, 2013 and July 18, 2013 (the "review period").

FACTS AND VIOLATIVE CONDUCT

1. During the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013, the firm failed on 2,040 occasions to provide written notification disclosing to its customer its correct capacity in the transaction. The conduct described in this paragraph constitutes separate and distinct violations of SEC Rule 10b-10.
2. During the period November 28, 2011 through March 6, 2014, the firm transmitted to OATS approximately 3.7 million reports that contained inaccurate, incomplete, or improperly formatted data. Specifically: (i) one report contained an inaccurate Special Handling Code of "SLR" and included erroneous Cancel and Route Reports; and (ii) approximately 3.7 million reports contained inaccurate Special Handling Codes of "SLR." The conduct described in this paragraph constitutes separate and distinct violations of FINRA Rule 7450.

B. Respondent also consents to the imposition of the following sanctions:

A censure and a fine of \$22,500 (comprised of \$7,500 for the customer confirmation violations and \$15,000 for the OATS violations).

Respondent agrees to pay the monetary sanction(s) upon notice that this AWC has been accepted and that such payment(s) are due and payable. It has submitted an Election of Payment form showing the method by which it proposes to pay the fine imposed.

Respondent specifically and voluntarily waives any right to claim that it is unable to pay, now or at any time hereafter, the monetary sanction(s) imposed in this matter.

The sanctions imposed herein shall be effective on a date set by FINRA staff.

II.

WAIVER OF PROCEDURAL RIGHTS

Respondent specifically and voluntarily waives the following rights granted under FINRA's Code of Procedure:

- A. To have a Complaint issued specifying the allegations against the firm;
- B. To be notified of the Complaint and have the opportunity to answer the allegations in writing;
- C. To defend against the allegations in a disciplinary hearing before a hearing panel, to have a written record of the hearing made and to have a written decision issued; and
- D. To appeal any such decision to the National Adjudicatory Council ("NAC") and then to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and a U.S. Court of Appeals.

Further, Respondent specifically and voluntarily waives any right to claim bias or prejudgment of the Chief Legal Officer, the NAC, or any member of the NAC, in connection with such person's or body's participation in discussions regarding the terms and conditions of this AWC, or other consideration of this AWC, including acceptance or rejection of this AWC.

Respondent further specifically and voluntarily waives any right to claim that a person violated the ex parte prohibitions of FINRA Rule 9143 or the separation of functions prohibitions of FINRA Rule 9144, in connection with such person's or body's participation in discussions regarding the terms and conditions of this AWC, or other consideration of this AWC, including its acceptance or rejection.

III.

OTHER MATTERS

Respondent understands that:

- A. Submission of this AWC is voluntary and will not resolve this matter unless and until it has been reviewed and accepted by the NAC, a Review Subcommittee of the NAC, or the Office of Disciplinary Affairs ("ODA"), pursuant to FINRA Rule 9216;
- B. If this AWC is not accepted, its submission will not be used as evidence to prove any of the allegations against Respondent; and

C. If accepted:

1. this AWC will become part of the firm's permanent disciplinary record and may be considered in any future actions brought by FINRA or any other regulator against the firm;
2. this AWC will be made available through FINRA's public disclosure program in accordance with FINRA Rule 8313;
3. FINRA may make a public announcement concerning this agreement and the subject matter thereof in accordance with FINRA Rule 8313; and
4. Respondent may not take any action or make or permit to be made any public statement, including in regulatory filings or otherwise, denying, directly or indirectly, any finding in this AWC or create the impression that the AWC is without factual basis. Respondent may not take any position in any proceeding brought by or on behalf of FINRA, or to which FINRA is a party, that is inconsistent with any part of this AWC. Nothing in this provision affects the firm's: (i) testimonial obligations; or (ii) right to take legal or factual positions in litigation or other legal proceedings in which FINRA is not a party.

D. Respondent may attach a Corrective Action Statement to this AWC that is a statement of demonstrable corrective steps taken to prevent future misconduct. The firm understands that it may not deny the charges or make any statement that is inconsistent with the AWC in this Statement. This Statement does not constitute factual or legal findings by FINRA, nor does it reflect the views of FINRA or its staff.

The undersigned, on behalf of the firm, certifies that a person duly authorized to act on its behalf has read and understands all of the provisions of this AWC and has been given a full opportunity to ask questions about it; that it has agreed to the AWC's provisions voluntarily; and that no offer, threat, inducement, or promise of any kind, other than the terms set forth herein and the prospect of avoiding the issuance of a Complaint, has been made to induce the firm to submit it.

