

# **STS Term Master Checklist**

## **BPCE Home Loans FCT 2019**



PRIME COLLATERALISED SECURITIES (PCS) EU SAS

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## Prime Collateralised Securities (PCS) EU SAS

### STS Verification

Individual(s) undertaking the assessment	Daniele Vella
Date of Verification	29 October 2019
<b>The transaction to be verified (the “Transaction”)</b>	<b>BPCE HOME LOANS FCT 2019</b>
Issuer	BPCE HOME LOANS FCT 2019
Originators /Sellers	A number of “Banques Populaires” and “Caisses d’Epargne” (see list in Section “The Sellers”)
Lead Manager(s)	Natixis – BofA Merrill Lynch
Transaction Legal Counsel	Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe (Europe) LLP
Rating Agencies	Fitch and Moody’s
Stock Exchange	Paris Stock Exchange (Euronext Paris)
Target Closing Date	29 October 2019

**PCS confirms that all checklist points have been verified as detailed in the associated comment box in the checklist below.**

**A summary of the checklist points by article is set out in the table on the next page together with a reference to summary headings of the respective article contents. To examine a specific article section from the list below in further detail, please click on the article description in the table below to be taken directly to the relevant section of the detailed checklist.**

Article	Summary of article contents	Checklist Points	
Article 20 – Simplicity			
20(1)	<a href="#">True sale</a>	1, 2	✓
20(2)	<a href="#">Severe clawback (part 1)</a>	2	✓
20(3)	<a href="#">Severe clawback (part 2)</a>	2	✓
20(4)	<a href="#">True sale with intermediate steps</a>	3	✓
20(5)	<a href="#">Assignment perfection</a>	4	✓
20(6)	<a href="#">Encumbrances to enforceability of true sale</a>	5	✓
20(7)	<a href="#">Eligibility criteria and active portfolio management</a>	6 - 8	✓
20(8)	<a href="#">Homogeneity, obligations of the underlying exposures, periodic payment streams, no transferable securities</a>	9 - 14	✓
20(9)	<a href="#">No securitisation positions</a>	15	✓
20(10)	<a href="#">Origination, underwriting standards and expertise, unverified home loans</a>	16 - 21	✓
20(11)	<a href="#">No undue delay after selection, no exposures in default and to credit-impaired or insolvent debtors/quarantors, portion of restructured debtors, adverse credit history, higher pool risk</a>	22 - 30	✓
20(12)	<a href="#">At least one payment made</a>	31	✓
20(13)	<a href="#">No predominant dependence on the sale of asset</a>	32	✓
Article 21 – Standardisation			
21(1)	<a href="#">Risk retention</a>	33	✓
21(2)	<a href="#">Appropriate mitigation of interest-rate and currency risks, disclosure, no further derivatives, hedging derivatives according to common standards</a>	34 - 39	✓
21(3)	<a href="#">Referenced interest payments</a>	40	✓
21(4)	<a href="#">Requirements in the event of enforcement or delivery of an acceleration notice: no cash trap, sequential amortisation, no automatic liquidation</a>	41 - 44	✓
21(5)	<a href="#">Non-sequential priority of payments</a>	45	✓
21(6)	<a href="#">Early amortisation provisions/triggers for termination of revolving period</a>	46 - 50	✓
21(7)	<a href="#">Duties, responsibilities and replacement of transaction parties</a>	51 - 53	✓
21(8)	<a href="#">Expertise of the servicer</a>	54, 55	✓
21(9)	<a href="#">Remedies and actions by Servicer related to delinquency and default of debtor, priorities of payments, triggers for changes, obligation to report</a>	56 - 61	✓
21(10)	<a href="#">Resolution of investor conflicts and fiduciary party responsibilities and duties</a>	62, 63	✓
Articles 22 and 7 – Transparency			
22(1)	<a href="#">Historical asset data</a>	64 - 66	✓
22(2)	<a href="#">AUP/asset verification</a>	67, 68	✓
22(3)	<a href="#">Liability cashflow model</a>	69, 70	✓
22(4)	<a href="#">Environmental performance of asset</a>	71	✓
22(5)	<a href="#">Responsibility for article 7 and information disclosure before pricing and 15 days after closing</a>	72 - 75	✓
7(1)	<a href="#">Transparency requirements: availability of reports, documentation, underlying loan data</a>	76 - 101	✓
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	<b>Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity</b>	
	20.1. The title to the underlying exposures shall be acquired by the SSPE by means of a true sale or assignment or transfer with the same legal effect in a manner that is enforceable against the seller or any other third party. The transfer of the title to the SSPE shall not be subject to severe clawback provisions in the event of the seller's insolvency.	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	1. The title to the underlying exposures shall be acquired by the SSPE by means of a true sale or assignment or transfer with the same legal effect in a manner that is enforceable against the seller or any other third party.	
	<b>Verified?</b>	Yes
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>See "Assignment of the Home Loans and Ancillary Rights" in the Section "Description of the Home Loans and Servicing Agreement and the Reserves Cash Deposit Agreement" pursuant to which &lt;&lt; The assignment of the Home Loans subject to any Home Loans Purchase Offer shall take effect between the Issuer and the relevant Seller and be enforceable against third parties (for the avoidance of doubt, including, without limitation, the Borrowers) at the date affixed by the Management Company on the relevant Transfer Document upon its delivery by each Seller, irrespective of the date on which the said Home Loans came into existence or their maturity or due date, without any further formalities being required, and irrespective of the law governing the said Home Loans or the debtor's place of residence (quelle que soit la date de naissance, échéance ou d'exigibilité des créances, sans qu'il soit besoin d'autre formalité, et ce quelle que soit la loi applicable aux créances et la loi du pays de résidence des débiteurs) in accordance with the provisions of articles L. 214-169 and D. 214-227 of the French Monetary and Financial Code.&gt;&gt;.</p> <p>Confirmation of true sale i.e. enforceability of assignment, an assessment of the re-characterisation risks is made in the Legal Opinion.</p> <p>PCS has been provided with and reviewed a draft of the French law legal opinion issued by Orrick Herrington &amp; Sutcliffe (Europe) LLP.</p> <p>"True sale" is not a legal concept but a rating agency creation.</p> <p>The essence of a "true sale" is that the property in the securitised assets has legally moved from the originator(s)/seller to the SSPE in such a way that the SSPE's ownership will be recognised as a matter of law, including and especially in the case of the insolvency of the originator(s)/seller. In a "true sale" the insolvency officer and creditors of the insolvent originator/seller are not able to satisfy the claims of the originator/seller's creditor out of the proceeds of the securitised assets. Following a "true sale" there is no legal device by which the assets can automatically revert to the originator/seller's ownership. Such automatic reversion is associated with security interests and anathema to a "true sale".</p> <p>This is clearly stated in the wording of the Regulation (20.1). The expression "transfer to the same effect" indicates that, as long as the conditions in the preceding paragraph are met, the Regulation does not seek to limit the type of legal devices which can be used to effect such transfer of title.</p> <p>The legal opinion from Orrick Herrington &amp; Sutcliffe (Europe) LLP confirmed that the assignment from the Sellers to the Issuer meets the definition of "true sale" outlined above and also contains the assessments required by the EBA Guidelines, including a specific assessment and comfort on the re-characterisation risk.</p> <p>The issue of "true sale" is separate from the issue of "clawback". "Clawback" refers to legal processes through which, in the insolvency of the seller of an asset, an insolvency officer is entitled to reverse the sale - even in cases where a "true sale" has taken place.</p> <p>All European jurisdictions, to PCS' knowledge, have rules allowing for clawbacks. Clawbacks are usually rules to avoid a company heading towards insolvency from "defrauding" its existing creditors either by selling assets at very low prices (to friends and relations) or unfairly preferring certain creditors over others.</p> <p>The Regulation (20.1) therefore does not require STS "true sales" to be fully clawback-proof, since this would mean that no European securitisation could ever be STS. It does require the sale not to be subject to "severe clawback". The Regulation does not define "severe clawback" but gives an example (20.2) where a clawback may occur.</p> <p>The Regulation (20.3) also explicitly excludes from the definition of "severe clawback" the traditional European basis for such devices which all come under the general category of "preferences".</p>	

PCS further notes that the examples (20.2 and 20.3) refer to the insolvency law of a jurisdiction and therefore believes that clawback risk is to be assessed on a jurisdictional basis rather than on a transactional basis.

Finally, PCS does not believe and nor is there any evidence that the legislators or regulatory authorities are seeking to craft a higher standard than that which has been used for decades by the market and was the basis for the legislative text.

Based on the above considerations, PCS believes that transfers from a jurisdiction meeting the following criteria – absent any other indications – shall not fall within the definition of “severe clawback”:

- Clawback requires an unfair preference “defrauding” creditors;
- Clawback puts the burden of proof on the insolvency officer or creditors – in other words it cannot be automatic nor require the purchaser to prove their innocence.

Since “severe clawback” is a jurisdictional concept, in analysing this issue, PCS will therefore first seek to determine the Originator’s jurisdiction for the purposes of insolvency law. This would be its centre of main interest (“COMI”) or its “home member state”.

The second step would be to determine whether the relevant COMI and/or “home member state” contains severe claw back provisions in its insolvency legislation.

Although the determination of a COMI can be a technically fraught analysis of international conflicts of law, PCS notes that in the vast majority of securitisations there is no real issue as the COMI is self-evident.

In the case of the Transaction, the Originators are incorporated in France and licensed as credit institutions by the French *Autorité de Contrôle Prudentiel et de Résolution* and title to the assets is transferred by means of assignments governed by French law to a French *Fonds Commun de Titrisation*.

As outlined in the Prospectus and in the French legal opinion, in the case of a transfer which is made to a French *Fonds Commun de Titrisation* and governed by the specific mode of transfer provided for by French securitisation law, such law specifically excludes the application of the French law clawback provision providing that certain contracts entered into during the hardening period may be nullified if the counterparty of the insolvent entity was aware of its state of insolvency. The potential application of the clawback provision providing for the nullity of unbalanced contractual arrangements entered into during the hardening period is not excluded, but its purpose is to protect creditors from unfair preferences. Therefore, the transfer is not, in our view, subject to “severe clawback”.

#### **EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on *background and rationale***

##### **True sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect, representations and warranties (Article 20(1)-(6))**

16. The criterion specified in Article 20(1) aims to ensure that the underlying exposures are beyond the reach of, and are effectively ring-fenced and segregated from, the seller, its creditors and its liquidators, including in the event of the seller’s insolvency, enabling an effective recourse to the ultimate claims for the underlying exposures.

22. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be clarified:

- (a) how to substantiate the confidence of third parties with respect to compliance with Article 20(1): it is understood that this should be achieved by providing a legal opinion. While the guidance does not explicitly require the provision of a legal opinion in all cases, the guidance expects a legal opinion to be provided as a general rule, and omission to be an exception;
- (b) the triggers to effect the perfection of the transfer if assignments are perfected at a later stage than at the closing of the transaction.

#### **EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines**

##### **4.1 True sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect, representations and warranties (Article 20(1)-(6))**

###### ***True sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect***

10. For the purposes of Article 20(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 and in order to substantiate the confidence of third parties, including third parties verifying simple, transparent and standardised (STS) compliance in accordance with Article 28 of that Regulation and competent authorities meeting the requirements specified therein, all of the following should be provided:

- (a) confirmation of the true sale or confirmation that, under the applicable national framework, the assignment or transfer segregate the underlying exposures from the seller, its creditors and its liquidators, including in the event of the seller’s insolvency, with the same legal effect as that achieved by means of true sale;

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|  | <p>(b) confirmation of the enforceability of the true sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect referred to in point (a) against the seller or any other third party, under the applicable national legal framework;</p> <p>(c) assessment of clawback risks and re-characterisation risks</p> <p>11. The confirmation of the aspects referred to in paragraph 10 should be achieved by the provision of a legal opinion provided by qualified external legal counsel, except in the case of repeat issuances in standalone securitisation structures or master trusts that use the same legal mechanism for the transfer, including instances in which the legal framework is the same.</p> <p>12. The legal opinion referred to in paragraph 11 should be accessible and made available to any relevant third party verifying STS compliance in accordance with Article 28 of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 and any relevant competent authority from among those referred to in Article 29 of that regulation.</p> |
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	<b>Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity</b>	
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	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	<p>2. The transfer of the title to the SSPE shall not be subject to severe clawback provisions in the event of the seller's insolvency.</p>	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>Each of the Sellers is incorporated and authorised as a credit institution in France (see section "DESCRIPTION OF THE RELEVANT ENTITIES - THE SELLERS" of the Prospectus) and in case of insolvency of any of them, French law would be applicable to the relevant insolvency actions.</p> <p>In the Republic of France no severe claw-back provisions apply to securitisation transactions.</p>	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on <i>background and rationale</i></b>	
	<p><b>True sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect, representations and warranties (Article 20(1)-(6))</b></p> <p>16. The criterion specified in Article 20(1) aims to ensure that the underlying exposures are beyond the reach of, and are effectively ring-fenced and segregated from, the seller, its creditors and its liquidators, including in the event of the seller's insolvency, enabling an effective recourse to the ultimate claims for the underlying exposures.</p> <p>22. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be clarified:</p> <p>(a) how to substantiate the confidence of third parties with respect to compliance with Article 20(1): it is understood that this should be achieved by providing a legal opinion. While the guidance does not explicitly require the provision of a legal opinion in all cases, the guidance expects a legal opinion to be provided as a general rule, and omission to be an exception;</p> <p>(b) the triggers to effect the perfection of the transfer if assignments are perfected at a later stage than at the closing of the transaction.</p>	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines</b>	
	<p><b>4.1 True sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect, representations and warranties (Article 20(1)-(6))</b></p> <p><b>True sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect</b></p> <p>10. For the purposes of Article 20(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 and in order to substantiate the confidence of third parties, including third parties verifying simple, transparent and standardised (STS) compliance in accordance with Article 28 of that Regulation and competent authorities meeting the requirements specified therein, all of the following should be provided:</p> <p>(a) confirmation of the true sale or confirmation that, under the applicable national framework, the assignment or transfer segregate the underlying exposures from the seller, its creditors and its liquidators, including in the event of the seller's insolvency, with the same legal effect as that achieved by means of true sale;</p> <p>(b) confirmation of the enforceability of the true sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect referred to in point (a) against the seller or any other third party, under the applicable national legal framework;</p> <p>(c) assessment of clawback risks and re-characterisation risks.</p> <p>11. The confirmation of the aspects referred to in paragraph 10 should be achieved by the provision of a legal opinion provided by qualified external legal counsel, except in the case of repeat issuances in standalone securitisation structures or master trusts that use the same legal mechanism for the transfer, including instances in which the legal framework is the same.</p> <p>12. The legal opinion referred to in paragraph 11 should be accessible and made available to any relevant third party verifying STS compliance in accordance with Article 28 of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 and any relevant competent authority from among those referred to in Article 29 of that regulation.</p>	

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<b>Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity</b>	
<p>20.2. For the purpose of paragraph 1, any of the following shall constitute severe clawback provisions:</p> <p>(a) provisions which allow the liquidator of the seller to invalidate the sale of the underlying exposures solely on the basis that it was concluded within a certain period before the declaration of the seller's insolvency;</p> <p>(b) provisions where the SSPE can only prevent the invalidation referred to in point (a) if it can prove that it was not aware of the insolvency of the seller at the time of sale.</p>	
<b>STS criteria</b>	
<p>(a) provisions which allow the liquidator of the seller to invalidate the sale of the underlying exposures solely on the basis that it was concluded within a certain period before the declaration of the seller's insolvency;</p> <p>(b) provisions where the SSPE can only prevent the invalidation referred to in point (a) if it can prove that it was not aware of the insolvency of the seller at the time of sale.</p>	
<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>PCS Comment</b>	
<p>Neither provision applies.</p> <p>In the Republic of France no severe claw-back provisions apply to assignments of receivables made in the context of securitisation transactions.</p>	
<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on <i>background and rationale</i></b>	
<p><b>True sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect, representations and warranties (Article 20(1)-(6))</b></p> <p>17. The criterion in Article 20(2) is designed to ensure the enforceability of the transfer of legal title in the event of the seller's insolvency. More specifically, if the underlying exposures sold to the SSPE could be reclaimed for the sole reason that their transfer was effected within a certain period before the seller's insolvency, or if the SSPE could prevent the reclaim only by proving that it was unaware of the seller's insolvency at the time of transfer, such clauses would expose investors to a high risk that the underlying exposures would not effectively back their contractual claims. For this reason, Article 20(2) specifies that such clauses constitute severe clawback provisions, which may not be contained in STS securitisation.</p>	
<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines</b>	
<p><b>4.1 True sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect, representations and warranties (Article 20(1)-(6))</b></p> <p><b>True sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect</b></p> <p>10. For the purposes of Article 20(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 and in order to substantiate the confidence of third parties, including third parties verifying simple, transparent and standardised (STS) compliance in accordance with Article 28 of that Regulation and competent authorities meeting the requirements specified therein, all of the following should be provided:</p> <p>(a) confirmation of the true sale or confirmation that, under the applicable national framework, the assignment or transfer segregate the underlying exposures from the seller, its creditors and its liquidators, including in the event of the seller's insolvency, with the same legal effect as that achieved by means of true sale;</p> <p>(b) confirmation of the enforceability of the true sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect referred to in point (a) against the seller or any other third party, under the applicable national legal framework;</p> <p>(c) assessment of clawback risks and re-characterisation risks.</p> <p>11. The confirmation of the aspects referred to in paragraph 10 should be achieved by the provision of a legal opinion provided by qualified external legal counsel, except in the case of repeat issuances in standalone securitisation structures or master trusts that use the same legal mechanism for the transfer, including instances in which the legal framework is the same.</p> <p>12. The legal opinion referred to in paragraph 11 should be accessible and made available to any relevant third party verifying STS compliance in accordance with Article 28 of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 and any relevant competent authority from among those referred to in Article 29 of that regulation.</p>	

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<b>Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity</b>		
20.3. For the purpose of paragraph 1, clawback provisions in national insolvency laws that allow the liquidator or a court to invalidate the sale of underlying exposures in case of fraudulent transfers, unfair prejudice to creditors or of transfers intended to improperly favour particular creditors over others, shall not constitute severe clawback provisions.		
STS criteria		
<b>Verified?</b>		<b>Yes</b>
<b>PCS Comment</b>		
See comments to points above.		
<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on <i>background and rationale</i></b>		
<b>True sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect, representations and warranties (Article 20(1)-(6))</b>		
18. Whereas, pursuant to Article 20(2), contractual terms and conditions attached to the transfer of title that expose investors to a high risk that the securitised assets will be reclaimed in the event of the seller's insolvency should not be permissible in STS securitisations, such prohibition should not include the statutory provisions granting the right to a liquidator or a court to invalidate the transfer of title with the aim of preventing or combating fraud, as referred to in Article 20(3).		
<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines</b>		
<b>4.1 True sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect, representations and warranties (Article 20(1)-(6))</b>		
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	<b>Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity</b>	
	20.4. Where the seller is not the original lender, the true sale or assignment or transfer with the same legal effect of the underlying exposures to the seller, whether that true sale or assignment or transfer with the same legal effect is direct or through one or more intermediate steps, shall meet the requirements set out in paragraphs 1 to 3.	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	3. Where the seller is not the original lender, the true sale or assignment or transfer with the same legal effect of the underlying exposures to the seller, whether that true sale or assignment or transfer with the same legal effect is direct or through one or more intermediate steps, shall meet the requirements set out in paragraphs 1 to 3.	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	See point 2 above.	
	See "Home Loan Eligibility Criteria" where it is required that each of the Home Loans is originated as follows: <<(a) the Home Loan has been originated in its ordinary course of business by an original lender with an expertise of at least 5 years in originating exposures of a similar nature as the Home Loan, being either the Seller or any other entity of the BPCE Group which has transferred the Home Loan to the Seller through merger [...]>>.	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on background and rationale</b>	
	19. Article 20(4) specifies that, where the transfer of title occurs not directly between the seller and the SSPE but through one or more intermediary steps involving further parties, the requirements relating to the true sale, assignment or other transfer with the same legal effect, apply at each step.	
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	<b>True sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect</b>	
	10. For the purposes of Article 20(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 and in order to substantiate the confidence of third parties, including third parties verifying simple, transparent and standardised (STS) compliance in accordance with Article 28 of that Regulation and competent authorities meeting the requirements specified therein, all of the following should be provided:	
	(a) confirmation of the true sale or confirmation that, under the applicable national framework, the assignment or transfer segregate the underlying exposures from the seller, its creditors and its liquidators, including in the event of the seller's insolvency, with the same legal effect as that achieved by means of true sale;	
	(b) confirmation of the enforceability of the true sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect referred to in point (a) against the seller or any other third party, under the applicable national legal framework;	
	(c) assessment of clawback risks and re-characterisation risks.	
	11. The confirmation of the aspects referred to in paragraph 10 should be achieved by the provision of a legal opinion provided by qualified external legal counsel, except in the case of repeat issuances in standalone securitisation structures or master trusts that use the same legal mechanism for the transfer, including instances in which the legal framework is the same.	
	12. The legal opinion referred to in paragraph 11 should be accessible and made available to any relevant third party verifying STS compliance in accordance with Article 28 of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 and any relevant competent authority from among those referred to in Article 29 of that regulation.	

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	<p>20.5. Where the transfer of the underlying exposures is performed by means of an assignment and perfected at a later stage than at the closing of the transaction, the triggers to affect such perfection shall, at least include the following events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) severe deterioration in the seller credit quality standing;</li> <li>(b) insolvency of the seller; and</li> <li>(c) unremedied breaches of contractual obligations by the seller, including the seller's default.</li> </ul>	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	<p>4. Where the transfer of the underlying exposures is performed by means of an assignment and perfected at a later stage than at the closing of the transaction, the triggers to effect such perfection shall, at least include the following events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) severe deterioration in the seller credit quality standing;</li> <li>(b) insolvency of the seller; and</li> <li>(c) unremedied breaches of contractual obligations by the seller, including the seller's default.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Verified?</b>	Yes
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>Article 20.5 does not apply as the transfer is perfected.</p> <p>See "Assignment of the Home Loans and Ancillary Rights" in the Section "Description of the Home Loans and Servicing Agreement and the Reserves Cash Deposit Agreement" pursuant to which &lt;&lt; The assignment of the Home Loans subject to any Home Loans Purchase Offer shall take effect between the Issuer and the relevant Seller and be enforceable against third parties (for the avoidance of doubt, including, without limitation, the Borrowers) at the date affixed by the Management Company on the relevant Transfer Document upon its delivery by each Seller, irrespective of the date on which the said Home Loans came into existence or their maturity or due date, <u>without any further formalities being required, and irrespective of the law governing the said Home Loans or the debtor's place of residence (quelle que soit la date de naissance, échéance ou exigibilité des créances, sans qu'il soit besoin d'autre formalité, et ce quelle que soit la loi applicable aux créances et la loi du pays de résidence des débiteurs) in accordance with the provisions of articles L. 214-169 and D. 214-227 of the French Monetary and Financial Code.</u>&gt;&gt;.</p> <p>Criterion 4 requires two steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To determine whether the transfer of the assets is by means of an unperfected assignment; and</li> <li>- If it is, whether the transaction contains the requisite triggers.</li> </ul> <p>PCS has reached sufficient comfort that pursuant to French law, the notification to the obligors of the assignment of the receivables to the relevant SPV is not necessary in order to perfect the transfer of the legal title to such receivables from the seller to the SPV. Such notification, indeed, is necessary to make the assignment of the receivables enforceable against the relevant debtors and will be made only following the occurrence of certain events.</p> <p><b>Although the transfer is not notified to the Borrowers, the French legal opinion and Prospectus confirm that such notification is not required to fully perfect the transfer of ownership in the Receivables, since no further formalities are required in addition to the delivery of the Transfer Document (Acte de Cession de Créances), in accordance with the Home Loans Purchase and Servicing Agreement.</b></p> <p><b>Accordingly, this transaction does not operate by way of an unperfected assignment and the issue of triggers does not arise.</b></p>	
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	<p><b>True sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect, representations and warranties (Article 20(1)-(6))</b></p> <p>20. The objective of the criterion in Article 20(5) is to minimise legal risks related to unperfected transfers in the context of an assignment of the underlying exposures, by specifying a minimum set of events subsequent to closing that should trigger the perfection of the transfer of the underlying exposures.</p> <p>22. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be clarified:</p> <p>(a) how to substantiate the confidence of third parties with respect to compliance with Article 20(1): it is understood that this should be achieved by providing a legal opinion. While the guidance does not explicitly require the provision of a legal opinion in all cases, the guidance expects a legal opinion to be provided as a general rule, and omission to be an exception;</p> <p>(b) the triggers to effect the perfection of the transfer if assignments are perfected at a later stage than at the closing of the transaction.</p>
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	<p><b>4.1 True sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect, representations and warranties (Article 20(1)-(6))</b></p> <p><b><i>Severe deterioration in the seller credit quality standing</i></b></p> <p>13. For the purposes of Article 20(5) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the transaction documentation should identify, with regard to the trigger of 'severe deterioration in the seller credit quality standing', credit quality thresholds that are objectively observable and related to the financial health of the seller.</p> <p><b><i>Insolvency of the seller</i></b></p> <p>14. For the purposes of Article 20(5) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the trigger of 'insolvency of the seller' should refer, at least, to events of legal insolvency as defined in national legal frameworks.</p>