7/17/15
Date

Respondent
Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC

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Accepted by FINRA:

7-31-15
Date

Signed on behalf of the
Director of ODA, by delegated authority

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FINRA Department of Market Regulation

Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC ("FBCO")
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Exhibit 1

<u>Sample Size</u>	<u>Sample Description</u>
150	Sales reviewed for compliance with SEC Rule 200(g) long/short sale recording requirements
2	Short Sales reviewed for compliance with SEC Rule 203(b) security location requirements
0	Sales reviewed for compliance with SEC Rule 204 fail-to-deliver requirements
909	Sell trades reported to a TRF or OTCRF for compliance with sale indicator requirements, FINRA Rules 6182 or 6624
20	Sell orders entered into Nasdaq Exchange execution system for compliance with Nasdaq Rule 4755(a)(1)(A) long/short reporting requirements
20	Buy and Sell orders entered into Nasdaq Exchange execution system for compliance with Nasdaq Rule 4611 capacity reporting requirements
20	Sell orders entered into Nasdaq OMX BX execution system for compliance with Nasdaq OMX BX Rule 4755 long/short reporting requirements
0	Sell orders entered into Nasdaq OMX PHLX execution system for compliance with Nasdaq OMX PSX Rule 3305 long/short reporting requirements
40	Sell orders entered into Direct Edge Exchange execution systems for compliance with EDGA/EDGX Rule 11.15 long/short reporting requirements
40	Buy and Sell orders entered into Direct Edge Exchange execution systems for compliance with EDGA/EDGX Rule 11.22 capacity reporting requirements
20	Sell orders entered into NYSE-Arca execution system for compliance with NYSE-Arca Equities Rule 7.16 long/short reporting requirements
20	Buy and Sell orders entered into NYSE-Arca execution system for compliance with NYSE Arca Equities Rule 7.33 capacity reporting requirements
2	Limit orders for NMS securities in which the member acts as an exchange market maker for compliance with the display requirements of SEC Rules 602 and 604
54	Orders for compliance with best execution requirements of FINRA Rule 5310: 5 Orders from the Order Protection Review 24 Orders executed with a .PRP (Prior Reference Price) trade modifier 25 Customer orders in OTC equity securities
13	Orders for compliance with order protection requirements of FINRA Rule 5320

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10	Open Limit orders to buy and/or open Stop orders to sell securities that traded ex-dividend for compliance with FINRA Rule 5330
0	Order memoranda and Net Trading agreements for compliance with FINRA Rule 2124 requirements
85	Orders in securities required to be submitted to OATS for compliance with FINRA Rules 7440 and 7450 requirements
37	Customer confirmations prepared and maintained in connection with select samples for compliance with SEC Rule 10b-10
25	Orders for NMS securities in which the Firm acts as a market center for compliance with SEC Rule 605 order classification requirements
5	Data sets published for July 2013 monthly order execution report for compliance with SEC Rule 605 requirement to publish accurate data (a 'data set' encompasses all required statistical data for single security and order type/size category as described in SEC Rule 605)
1	Quarterly Routing Report for compliance with SEC Rule 606 requirements
16	CRD registration records for persons conducting and/or supervising Firm's trading and/or market making activities for compliance with NASD Rule Series 1020-1040; Nasdaq Rule Series 1020-1040, Nasdaq OMX BX Rule Series 1020-1040; EDGA/EDGX Rules 2.3, 2.5 and 11.4 and NYSE-Arca Rules 2.4, 6.18 and 7.21
25	Customer orders in OTC equity securities for compliance with FINRA Rule 5310, Supplementary Material .06: Securities with Limited Quotation or Pricing Information
4	Disclosures to customers relating to trading in the Extended Hours session for compliance with FINRA Rule 2265
3220	Records prepared and maintained in connection with the above samples for compliance with SEC Rules 17a-3 and 17a-4
1115	Trades reported to a TRF or OTCRF for compliance with FINRA Rules 6380A and 7230A or 6622 and 7330
All Provided	Member's "Regular & Rigorous" review procedures regarding order execution quality for compliance with FINRA Rule 5310 and NASD Rule 3010
All Provided	Member's supervisory and operational policies and procedures and documentation evidencing execution of the policies and procedures for compliance with SEC Regulation NMS Rule 611

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All Provided		Member's supervisory system, written supervisory procedures ("WSPs") and documentation evidencing execution of the WSPs for compliance with NASD Rule 3010, Nasdaq Rule 3010, Nasdaq OMX BX Rule 3010, EDGA Rule 5.1, EDGX Rule 5.1 or NYSE-Arca Rule 6.18 requirements
N/A		Member's risk management and supervisory system/procedures and documentation evidencing execution of the policies and procedures for compliance with SEC Rule 15c3-5 requirements
0		Trading Halts declared during the on-site portion of the examination for which FINRA Staff observed the operation of the ATS.
N/A		Trades reported to the ADF/TRACS for compliance with FINRA Rule 6282
N/A		ADF orders and quotes accessed by other market participants for compliance with FINRA Rule 6250 requirements to submit Order and Order Response reports