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	20.6. The seller shall provide representations and warranties that, to the best of its knowledge, the underlying exposures included in the securitisation are not encumbered or otherwise in a condition that can be foreseen to adversely affect the enforceability of the true sale or assignment or transfer with the same legal effect.	
	STS criteria	
	5. The seller shall provide representations and warranties that, to the best of its knowledge, the underlying exposures included in the securitisation are not encumbered or otherwise in a condition that can be foreseen to adversely affect the enforceability of the true sale or assignment or transfer with the same legal effect.	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>See the R&amp;W of each Seller in the Home Loans Purchase and Servicing Agreement that on the Purchase Date:</p> <p>&lt;&lt;(c) Ownership of each Home Loan: the relevant Seller has full title to the Home Loans and the related Ancillary Rights immediately prior to their assignment and the status and enforceability of neither the Purchased Home Loans nor the related Ancillary Rights are subject to, either in whole or in part, any assignment, delegation or pledge, attachment, warranty claims, set-off nor encumbrance of whatever type, in particular any rights of third parties, or otherwise in a condition, that can be foreseen to adversely affect the enforceability of the assignment of the Home Loans or any related Ancillary Right to the Issuer;&gt;&gt;.</p>	
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	21. The objective of the criterion in Article 20(6), which requires the seller to provide the representations and warranties confirming to the seller's best knowledge that the transferred exposures are neither encumbered nor otherwise in a condition that could potentially adversely affect the enforceability of the transfer of title, is to ensure that the underlying exposures are not only beyond the reach not only of the seller but equally of its creditors, and to allocate the commercial risk of the encumbrance of the underlying exposures to the seller.	
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	<p>20.7. The underlying exposures transferred from, or assigned by, the seller to the SSPE shall meet pre-determined, clear and documented eligibility criteria which do not allow for active portfolio management of those exposures on a discretionary basis. For the purpose of this paragraph, substitution of exposures that are in breach of representations and warranties shall not be considered active portfolio management. Exposures transferred to the SSPE after the closing of the transaction shall meet the eligibility criteria applied to the initial underlying exposures.</p>	
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	<p>6. The underlying exposures transferred from, or assigned by, the seller to the SSPE shall meet pre-determined, clear and documented eligibility criteria....</p>	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>See "Home Loan Eligibility Criteria" in Overview of the Transaction and in "Description of the Home Loans Purchase and Servicing Agreement and the Reserves Cash Deposit Agreement".</p> <p>Reference is made to the "Selection Date", being 17 October 2019, and definition of "Issue Date" being 29 October 2019.</p> <p>Please see in particular the statement that &lt;&lt;In order for a Home Loan offered for sale to the Issuer on the Purchase Date to meet the Home Loan Eligibility Criteria, the Home Loan must satisfy the following as at the Selection Date or, as the case may be, the relevant date specified below [...]&gt;&gt;.</p> <p>The EBA Guidelines clarify that "clear" does not mean easily readable or comprehended by a non-expert. In the Regulation a criterion is "clear" when a court or tribunal could determine whether, presumably in all cases, the criterion is met for each asset. In the Regulation, "clear" is about certainty of determination.</p> <p><b>PCS has read the Home Loan Eligibility Criteria in the Prospectus.</b></p> <p><b>As they are mandatory, they meet the "predetermined" requirement.</b></p> <p><b>As they are in the Prospectus and in Schedule 3 of the Home Loans Purchase and Servicing Agreement, they meet the "documented" requirement.</b></p> <p><b>PCS has also concluded that they allow determination in each case, and so meet the "clear" requirement.</b></p>	
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	<p><b>Eligibility criteria for the underlying exposures, active portfolio management (Article 20(7))</b></p> <p>23. The objective of this criterion in Article 20(7) is to ensure that the selection and transfer of the underlying exposures in the securitisation is done in a manner which facilitates in a clear and consistent fashion the identification of which exposures are selected for/transferred into the securitisation, and to enable the investors to assess the credit risk of the asset pool prior to their investment decisions.</p>	
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	<p><b>4.2 Eligibility criteria for the underlying exposures, active portfolio management (Article 20(7))</b></p> <p><b>Clear eligibility criteria</b></p> <p>17. For the purposes of Article 20(7) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the criteria should be understood to be 'clear' where compliance with them is possible to be determined by a court or tribunal, as a matter of law or fact or both.</p>	



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	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	<p>7. Which do not allow for active portfolio management of those exposures on a discretionary basis. For the purpose of this paragraph, substitution of exposures that are in breach of representations and warranties shall not be considered active portfolio management.</p>	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>See "Re-transfers", and "Repurchase of the Purchased Home Loans".</p> <p>In particular it is stated that &lt;&lt; [...] <i>re-transfers of Purchased Home Loans by the Issuer shall only occur in the circumstances pre-defined above or in case of liquidation of the Issuer, and in any such case of re-transfer, the Management Company shall not carry out any active management of the portfolio of Purchased Home Loans on a discretionary basis (meaning, (a) a management that would make the performance of the securitisation dependent both on the performance of the Purchased Home Loans and on the performance of the portfolio management of the securitisation or (b) a management performed for speculative purposes aiming to achieve better performance, increased yield, overall financial returns or other purely financial or economic benefit).</i>&gt;&gt;.</p> <p>The following provisions are also noted:</p> <p>Clause 14.1 (<i>Option to re-transfer or re-purchase certain Purchased Home Loans</i>) of the Home Loans Purchase and Servicing Agreement and Clause 39 (<i>Repurchase of the Purchased Home Loans</i>) of the Issuer Regulations, which provide that although the transaction contemplates the option (but not the obligation) for the Sellers to repurchase certain Purchased Home Loans which raise management and/or operational issues for such Seller or the corresponding Servicer, such option shall only occur under certain specified conditions and not as a form of active management of the portfolio.</p>	
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	<p>24. Consistently with this objective, the active portfolio management of the exposures in the securitisation should be prohibited, given that it adds a layer of complexity and increases the agency risk arising in the securitisation by making the securitisation's performance dependent on both the performance of the underlying exposures and the performance of the management of the transaction. The payments of STS securitisations should depend exclusively on the performance of the underlying exposures.</p>	
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	<b>Active portfolio management</b>	
	<p>15. For the purposes of Article 20(7) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, active portfolio management should be understood as portfolio management to which either of the following applies:</p>	
	<p>(a) the portfolio management makes the performance of the securitisation dependent both on the performance of the underlying exposures and on the performance of the portfolio management of the securitisation, thereby preventing the investor from modelling the credit risk of the underlying exposures without considering the portfolio management strategy of the portfolio manager;</p>	
	<p>(b) the portfolio management is performed for speculative purposes aiming to achieve better performance, increased yield, overall financial returns or other purely financial or economic benefit.</p>	
	<p>16. The techniques of portfolio management that should not be considered active portfolio management include:</p>	
	<p>(a) substitution or repurchase of underlying exposures due to the breach of representations or warranties;</p>	

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(b) substitution or repurchase of the underlying exposures that are subject to regulatory dispute or investigation to facilitate the resolution of the dispute or the end of the investigation;</li><li>(c) replenishment of underlying exposures by adding underlying exposures as substitutes for amortised or defaulted exposures during the revolving period;</li><li>(d) acquisition of new underlying exposures during the 'ramp up' period to line up the value of the underlying exposures with the value of the securitisation obligation</li><li>(e) repurchase of underlying exposures in the context of the exercise of clean-up call options, in accordance with Article 244(3)(g) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2401;</li><li>(f) repurchase of defaulted exposures to facilitate the recovery and liquidation process with respect to those exposures;</li><li>(g) repurchase of underlying exposures under the repurchase obligation in accordance with Article 20(13) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402.</li></ul> |
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	<p>20.7. The underlying exposures transferred from, or assigned by, the seller to the SSPE shall meet pre-determined, clear and documented eligibility criteria which do not allow for active portfolio management of those exposures on a discretionary basis. For the purpose of this paragraph, substitution of exposures that are in breach of representations and warranties shall not be considered active portfolio management. Exposures transferred to the SSPE after the closing of the transaction shall meet the eligibility criteria applied to the initial underlying exposures.</p>	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	<p>8. Exposures transferred to the SSPE after the closing of the transaction shall meet the eligibility criteria applied to the initial underlying exposures.</p>	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>This is not a revolving transaction. Therefore, this criterion is not applicable.</p>	
	<p>See "Purchase of the Home Loans" in the Section "Description of the Home Loans and Servicing Agreement and the Reserves Cash Deposit Agreement", stating that each Seller may transfer Home Loans to the Issuer on the Purchase Date. The Purchase Date (see relevant definition in Glossary of Defined Terms) coincides with the Issuer Establishment Date, being 29 October 2019 (see relevant definition).</p>	
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	<p>25. Revolving periods and other structural mechanisms resulting in the inclusion of exposures in the securitisation after the closing of the transaction may introduce the risk that exposures of lesser quality can be transferred into the pool. For this reason, it should be ensured that any exposure transferred into the securitisation after the closing meets the eligibility criteria, which are no less strict than those used to structure the initial pool of the securitisation.</p>	
	<p>26. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be clarified:</p>	
	<p>(a) the purpose of the requirement on the portfolio management, and the provision of examples of techniques which should not be regarded as active portfolio management: this criterion should be considered without prejudice to the existing requirements with respect to the similarity of the underwriting standards in the Delegated Regulation further specifying which underlying exposures are deemed to be homogeneous in accordance with Articles 20(8) and 24(15) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, which requires that all the underlying exposures in a securitisation be underwritten according to similar underwriting standards;</p>	
	<p>(b) interpretation of the term 'clear' eligibility criteria;</p>	
	<p>(c) clarification with respect to the eligibility criteria that need to be met with respect to the exposures transferred to the SSPE after the closing.</p>	
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	<p>18. For the purposes of Article 20(7) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, 'meeting the eligibility criteria applied to the initial underlying exposures' should be understood to mean eligibility criteria that comply with either of the following:</p>	
	<p>(a) with regard to normal securitisations, they are no less strict than the eligibility criteria applied to the initial underlying exposures at the closing of the transaction;</p>	
	<p>(b) with regard to securitisations that issue multiple series of securities including master trusts, they are no less strict than the eligibility criteria applied to the initial underlying exposures at the most recent issuance, with the results that the eligibility criteria may vary from closing to closing, with the agreement of securitisation parties and in accordance with the transaction documentation.</p>	
	<p>19. Eligibility criteria to be applied to the underlying exposures in accordance with paragraph 18 should be specified in the transaction documentation and should refer to eligibility criteria applied at exposure level.</p>	

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	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	<p>9. The securitisation shall be backed by a pool of underlying exposures that are homogeneous in terms of asset type, taking into account the specific characteristics relating to the cash flows of the asset type including their contractual, credit risk and prepayment characteristics. A pool of underlying exposures shall only comprise one asset type.</p>	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>See, in respect of the Provisional Portfolio, the statement contained in section "Information relating to the provisional portfolio of home loans" – "General".</p>	
	<p>In relation to the homogeneity conditions, the Home Loans Purchase and Servicing Agreement contains the following representation:</p>	
	<p>&lt;&lt;30.8 Each Seller further represents and warrants to each of the Management Company, the Custodian, the Transaction Agent and the Reserves Provider as at the date of this Agreement and shall be deemed to represent and warrant, on the Issuer Establishment Date that the final portfolio of Purchased Home Loans transferred to the Issuer on the Issuer Establishment Date satisfies the homogeneous conditions of Article 1(a), (b), (c) and (d) of the Commission Delegated Regulation of 28 May 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to regulatory technical standards on the homogeneity of the underlying exposures in securitisation (the "Homogeneity Commission Delegated Regulation"). The Home Loans of the final portfolio (i) have been underwritten according to similar underwriting standards which apply similar approaches to the assessment of credit risk associated with the Home Loans (as described in Schedule 15 (Origination and Underwriting Procedures (Credit Guidelines)) and without prejudice to Article 9(1) of the STS Regulation, (ii) are serviced according to similar servicing procedures with respect to monitoring, collection and administration of Home Loans (as described in Schedule 16 (Servicing Procedures)), (iii) fall within the same asset category, being that of "residential loans secured with one or several mortgages on residential immovable property or residential loans fully guaranteed by an eligible protection provider among those referred to in Article 201(1) of Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 qualifying for the credit quality step 2 or above as set out in Part Three, Title II, Chapter 2 of that Regulation" and (iv) are homogeneous with reference to the homogeneity factors set forth in Article 2(1)(c) of the Homogeneity Commission Delegated Regulation, since, in accordance with the Home Loan Eligibility Criteria (g), the Home Loans were granted to finance the acquisition, renovation, building or refinancing of the main residence of the Borrower, being a property located in France; and therefore "in one jurisdiction only" for the purposes of said Article 2(1)(c).&gt;&gt;.</p>	
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	<p>27. The criterion on the homogeneity as specified in the first subparagraph of Article 20(8) has been further clarified in the Delegated Regulation further specifying which underlying exposures are deemed to be homogeneous in accordance with Articles 20(8) and 24(15) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402.</p>	
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	STS criteria	
	10. The underlying exposures shall contain obligations that are contractually binding and enforceable.	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>See Overview of the Transaction, "Home Loan Eligibility Criteria", §(v). The same point is repeated also in "Description of the Home Loans Purchase and Servicing Agreement and the Reserves Cash Deposit Agreement", sub "Home Loan Eligibility Criteria" §(v).</p> <p>In particular it is represented as follows:</p> <p><i>&lt;&lt;(v) each Home Loan Agreement constitutes the legal, valid, binding and enforceable contractual obligations of the relevant Borrower, with full recourse to the relevant Borrower (except that enforceability may be limited by (i) bankruptcy or insolvency of the Borrower or other laws relating to over-indebtedness (surendettement) or enforcement of general applicability affecting the enforcement rights of creditors generally or (ii) the existence of unfair contract terms (clauses abusives) as defined by articles L.212-1 et seq. of the French Consumer Code in the Home Loan Agreements (provided they would not (A) affect the right of the Issuer to purchase the Home Loan as contemplated under the Home Loan Purchase and Servicing Agreement or (B) deprive the Issuer of its rights to receive principal and to receive interest as provided for under the Home Loan);&gt;&gt;.</i></p>	
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	<p><b>Homogeneity, obligations of the underlying exposures, periodic payment streams, no transferable securities (Article 20(8))</b></p> <p>28. The objective of the criterion specified in the third sentence in the first subparagraph and in the second subparagraph of Article 20(8) is to ensure that the underlying exposures contain valid and binding obligations of the debtor/guarantor, including rights to payments or to any other income from assets supporting such payments that result in a periodic and well-defined stream of payments to the investors.</p> <p>30. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, a clarification should be provided with respect to:</p> <p>(a) interpretation of the term 'contractually binding and enforceable obligations';</p>	
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	<p><b>4.3 Homogeneity, obligations of the underlying exposures, periodic payment streams, no transferable securities (Article 20(8))</b></p> <p><b>Contractually binding and enforceable obligations</b></p> <p>20. For the purposes of Article 20(8) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, 'obligations that are contractually binding and enforceable, with full recourse to debtors and, where applicable, guarantors' should be understood to refer to all obligations contained in the contractual specification of the underlying exposures that are relevant to investors because they affect any obligations by the debtor and, where applicable, the guarantor to make payments or provide security.</p>	

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	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	<p>11. With full recourse to debtors and, where applicable, guarantors.</p>	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>See Overview of the Transaction, "Home Loan Eligibility Criteria", §(v). The same point is repeated also in "Description of the Home Loans Purchase and Servicing Agreement and the Reserves Cash Deposit Agreement", sub "Home Loan Eligibility Criteria" §(v).</p> <p>In particular it is represented as follows:</p> <p><i>&lt;&lt;(v) each Home Loan Agreement constitutes the legal, valid, binding and enforceable contractual obligations of the relevant Borrower, with full recourse to the relevant Borrower (except that enforceability may be limited by (i) bankruptcy or insolvency of the Borrower or other laws relating to over-indebtedness (surendettement) or enforcement of general applicability affecting the enforcement rights of creditors generally or (ii) the existence of unfair contract terms (clauses abusives) as defined by articles L.212-1 et seq. of the French Consumer Code in the Home Loan Agreements (provided they would not (A) affect the right of the Issuer to purchase the Home Loan as contemplated under the Home Loan Purchase and Servicing Agreement or (B) deprive the Issuer of its rights to receive principal and to receive interest as provided for under the Home Loan);&gt;&gt;.</i></p> <p>See also the statement in the Home Loans Purchase and Servicing Agreement that <i>&lt;&lt;Each Seller confirms that the Home Loan Eligibility Criteria (v) shall be understood as referring to a full recourse of such Seller to the relevant Borrower and, where applicable, the relevant guarantor.&gt;&gt;.</i></p>	
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	<p><b>Homogeneity, obligations of the underlying exposures, periodic payment streams, no transferable securities (Article 20(8</b></p> <p>30. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, a clarification should be provided with respect to:</p> <p>(a) interpretation of the term 'contractually binding and enforceable obligations';</p>	
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	The underlying exposures shall have defined periodic payment streams, the instalments of which may differ in their amounts, relating to rental, principal, or interest payments, or to any other right to receive income from assets supporting such payments. The underlying exposures may also generate proceeds from the sale of any financed or leased assets.	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	12. The underlying exposures shall have defined periodic payment streams, the instalments of which may differ in their amounts.	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>See Overview of the Transaction, "Home Loan Eligibility Criteria", §(o). The same point is repeated also in "Description of the Home Loans Purchase and Servicing Agreement and the Reserves Cash Deposit Agreement", sub "Home Loan Eligibility Criteria" §(o).</p> <p>In particular, it is represented as follows:</p> <p>&lt;&lt;(o) the Home Loan is a monthly amortising loan with constant instalment (consisting of interest and principal) over the term of such Home Loan&gt;&gt;.</p>	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on <i>background and rationale</i></b>	
	<b>Homogeneity, obligations of the underlying exposures, periodic payment streams, no transferable securities (Article 20(8))</b> <p>30 (b) a non-exhaustive list of examples of exposures types that should be considered to have defined periodic payment streams. The individual examples are without prejudice to applicable requirements, such as the requirement with respect to the defaulted exposures in accordance with Article 20(11) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 and the requirement with respect to the residual value in accordance with Article 20(13) of that regulation.</p>	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines</b>	
	<b>4.3 Homogeneity, obligations of the underlying exposures, periodic payment streams, no transferable securities (Article 20(8))</b> <p><b>Exposures with periodic payment streams</b></p> <p>21. For the purposes of Article 20(8) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, exposures with defined periodic payment streams should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) exposures payable in a single instalment in the case of revolving securitisation, as referred to in Article 20(12) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402;</li> <li>(b) exposures related to credit card facilities;</li> <li>(c) exposures with instalments consisting of interest and where the principal is repaid at the maturity, including interest-only mortgages;</li> <li>(d) exposures with instalments consisting of interest and repayment of a portion of the principal, where either of the following conditions is met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the remaining principal is repaid at the maturity;</li> <li>(ii) the repayment of the principal is dependent on the sale of assets securing the exposure, in accordance with Article 20(13) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 and paragraphs 47 to 49;</li> </ul> </li> <li>(e) exposures with temporary payment holidays as contractually agreed between the debtor and the lender.</li> </ul>	

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	The underlying exposures shall have defined periodic payment streams, the instalments of which may differ in their amounts, relating to rental, principal, or interest payments, or to any other right to receive income from assets supporting such payments. The underlying exposures may also generate proceeds from the sale of any financed or leased assets.	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	13. Relating to rental, principal, or interest payments, or to any other right to receive income from assets supporting such payments. The underlying exposures may also generate proceeds from the sale of any financed or leased assets.	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>See Overview of the Transaction, "Home Loan Eligibility Criteria", §(o). The same point is repeated also in "Description of the Home Loans Purchase and Servicing Agreement and the Reserves Cash Deposit Agreement", sub "Home Loan Eligibility Criteria" §(o).</p> <p>In particular, it is represented as follows:</p> <p>&lt;&lt;(o) the Home Loan is a monthly amortising loan with constant instalment (consisting of interest and principal) over the term of such Home Loan &gt;&gt;.</p>	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on <i>background and rationale</i></b>	
	<b>Homogeneity, obligations of the underlying exposures, periodic payment streams, no transferable securities (Article 20(8))</b> 30 (b) a non-exhaustive list of examples of exposures types that should be considered to have defined periodic payment streams. The individual examples are without prejudice to applicable requirements, such as the requirement with respect to the defaulted exposures in accordance with Article 20(11) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 and the requirement with respect to the residual value in accordance with Article 20(13) of that regulation.	
	EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines	
	<b>4.3 Homogeneity, obligations of the underlying exposures, periodic payment streams, no transferable securities (Article 20(8))</b> <b>Exposures with periodic payment streams</b> 21. For the purposes of Article 20(8) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, exposures with defined periodic payment streams should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) exposures payable in a single instalment in the case of revolving securitisation, as referred to in Article 20(12) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402;</li> <li>(b) exposures related to credit card facilities;</li> <li>(c) exposures with instalments consisting of interest and where the principal is repaid at the maturity, including interest-only mortgages;</li> <li>(d) exposures with instalments consisting of interest and repayment of a portion of the principal, where either of the following conditions is met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the remaining principal is repaid at the maturity;</li> <li>(ii) the repayment of the principal is dependent on the sale of assets securing the exposure, in accordance with Article 20(13) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 and paragraphs 47 to 49;</li> </ul> </li> <li>(e) exposures with temporary payment holidays as contractually agreed between the debtor and the lender.</li> </ul>	



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	Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity		
	The underlying exposures shall not include transferable securities, as defined in Article 4(1), point 44 of Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council other than corporate bonds, provided that they are not listed on a trading venue.		
	STS criteria		
	14. The underlying exposures shall not include transferable securities, as defined in Article 4(1), point 44 of Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council other than corporate bonds, provided that they are not listed on a trading venue.		
	Verified?	Yes	
	PCS Comment		
	See specific statements in "Home Loan Eligibility Criteria", last paragraph, stating that <<For the avoidance of doubt, <i>(i) the Home Loans do not include transferable securities, as defined in point (44) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU nor any securitisation position nor any derivatives and (ii) no guarantor (other than, where applicable, the Home Loan Guarantors) has been taken into account for the purpose of assessing compliance with the Home Loan Eligibility Criteria.</i> >>.		
	EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on <i>background and rationale</i>		
	Homogeneity, obligations of the underlying exposures, periodic payment streams, no transferable securities (Article 20(8))		
29. The objective of the criterion specified in the third subparagraph is that the underlying exposures do not include transferable securities, as they may add to the complexity of the transaction and of the risk and due diligence analysis to be carried out by the investor.			
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	20.9. The underlying exposures shall not include any securitisation position.		
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	15. The underlying exposures shall not include any securitisation position.		
	Verified?	Yes	
	PCS Comment		
	See specific statements in "Home Loan Eligibility Criteria", last paragraph, stating that <<For the avoidance of doubt, (i) the Home Loans do not include transferable securities, as defined in point (44) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU nor <u>any securitisation position</u> nor any derivatives and (ii) no guarantor (other than, where applicable, the Home Loan Guarantors) has been taken into account for the purpose of assessing compliance with the Home Loan Eligibility Criteria.>>.		
	EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on <i>background and rationale</i>		
	No resecuritisation (Article 20(9))		
	31. The objective of this criterion is to prohibit resecuritisation subject to derogations for certain cases or for resecuritisation as specified in Regulation (EU) 2017/2402. This is a lesson learnt from the financial crisis, when resecuritisations were structured into highly leveraged structures in which notes of lower credit quality could be re-packaged and credit enhanced, resulting in transactions whereby small changes in the credit performance of the underlying assets had severe impacts on the credit quality of the resecuritisation bonds. The modelling of the credit risk arising in these bonds proved very difficult, also due to high levels of correlations arising in the resulting structures.		
32. The criterion is deemed sufficiently clear and does not require any further clarification.			
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	Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity		
	20.10. The underlying exposures shall be originated in the ordinary course of the originator's or original lender's business pursuant to underwriting standards that are no less stringent than those that the originator or original lender applied at the time of origination to similar exposures that are not securitised.		
	STS criteria		
	16. The underlying exposures shall be originated in the ordinary course of the originator's or original lender's business.		
	Verified?	Yes	
	PCS Comment		
	See "Home Loan Eligibility Criteria", §(a).		
	In particular, it is required that <<(a) the Home Loan has been originated in its ordinary course of business by an original lender with an expertise of at least 5 years in originating exposures of a similar nature as the Home Loan, being either the Seller or any other entity of the BPCE Group which has transferred the Home Loan to the Seller through merger [...]:>>.		
	EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on background and rationale		
	Underwriting standards (Article 20(10))		
33. The objective of the criterion specified in the first subparagraph of Article 20(10) is to prevent cherry picking and to ensure that the exposures that are to be securitised do not belong to exposure types that are outside the ordinary business of the originator, i.e. types of exposures in which the originator or original lender may have less expertise and/or interest at stake. This criterion is focused on disclosure of changes to the underwriting standards and aims to help the investors assess the underwriting standards pursuant to which the exposures transferred into securitisation have been originated.			
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	20.10. The underlying exposures shall be originated in the ordinary course of the originator's or original lender's business pursuant to underwriting standards that are no less stringent than those that the originator or original lender applied at the time of origination to similar exposures that are not securitised.	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	17. Pursuant to underwriting standards that are no less stringent than those that the originator or original lender applied at the time of origination to similar exposures that are not securitised.	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>See "Home Loan Eligibility Criteria", §(a)(i).</p> <p>In particular, it is required that &lt;&lt;(a) the Home Loan has been originated in its ordinary course of business by an original lender with an expertise of at least 5 years in originating exposures of a similar nature as the Home Loan, being either the Seller or any other entity of the BPCE Group which has transferred the Home Loan to the Seller through merger and:</p> <p>(i) prior to the date on which the Home Loan had been made available to the Borrower, all lending criteria and preconditions as applied by the originator of the Home Loan pursuant to the Credit Guidelines were satisfied and the lending procedures applied to the Home Loan was not less stringent than the lending procedure applied to similar exposures which are not securitised;&gt;&gt;.</p>	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on background and rationale</b>	
	<p><b>Underwriting standards (Article 20(10))</b></p> <p>37. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be further clarified:</p> <p>(a) the term 'similar exposures', with reference to requirements specified in the Delegated Regulation further specifying which underlying exposures are deemed to be homogeneous in accordance with Articles 20(8) and 24(15) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402;</p> <p>(b) the term 'no less stringent underwriting standards': independently of the guidance provided in these guidelines, it is understood that, in the spirit of restricting the 'originate-to-distribute' model of underwriting, where similar exposures exist on the originator's balance sheet, the underwriting standards that have been applied to the securitised exposures should also have been applied to similar exposures that have not been securitised, i.e. the underwriting standards should have been applied not solely to securitised exposures;</p>	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines</b>	
	<p><b>4.4 Underwriting standards, originator's expertise (Article 20(10))</b></p> <p><b>No less stringent underwriting standards</b></p> <p>23. For the purposes of Article 20(10) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the underwriting standards applied to securitised exposures should be compared to the underwriting standards applied to similar exposures at the time of origination of the securitised exposures.</p> <p>24. Compliance with this requirement should not require either the originator or the original lender to hold similar exposures on its balance sheet at the time of the selection of the securitised exposures or at the exact time of their securitisation, nor should it require that similar exposures were actually originated at the time of origination of the securitised exposures.</p>	

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	<b>Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity</b>	
	The underwriting standards pursuant to which the underlying exposures are originated and any material changes from prior underwriting standards shall be fully disclosed to potential investors without undue delay.	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	18. The underwriting standards pursuant to which the underlying exposures are originated and any material changes from prior underwriting standards shall be fully disclosed to potential investors without undue delay.	
	<b>Verified?</b>	Yes
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>In light of the fact that this transaction is not revolving, new changes to the underwriting standards would have no impact or need to be disclosed to potential investors.</p> <p>In respect of the application of a consistent set of underwriting procedures in the origination of the Home Loans, see the representation in the Home Loans Purchase and Servicing Agreement, that &lt;&lt;[...] The Home Loans of the final portfolio (i) have been underwritten according to similar underwriting standards which apply similar approaches to the assessment of credit risk associated with the Home Loans [...]&gt;&gt;.</p>	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on <i>background and rationale</i></b>	
	<p><b>Underwriting standards (Article 20(10))</b></p> <p>37 (c) clarification of the requirement to disclose material changes from prior underwriting standards to potential investors without undue delay: the guidance clarifies that this requirement should be forward-looking only, referring to material changes to the underwriting standards after the closing of the securitisation. The guidance clarifies the interactions with the requirement for similarity of the underwriting standards set out in the Delegated Regulation further specifying which underlying exposures are deemed to be homogeneous in accordance with Articles 20(8) and 24(15) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, which requires that all the underlying exposures in securitisation be underwritten according to similar underwriting standards;</p>	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines</b>	
	<p><b>4.4 Underwriting standards, originator's expertise (Article 20(10))</b></p> <p><b>Disclosure of material changes from prior underwriting standards</b></p> <p>25. For the purposes of Article 20(10) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, material changes to the underwriting standards that are required to be fully disclosed should be understood to be those material changes to the underwriting standards that are applied to the exposures that are transferred to, or assigned by, the SSPE after the closing of the securitisation in the context of portfolio management as referred to in paragraphs 15 and 16.</p> <p>26. Changes to such underwriting standards should be deemed material where they refer to either of the following types of changes to the underwriting standards:</p> <p>(a) changes which affect the requirement of the similarity of the underwriting standards further specified in the Delegated Regulation further specifying which underlying exposures are deemed to be homogeneous in accordance with Articles 20(8) and 24(15) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402;</p> <p>(b) changes which materially affect the overall credit risk or expected average performance of the portfolio of underlying exposures without resulting in substantially different approaches to the assessment of the credit risk associated with the underlying exposures.</p> <p>27. The disclosure of all changes to underwriting standards should include an explanation of the purpose of such changes.</p> <p>28. With regard to trade receivables that are not originated in the form of a loan, reference to underwriting standards in Article 20(10) should be understood to refer to credit standards applied by the seller to short-term credit generally of the type giving rise to the securitised exposures and proposed to its customers in relation to the sales of its products and services.</p>	

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	<b>Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity</b>	
	<p>In the case of securitisations where the underlying exposures are residential loans, the pool of loans shall not include any loan that was marketed and underwritten on the premise that the loan applicant or, where applicable intermediaries, were made aware that the information provided might not be verified by the lender.</p>	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	<p>19. In the case of securitisations where the underlying exposures are residential loans, the pool of loans shall not include any loan that was marketed and underwritten on the premise that the loan applicant or, where applicable intermediaries, were made aware that the information provided might not be verified by the lender.</p>	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>See "Home Loan Eligibility Criteria", §(a)(ii), where it is expressly stated that:</p> <p>&lt;&lt;the relevant Home Loan has not been marketed and underwritten on the premise that the Borrower as loan applicant or, where applicable, intermediaries were made aware that the information provided might not be verified by the relevant Seller&gt;&gt;.</p>	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on <i>background and rationale</i></b>	
	<b>Underwriting standards (Article 20(10))</b>	
	<p>34. The objective of the criterion specified in the second subparagraph of Article 20(10) is to prohibit the securitisation of self-certified mortgages for STS purposes, given the moral hazard that is inherent in granting such types of loans.</p>	
	<p>37 (d) the scope of the criterion with respect to the specific types of residential loans as referred to in the second subparagraph of Article 20(10) and to the nature of the information that should be captured by this criterion;</p>	
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	<b>4.4 Underwriting standards, originator's expertise (Article 20(10))</b>	
	<b>Residential loans</b>	
	<p>29. For the purposes of Article 20(10) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the pool of underlying exposures should not include residential loans that were both marketed and underwritten on the premise that the loan applicant or intermediaries were made aware that the information provided might not be verified by the lender.</p>	
	<p>30. Residential loans that were underwritten but were not marketed on the premise that the loan applicant or intermediaries were made aware that the information provided might not be verified by the lender, or become aware after the loan was underwritten, are not captured by this requirement.</p>	
	<p>31. For the purposes of Article 20(10) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the 'information' provided should be considered to be only relevant information. The relevance of the information should be based on whether the information is a relevant underwriting metric, such as information considered relevant for assessing the creditworthiness of a borrower, for assessing access to collateral and for reducing the risk of fraud.</p>	
	<p>32. Relevant information for general non-income-generating residential mortgages should normally be considered to constitute income, and relevant information for income-generating residential mortgages should normally be considered to constitute rental income. Information that is not useful as an underwriting metric, such as mobile phone numbers, should not be considered relevant information.</p>	

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	<b>Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity</b>	
	The assessment of the borrower's creditworthiness shall meet the requirements set out in Article 8 of Directive 2008/48/EC or paragraphs 1 to 4, point (a) of paragraph 5, and paragraph 6 of Article 18 of Directive 2014/17/EU or, where applicable, equivalent requirements in third countries.	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	20. The assessment of the borrower's creditworthiness shall meet the requirements set out in Article 8 of Directive 2008/48/EC or paragraphs 1 to 4, point (a) of paragraph 5, and paragraph 6 of Article 18 of Directive 2014/17/EU or, where applicable, equivalent requirements in third countries.	
	<b>Verified?</b>	Yes
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>The criterion requires consumer loans or mortgages to have been underwritten in accordance with one of two European Directives. As a general principle, European Directives, in contrast to Regulations, do not have direct and immediate effect but must be implemented into national law, in each member state.</p> <p>Therefore, if the assets concerned, as in the case of the Transaction, are residential mortgage loans, the relevant Directive is No. 2014/17/EU (the "Mortgage Credit Directive").</p> <p>The next step is to determine which French law transcribed this Directive into local law. In this respect, PCS has been informed that the Mortgage Credit Directive has been transposed into French law by order (<i>ordonnance</i>) no 2016-351 of 25 March 2016 on credit agreements for consumers relating to residential immovable property, and the decree (<i>décret</i>) n° 2016-607 (the "Mortgage Credit Order").</p> <p>PCS assumes, although the STS Regulation and the EBA Guidelines are silent on this point, that the requirement for mortgages and consumer loans to have been underwritten in compliance with the Directives only applies to assets underwritten after these Directives were transcribed into national law.</p> <p>In any event, the Sellers have provided a representation that this criterion is met: see "DESCRIPTION OF THE HOME LOANS PURCHASE AND SERVICING AGREEMENT AND THE RESERVES CASH DEPOSIT AGREEMENT" – subsection "LIMITS OF THE REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF THE SELLERS", where it is stated that:</p> <p><i>&lt;&lt;Under the Home Loans Purchase and Servicing Agreement, each Seller will also represent and warrant on the Purchase Date that: [...] (f) Credit-granting criteria: [...] (iii) as French licensed credit institutions, such Seller has applied the requirements set out in Article 8 of Directive 2008/48/EC or paragraphs 1 to 4, point (a) of paragraph 5, and paragraph 6 of Article 18 of Directive 2014/17/EU when assessing the credit worthiness of the relevant Borrower.&gt;&gt;.</i></p> <p>See also definition of "Credit Guidelines" in "Glossary of Defined Terms", which contains the statement that the Credit Guidelines are the Sellers' usual policies, procedures and practices relating to the operation of their home loan business including, without limitation, the usual policies, procedures and practices adopted by them as the grantor of credit in relation to Home Loans and/or (as the case may be) their usual policies, procedures and practices for dealing with matters relating to the obligations and liabilities of the Sellers under applicable laws and regulations, for determining the creditworthiness of home loans borrowers, the extension of the credit, as such policies, procedures and practices may be amended or varied from time to time.</p>	
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	<b>Underwriting standards (Article 20(10))</b>	
	35. The objective of the criterion specified in the third subparagraph of Article 20(10) is to ensure that the assessment of the borrower's creditworthiness is based on robust processes. It is expected that the application of this article will be limited in practice, given that the STS is limited to originators based in the EU, and the criterion is understood to cover only exposures originated by the EU originators to borrowers in non-EU countries.	
	37 (e) clarification of the criterion with respect to the assessment of a borrower's creditworthiness based on equivalent requirements in third countries;	
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	<b>Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity</b>	
	The originator or original lender shall have expertise in originating exposures of a similar nature to those securitised.	
	STS criteria	
	21. The originator or original lender shall have expertise in originating exposures of a similar nature to those securitised.	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>See "Home Loan Eligibility Criteria", §(a).</p> <p>In particular, it is stated that: &lt;&lt;(a) the Home Loan has been originated in its ordinary course of business by an original lender with an expertise of at least 5 years in originating exposures of a similar nature as the Home Loan, being either the Seller or any other entity of the BPCE Group which has transferred the Home Loan to the Seller through merger [...]&gt;&gt;.</p>	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on <i>background and rationale</i></b>	
	<p><b>Underwriting standards (Article 20(10))</b></p> <p>36. The objective of the criterion specified in the fourth subparagraph of Article 20(10) is for the originator or original lender to have an established performance history of credit claims or receivables similar to those being securitised, and for an appropriately long period of time.</p> <p>37 (f) identification of criteria on which the expertise of the originator or the original lender should be determined:</p> <p>(i) when assessing if the originator or the original lender has the required expertise, some general principles should be set out against which the expertise should be assessed. The general principles have been designed to allow a robust qualitative assessment of the expertise. One of these principles is the regulatory authorisation: this is to allow for more flexibility in such qualitative assessments of the expertise if the originator or the original lender is a prudentially regulated institution which holds regulatory authorisations or permissions that are relevant with respect to origination of similar exposures. The regulatory authorisation in itself should, however, not be a guarantee that the originator or original lender has the required expertise;</p> <p>(ii) irrespective of such general principles, specific criteria should be developed, based on specifying a minimum period for an entity to perform the business of originating similar exposures, compliance with which would enable the entity to be considered to have a sufficient expertise. Such expertise should be assessed at the group level, so that possible restructuring at the entity level would not automatically lead to non-compliance with the expertise criterion. It is not the intention of such specific criteria to form an impediment to the entry of new participants to the market. Such entities should also be eligible for compliance with the expertise criterion, as long as their management body and senior staff with managerial responsibility for origination of similar exposures, have sufficient experience over a minimum specified period.</p> <p>38. It is expected that information on the assessment of the expertise is provided in sufficient detail in the STS notification.</p>	
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	<p><b>4.4 Underwriting standards, originator's expertise (Article 20(10))</b></p> <p><b>Similar exposures</b></p> <p>22. For the purposes of Article 20(10) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, exposures should be considered to be similar when one of the following conditions is met:</p> <p>(a) the exposures belong to one of the following asset categories referred to in the Delegated Regulation further specifying which underlying exposures are deemed to be homogeneous in accordance with Articles 20(8) and 24(15) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402:</p> <p>(i) residential loans secured with one or several mortgages on residential immovable property, or residential loans fully guaranteed by an eligible protection provider among those referred to in Article 201(1) of Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 qualifying for credit quality step 2 or above as set out in Part Three, Title II, Chapter 2 of that regulation;</p> <p>(ii) commercial loans secured with one or several mortgages on commercial immovable property or other commercial premises;</p> <p>(iii) credit facilities provided to individuals for personal, family or household consumption purposes;</p> <p>(iv) auto loans and leases;</p>	



(v) credit card receivables;

(vi) trade receivables;

(b) the exposures fall under the asset category of credit facilities provided to micro-, small-, medium-sized and other types of enterprises and corporates including loans and leases, as referred to in Article 2(d) of the Delegated Regulation further specifying which underlying exposures are deemed to be homogeneous in accordance with Articles 20(8) and 24(15) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, as underlying exposures of a certain type of obligor;

(c) where they do not belong to any of the asset categories referred to in points (a) and (b) of this paragraph and as referred to in the Delegated Regulation further specifying which underlying exposures are deemed to be homogeneous for the purposes of Articles 20(8) and 24(15) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the underlying exposures share similar characteristics with respect to the type of obligor, ranking of security rights, type of immovable property and/or jurisdiction.

*Criteria for determining the expertise of the originator or original lender*

34. For the purposes of determining whether an originator or original lender has expertise in originating exposures of a similar nature to those securitised in accordance with Article 20(10) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, both of the following should apply:

(a) the members of the management body of the originator or original lender and the senior staff, other than the members of the management body, responsible for managing the originating of exposures of a similar nature to those securitised should have adequate knowledge and skills in the origination of exposures of a similar nature to those securitised;

(b) any of the following principles on the quality of the expertise should be taken into account:

(i) the role and duties of the members of the management body and the senior staff and the required capabilities should be adequate;

(ii) the experience of the members of the management body and the senior staff gained in previous positions, education and training should be sufficient;

(iii) the involvement of the members of the management body and the senior staff within the governance structure of the function of originating the exposures should be appropriate;

(iv) in the case of a prudentially regulated entity, the regulatory authorisations or permissions held by the entity should be deemed relevant to origination of exposures of a similar nature to those securitised.

35. An originator or original lender should be deemed to have the required expertise when either of the following applies:

(a) the business of the entity, or of the consolidated group to which the entity belongs for accounting or prudential purposes, has included the originating of exposures similar to those securitised, for at least five years;

(b) where the requirement referred to in point (a) is not met, the originator or original lender should be deemed to have the required expertise where they comply with both of the following:

(i) at least two of the members of the management body have relevant professional experience in the origination of exposures similar to those securitised, at a personal level, of at least five years;

(ii) senior staff, other than members of the management body, who are responsible for managing the entity's originating of exposures similar to those securitised, have relevant professional experience in the origination of exposures of a similar nature to those securitised, at a personal level, of at least five years.

36. For the purposes of demonstrating the number of years of professional experience, the relevant expertise should be disclosed in sufficient detail and in accordance with the applicable confidentiality requirements to permit investors to carry out their obligations under Article 5(3)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402.

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	Verified?	Yes	
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	See in Glossary of Defined Terms the definition of "Selection Date", being the date on which the Home Loans were selected by the Sellers, being 17 October 2019. See also in Glossary of Defined Terms the definition of "Purchase Date", which coincides with the "Issuer Establishment Date", being 29 October 2019. PCS has assumed that any period of three and a half months or less between pool cut date and closing will meet the requirements of the criterion. This is in line with market standards. The Prospectus sets out the relevant dates of the initial pool cut (see definition of Selection Date) and the transfer, and these are less than few days apart. No undue delay, therefore, occurred between selection and transfer and this clearly meets the requirement.		
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	23. And shall not include, at the time of selection, exposures in default within the meaning of Article 178(1) of Regulation (EU) No 575/2013...	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>See "Home Loan Eligibility Criteria", §(m) and §(n).</p> <p>In particular, eligibility criteria include that: &lt;&lt;the Home Loan is not in arrears, has not been accelerated or declared due and payable and is not subject to legal proceedings&gt;&gt; and that:</p> <p>&lt;&lt;no Home Loan is considered by the relevant Seller as being in default within the meaning of Article 178(1) of Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 (the "CRR"), as further specified by the Delegated Regulation on the materiality threshold for credit obligations past due developed in accordance with Article 178 of the CRR and by the EBA Guidelines on the application of the definition of default developed in accordance with Article 178(7) of the CRR;&gt;&gt;.</p>	
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	<p><b>No exposures in default and to credit-impaired debtors/guarantors (Article 20(11))</b></p> <p>39. The objective of the criterion in Article 20(11) is to ensure that STS securitisations are not characterised by underlying exposures whose credit risk has already been affected by certain negative events such as disputes with credit-impaired debtors or guarantors, debt restructuring processes or default events as identified by the EU prudential regulation. Risk analysis and due diligence assessments by investors become more complex whenever the securitisation includes exposures subject to certain ongoing negative credit risk developments. For the same reasons, STS securitisations should not include underlying exposures to credit-impaired debtors or guarantors that have an adverse credit history. In addition, significant risk of default normally rises as rating grades or other scores are assigned that indicate highly speculative credit quality and high likelihood of default, i.e. the possibility that the debtor or guarantor is not able to meet its obligations becomes a real possibility. Such exposures to credit-impaired debtors or guarantors should therefore also not be eligible for STS purposes.</p> <p>40. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be further clarified:</p> <p>(a) Interpretation of the term 'exposures in default': given the differences in interpretation of the term 'default', the interpretation of this criterion should refer to additional guidance on this term provided in the existing delegated regulations and guidelines developed by the EBA, while taking into account the limitation of scope of that additional guidance to certain types of institutions;</p>	
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	24. Or exposures to a credit-impaired debtor or guarantor, who, to the best of the originator's or original lender's knowledge:	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
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	<p>See "Home Loan Eligibility Criteria", §(c)(vi). The eligibility criteria include the requirement that the Borrower is an "Eligible Borrower" and therefore it cannot be a credit-impaired obligor.</p> <p>In particular, it is stated that:</p> <p>&lt;&lt;the Borrower is an Eligible Borrower,</p> <p>"Eligible Borrower" refers to someone who: [...] (vi) is not a credit-impaired obligor, where a credit-impaired obligor is any obligor that, to the best of the Seller's knowledge: [...]&gt;&gt; and</p> <p>&lt;&lt;for the purpose of assessing whether the Borrower is not a credit-impaired obligor within the meaning of this Home Loan Eligibility Criteria, the Seller only takes into account the internal credit score assigned by it to the Borrower&gt;&gt;.</p> <p>The note below applies to points from 24 to 29.</p> <p>Although the text of the STS Regulation is quite vague, the EBA guidelines on defining "credit impaired" debtors are very helpful.</p> <p>For PCS, the key points of the EBA guidelines on this issue are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>First</b> that the three listed conditions of credit impaired status (set out in article 20.11 (a) to (c) of the Regulation) amount to a full definition of what it means to be "credit impaired". So that it is not necessary to reflect at what the term "credit impaired" could mean above and beyond those three items.</li> <li><b>Secondly</b>, in relation to entries in a credit registry, the EBA is very clear that the criterion should not be interpreted as excluding debtors with any entry on a credit registry. Providing further guidance, the example given in the EBA Guidelines of a credit registry entry that would not be indicative of a "credit impaired" debtor is the example of a failure to pay that can "reasonably be ignored" for the purposes of credit assessment.</li> </ol> <p>Therefore, the criterion, to be met, does not require the elimination from the pool of all debtors with any negative entry in a credit registry but only those whose entries it would not be reasonable to ignore for the purposes of credit assessments.</p> <p>Absent any further clarification from the EBA or a national competent authority regarding what it is reasonable to ignore, a judgement would still be necessary in cases where the originator does include in the pool some debtors with some negative entries in a credit registry.</p> <p>In making this judgement, PCS takes comfort from the intent of the legislators – including, crucially, the legislators' belief that the STS Regulation was justified by the excellent performance of most "plain vanilla" European securitisation. It is clear to PCS that the "credit impaired" prohibition is driven by the desire of legislators to exclude from the STS category deals generally coming under the definition of "sub-prime". Therefore, it is unreasonable to refuse STS status to a transaction considered by universal consensus to be a "prime/plain vanilla" transaction with no "sub-prime" aspects. Indeed, this approach seems to be the rationale behind the EBA Guidelines on this matter.</p>	

To determine whether this requirement is met, PCS has discussed this matter with the Seller and uses its knowledge of the market and market stakeholders as well as the explicit statements made in the prospectus and transaction documentation.

- c. **Thirdly**, the EBA Guidelines on guaranteed obligations make it clear that the criterion is met so long as either the debtor or the guarantor are not “credit impaired”.

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##### **No exposures in default and to credit-impaired debtors/guarantors (Article 20(11))**

39. The objective of the criterion in Article 20(11) is to ensure that STS securitisations are not characterised by underlying exposures whose credit risk has already been affected by certain negative events such as disputes with credit-impaired debtors or guarantors, debt-restructuring processes or default events as identified by the EU prudential regulation. Risk analysis and due diligence assessments by investors become more complex whenever the securitisation includes exposures subject to certain ongoing negative credit risk developments. For the same reasons, STS securitisations should not include underlying exposures to credit-impaired debtors or guarantors that have an adverse credit history. In addition, significant risk of default normally rises as rating grades or other scores are assigned that indicate highly speculative credit quality and high likelihood of default, i.e. the possibility that the debtor or guarantor is not able to meet its obligations becomes a real possibility. Such exposures to credit-impaired debtors or guarantors should therefore also not be eligible for STS purposes.

40. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be further clarified:

(b) Interpretation of the term ‘exposures to a credit-impaired debtor or guarantor’: the interpretation should also take into account the interpretation provided in recital 26 of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, according to which the circumstances specified in points (a) to (c) of Article 24(9) of that regulation are understood as specific situations of credit-impairedness to which exposures in the STS securitisation may not be exposed. Consequently, other possible circumstances of credit-impairedness that are not captured in points (a) to (c) should be outside the scope of this requirement. Moreover, taking into account the role of the guarantor as a risk bearer, it should be clarified that the requirement to exclude ‘exposures to a credit-impaired debtor or guarantor’ is not meant to exclude (i) exposures to a credit-impaired debtor when it has a guarantor that is not credit impaired; or (ii) exposures to a non-credit-impaired debtor when there is a credit-impaired guarantor;

(c) Interpretation of the term ‘to the best knowledge of’: the interpretation should follow the wording of recital 26 of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, according to which an originator or original lender is not required to take all legally possible steps to determine the debtor’s credit status but is only required to take those steps that the originator/original lender usually takes within its activities in terms of origination, servicing, risk management and use of information that is received from third parties. This should not require the originator or original lender to check publicly available information, or to check entries in at least one credit registry where an originator or original lender does not conduct such checks within its regular activities in terms of origination, servicing, risk management and use of information received from third parties, but rather relies, for example, on other information that may include credit assessments provided by third parties. Such clarification is important because corporates that are not subject to EU financial sector regulation and that are acting as sellers with respect to STS securitisation may not always check entries in credit registries and, in line with the best knowledge standard, should not be obliged to perform additional checks at origination of any exposure for the purposes of later fulfilling this criterion in terms of any credit-impaired debtors or guarantors;

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##### **4.5 No exposures in default and to credit-impaired debtors/guarantors (Article 20(11))**

###### ***Exposures to a credit-impaired debtor or guarantor***

39. For the purposes of Article 20(11) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the circumstances specified in points (a) to (c) of that paragraph should be understood as definitions of credit-impairedness. Other possible circumstances of credit-impairedness that are not captured in points (a) to (c) should be considered to be excluded from this requirement.

40. The prohibition of the selection and transfer to SSPE of underlying exposures ‘to a credit-impaired debtor or guarantor’ as referred to in Article 20(11) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 should be understood as the requirement that, at the time of selection, there should be a recourse for the full securitised exposure amount to at least one non-credit-impaired party, irrespective of whether that party is a debtor or a guarantor. Therefore, the underlying exposures should not include either of the following:

- (a) exposures to a credit-impaired debtor, when there is no guarantor for the full securitised exposure amount;
- (b) exposures to a credit-impaired debtor who has a credit-impaired guarantor.

###### ***To the best of the originator’s or original lender’s knowledge***

41. For the purposes of Article 20(11) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the ‘best knowledge’ standard should be considered to be fulfilled on the basis of information obtained only from any of the following combinations of sources and circumstances:

- (a) debtors on origination of the exposures;

	<p>(b) the originator in the course of its servicing of the exposures or in the course of its risk management procedures;</p> <p>(c) notifications to the originator by a third party;</p> <p>(d) publicly available information or information on any entries in one or more credit registries of persons with adverse credit history at the time of origination of an underlying exposure, only to the extent that this information had already been taken into account in the context of (a), (b) and (c), and in accordance with the applicable regulatory and supervisory requirements, including with respect to sound credit granting criteria as specified in Article 9 of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402. This is with the exception of trade receivables that are not originated in the form of a loan, with respect to which credit-granting criteria do not need to be met.</p>
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	25.(a) has been declared insolvent or had a court grant his creditors a final non-appealable right of enforcement or material damages as a result of a missed payment within three years prior to the date of origination.	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>See "Home Loan Eligibility Criteria", §(c), sub definition of Eligible Borrower, item (vi)(a).</p> <p>In particular, a borrower is not an Eligible Borrower if it:</p> <p>&lt;&lt;(a) (1) has been declared insolvent (meaning for the purpose of this Home Loan Eligibility Criteria, being subject to a judicial liquidation proceedings (procédure de rétablissement personnel), pursuant to the provisions of Title IV of Livre VII of the French Consumer Code (or, before the 1st of July 2016, Titre III of Livre III of the French Consumer Code), to any insolvency proceeding pursuant to the provisions of articles L. 620-1 et seq. of the French Commercial Code or to a review by a jurisdiction pursuant to article 1343-5 of the French Civil Code (or, before the 1st of October 2016, article 1244-1 of the French Civil Code) before a court), or (2) has agreed with his creditors to a debt dismissal or reschedule (meaning for the purpose of this Home Loan Eligibility Criteria, being subject to a commission responsible for reviewing the over-indebtedness of consumers (commission de surendettement des particuliers)), or (3) had a court grant his creditors a final non-appealable right of enforcement or material damages as a result of a missed payment, in relation to each of items (1), (2) and (3), within three (3) years prior to the date of origination of the relevant Home Loan, or (4) has undergone a debt restructuring process with regard to his nonperforming exposures;&gt;&gt;.</p>	
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	26. Or has undergone a debt-restructuring process with regard to his non-performing exposures within three years prior to the date of transfer or assignment of the underlying exposures to the SSPE, except if:	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>See "Home Loan Eligibility Criteria", §(c), sub definition of Eligible Borrower, item (vi)(a)(4).</p> <p>In particular, a borrower is not an Eligible Borrower if it:</p> <p>&lt;&lt;[...] (4) has undergone a debt restructuring process with regard to his non-performing exposures within three years prior to the Purchase Date;&gt;&gt;.</p>	
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	<p>40. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be further clarified:</p> <p>(d) Interpretation of the criterion with respect to the debtors and guarantors found on the credit registry: it is important to interpret this requirement in a narrow sense to ensure that the existence of a debtor or guarantor on the credit registry of persons with adverse credit history should not automatically exclude the exposure to that debtor/guarantor from compliance with this criterion. It is understood that this criterion should relate only to debtors and guarantors that are, at the time of origination of the exposure, considered entities with adverse credit history. Existence on a credit registry at the time of origination of the exposure for reasons that can be reasonably ignored for the purposes of the credit risk assessment (for example due to missed payments which have been resolved in the next two payment periods) should not be captured by this requirement. Therefore, this criterion should not automatically exclude from the STS framework exposures to all entities that are on the credit registries, taking into account that this would unintentionally exclude a significant number of entities given that different practices exist across EU jurisdictions with respect to entry requirements of such credit registries, and the fact that credit registries in some jurisdictions may contain both positive and negative information about the clients;</p>	
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	<b>Exposures to credit-impaired debtors or guarantors that have undergone a debt-restructuring process</b>	



<p>42. For the purposes of Article 20(11)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the requirement to exclude exposures to credit-impaired debtors or guarantors who have undergone a debt-restructuring process with regard to their non-performing exposures should be understood to refer to both the restructured exposures of the respective debtor or guarantor and those of its exposures that were not themselves subject to restructuring. For the purposes of this Article, restructured exposures which meet the conditions of points (i) and (ii) of that Article should not result in a debtor or guarantor becoming designated as credit-impaired.</p>
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	27. (i) a restructured underlying exposure has not presented new arrears since the date of the restructuring which must have taken place at least one year prior to the date of transfer or assignment of the underlying exposures to the SSPE; and	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>See "Home Loan Eligibility Criteria", §(c), sub definition of Eligible Borrower, item (vi)(a)(4).</p> <p>In particular, a borrower is not an Eligible Borrower if it:</p> <p>&lt;&lt;[...] (4) has undergone a debt restructuring process with regard to his non-performing exposures within three years prior to the Purchase Date;&gt;&gt;.</p>	
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	28. (ii) the information provided by the originator, sponsor and SSPE in accordance with points (a) and (e)(i) of the first subparagraph of Article 7(1) explicitly sets out the proportion of restructured underlying exposures, the time and details of the restructuring as well as their performance since the date of the restructuring;	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
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	<p>See "Home Loan Eligibility Criteria", §(c), sub definition of Eligible Borrower, item (vi)(a)(4).</p> <p>In particular, a borrower is not an Eligible Borrower if it:</p> <p>&lt;&lt;[...] (4) has undergone a debt restructuring process with regard to his non-performing exposures within three years prior to the Purchase Date;&gt;&gt;.</p>	
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	29. (b) was, at the time of origination, where applicable, on a public credit registry of persons with adverse credit history or, where there is no such public credit registry, another credit registry that is available to the originator or original lender;	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>See the definition of "Eligible Borrower" set out under item (c)(vi)(C) of the "Home Loan Eligibility Criteria", where it is provided that the Eligible Borrower is not a credit impaired obligor, being an obligor that <i>&lt;&lt;is on the Issue Date, or was, at the time of origination, on an official registry of persons with adverse credit history (meaning for the purpose of this Home Loan Eligibility Criteria being registered in the Banque de France's FICP file)&gt;&gt;</i>.</p> <p>In this respect please see also the subsequent specification that:</p> <p><i>&lt;&lt;for the purpose of assessing whether the Borrower is not a credit-impaired obligor within the meaning of this Home Loan Eligibility Criteria, the Seller only takes into account the internal Basel II credit score assigned by it to the Borrower which is between 1 and 8 and which is based on information obtained by the Seller from any of the following combinations of sources and circumstances: (i) debtors on origination of the exposures, (ii) the Seller as originator, in the course of its servicing of the exposures or in the course of its risk management procedures (iii) notifications by a third party and (iv) the consultation of the Banque de France's FICP file at the time of origination of the relevant Home Loan.&gt;&gt;</i>.</p>	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on background and rationale</b>	
	<b>No exposures in default and to credit-impaired debtors/guarantors (Article 20(11))</b>	
	<p>40. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be further clarified:</p> <p>(d) Interpretation of the criterion with respect to the debtors and guarantors found on the credit registry: it is important to interpret this requirement in a narrow sense to ensure that the existence of a debtor or guarantor on the credit registry of persons with adverse credit history should not automatically exclude the exposure to that debtor/guarantor from compliance with this criterion. It is understood that this criterion should relate only to debtors and guarantors that are, at the time of origination of the exposure, considered entities with adverse credit history. Existence on a credit registry at the time of origination of the exposure for reasons that can be reasonably ignored for the purposes of the credit risk assessment (for example due to missed payments which have been resolved in the next two payment periods) should not be captured by this requirement. Therefore, this criterion should not automatically exclude from the STS framework exposures to all entities that are on the credit registries, taking into account that this would unintentionally exclude a significant number of entities given that different practices exist across EU jurisdictions with respect to entry requirements of such credit registries, and the fact that credit registries in some jurisdictions may contain both positive and negative information about the clients;</p>	

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43. The requirement referred to in Article 20(11)(b) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 should be limited to exposures to debtors or guarantors to which both of the following requirements apply at the time of origination of the underlying exposure:

- (a) the debtor or guarantor is explicitly flagged in a credit registry as an entity with adverse credit history due to negative status or negative information stored in the credit registry;
- (b) the debtor or guarantor is on the credit registry for reasons that are relevant to the purposes of the credit risk assessment.

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	<b>Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity</b>	
	<p>20.11. The underlying exposures shall be transferred to the SSPE after selection without undue delay and shall not include, at the time of selection, exposures in default within the meaning of Article 178(1) of Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 or exposures to a credit-impaired debtor or guarantor, who, to the best of the originator's or original lender's knowledge:</p> <p>(a) has been declared insolvent or had a court grant his creditors a final non-appealable right of enforcement or material damages as a result of a missed payment within three years prior to the date of origination.</p> <p>or has undergone a debt-restructuring process with regard to his non-performing exposures within three years prior to the date of transfer or assignment of the underlying exposures to the SSPE, except if:</p> <p>(i) a restructured underlying exposure has not presented new arrears since the date of the restructuring which must have taken place at least one year prior to the date of transfer or assignment of the underlying exposures to the SSPE; and</p> <p>(ii) the information provided by the originator, sponsor and SSPE in accordance with points (a) and (e)(i) of the first subparagraph of Article 7(1) explicitly sets out the proportion of restructured underlying exposures, the time and details of the restructuring as well as their performance since the date of the restructuring;</p> <p>(b) was, at the time of origination, where applicable, on a public credit registry of persons with adverse credit history or, where there is no such public credit registry, another credit registry that is available to the originator or original lender;</p> <p>(c) has a credit assessment or a credit score indicating that the risk of contractually agreed payments not be made is significantly higher than for comparable exposures held by the originator which are not securitised.</p>	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	30. (c) has a credit assessment or a credit score indicating that the risk of contractually agreed payments not be made is significantly higher than for comparable exposures held by the originator which are not securitised.	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>See the definition of "Eligible Borrower" set out under item (c)(vi)(C) of the "Home Loan Eligibility Criteria", where it is provided that the Eligible Borrower is not a credit impaired obligor, being an obligor that &lt;&lt;is on the Issue Date, or was, at the time of origination, on an official registry of persons with adverse credit history (meaning for the purpose of this Home Loan Eligibility Criteria being registered in the Banque de France's FICP file)&gt;&gt;.</p> <p>In this respect please see also the subsequent specification that:</p> <p>&lt;&lt;for a given Borrower and the related Home Loan, such internal credit score is considered by the Seller as not "indicating that the risk of contractually agreed payments <u>not being made is significantly higher than for comparable exposures held by the Seller which are not securitised or a significant risk that contractually agreed payments will not be made compared to the average obligor for this type of loans in France</u>", where such internal credit score is such that the Home Loan is not classified as doubtful, impaired, non-performing or classified to the similar effect under the accounting principles applied by the Seller;&gt;&gt;.</p>	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on <i>background and rationale</i></b>	
	<p><b>No exposures in default and to credit-impaired debtors/guarantors (Article 20(11))</b></p> <p>40. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be further clarified:</p> <p>(e) Interpretation of the term 'significantly higher risk of contractually agreed payments not being made for comparable exposures': the term should be interpreted with a similar meaning to the requirement aiming to prevent adverse selection of assets referred to in Article 6(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, and further specified in the Article 16(2) of the Delegated Regulation specifying in greater detail the risk retention requirement in accordance with Article 6(7) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, given that in both cases the requirement (i) aims to prevent adverse selection of underlying exposures and (ii) relates to the comparison of the credit quality of exposures transferred to the SSPE and comparable exposures that remain on the originator's balance sheet. To facilitate the interpretation, a list is given of examples of how to achieve compliance with the requirement.</p>	

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	<p><b>4.5 No exposures in default and to credit-impaired debtors/guarantors (Article 20(11))</b></p> <p><b><i>Risk of contractually agreed payments not being made being significantly higher than for comparable exposures</i></b></p> <p>44. For the purposes of Article 20(11)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the exposures should not be considered to have a 'credit assessment of a credit score indicating that the risk of contractually agreed payments not being made is significantly higher than for comparable exposures held by the originator which are not securitised' when the following conditions apply:</p> <p>(a) the most relevant factors determining the expected performance of the underlying exposures are similar;</p> <p>(b) as a result of the similarity referred to in point (a) it could reasonably have been expected, on the basis of indications such as past performance or applicable models, that, over the life of the transaction or over a maximum of four years, where the life of the transaction is longer than four years, their performance would not be significantly different.</p> <p>45. The requirement in the previous paragraph should be considered to have been met where either of the following applies:</p> <p>(a) the underlying exposures do not include exposures that are classified as doubtful, impaired, non-performing or classified to the similar effect under the relevant accounting principles;</p> <p>(b) the underlying exposures do not include exposures whose credit quality, based on credit ratings or other credit quality thresholds, significantly differs from the credit quality of comparable exposures that the originator originates in the course of its standard lending operations and credit risk strategy.</p>

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	<b>Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity</b>	
	20.12. The debtors shall at the time of transfer of the exposures, have made at least one payment, except in the case of revolving securitisations backed by exposures payable in a single instalment or having a maturity of less than one year, including without limitation monthly payments on revolving credits.	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	31. The debtors shall at the time of transfer of the exposures, have made at least one payment, except in the case of revolving securitisations backed by exposures payable in a single instalment or having a maturity of less than one year, including without limitation monthly payments on revolving credits.	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	See "Home Loan Eligibility Criteria", §(I).  <<(I) the Borrower has paid at least one (1) instalment in respect of the Home Loan;>>.	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on <i>background and rationale</i></b>	
	<b>At least one payment made (Article 20(12))</b> 41. STS securitisations should minimise the extent to which investors are required to analyse and assess fraud and operational risk. At least one payment should therefore be made by each underlying borrower at the time of transfer, since this reduces the likelihood of the loan being subject to fraud or operational issues, unless in the case of revolving securitisations in which the distribution of securitised exposures is subject to constant changes because the securitisation relates to exposures payable in a single instalment or with an initial legal maturity of an exposure of below one year. 42. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, its scope and the types of payments referred to therein should be further clarified.	
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	<b>4.6 At least one payment made (Article 20(12))</b> <b>Scope of the criterion</b> 46. For the purposes of Article 20(12) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, further advances in terms of an exposure to a certain borrower should not be deemed to trigger a new 'at least one payment' requirement with respect to such an exposure. <b>At least one payment</b> 47. For the purposes of Article 20(12) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the payment referred to in the requirement according to which 'at least one payment' should have been made at the time of transfer should be a rental, principal or interest payment or any other kind of payment.	



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	<b>Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity</b>	
	<p>20.13. The repayment of the holders of the securitisation positions shall not have been structured to depend predominantly on the sale of assets securing the underlying exposures. This shall not prevent such assets from being subsequently rolled-over or refinanced.</p> <p>The repayment of the holders of the securitisation positions whose underlying exposures are secured by assets the value of which is guaranteed or fully mitigated by a repurchase obligation by the seller of the assets securing the underlying exposures or by another third party shall not be considered to depend on the sale of assets securing those underlying exposures.</p>	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	32. The repayment of the holders of the securitisation positions shall not have been structured to depend predominantly on the sale of assets securing the underlying exposures.	
	<b>Verified?</b>	Yes
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>See "Underwriting policies" in section "ORIGINATION AND UNDERWRITING PROCEDURES (CREDIT GUIDELINES)", where it is stated that &lt;&lt;The home loan general lending criteria of BPCE Group primarily focus on the appreciation of the Borrower's debt repayment capacity through the combined analysis of certain key indicators listed below. In most cases and in accordance with the general practice in the French residential loan market, Banques Populaires and Caisses d'Epargne consider the purchase price as the property value of the property, after a check of purchase price consistency with prices for comparable property. Also, in certain circumstances, an appraisal of the market value of a property may be required. But, in any case, no home loan is granted considering the sole (or even predominant) appraisal of the property.&gt;&gt;.</p>	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on background and rationale</b>	
	<b>No predominant dependence on the sale of assets (Article 20(13))</b>	
	43. Dependence of the repayment of the holders of the securitisation positions on the sale of assets securing the underlying exposures increases the liquidity risks, market risks and maturity transformation risks to which the securitisation is exposed. It also makes the credit risk of the securitisation more difficult for investors to model and assess.	
	44. The objective of this criterion is to ensure that the repayment of the principal balance of exposures at the contract maturity – and therefore repayment of the holders of the securitisation positions – is not intended to be predominantly reliant on the sale of assets securing the underlying exposures, unless the value of the assets is guaranteed or fully mitigated by a repurchase obligation.	
	45. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be further clarified:	
	(a) the term 'predominant dependence' on the sale of assets securing the underlying exposures should be further interpreted:	
	(i) when assessing whether the repayment of the holders of the securitisation positions is or is not predominantly dependent on the sale of assets, the following three aspects should be taken into account: (i) the principal balance at contract maturity of underlying exposures that depend on the sale of assets securing those underlying exposures to repay the balance; (ii) the distribution of maturities of such exposures across the life of the transaction, which aims to reduce the risk of correlated defaults due to idiosyncratic shocks; and (iii) the granularity of the pool of exposures, which aims to promote sufficient distribution in sale dates and other characteristics that may affect the sale of the underlying exposures.	
	(i) no types of securitisations should be excluded ex ante from the compliance with this criterion and from the STS securitisation as long as they meet all the requirements specified in the guidance. For example, this criterion does not aim to exclude leasing transactions and interest-only residential mortgages from STS securitisation, provided they comply with the guidance provided and all other applicable STS requirements. However, it is expected that commercial real estate transactions, or securitisations where the assets are commodities (e.g. oil, grain, gold), or bonds whose maturity dates fall after the maturity date of the securitisation, would not meet these requirements, as in all these cases it is expected that the repayment is predominantly reliant on the sale of the assets, that other possible ways to repay the securitisation positions are substantially limited, and that the granularity of the portfolio is low.	
	46. With respect to the exemption provided in the second subparagraph of Article 20(13) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, it should be ensured that the entity providing the guarantee or the repurchase obligation of the assets securing the underlying exposures is not an empty-shell or defaulted entity, so that it has sufficient loss absorbency to exercise the guarantee of the repurchase of the assets.	
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	<b>4.7 No Predominant dependence on the sale of assets</b>	
	<b>Predominant dependence on the sale of assets</b>	

48. For the purposes of Article 20(13) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, transactions where all of the following conditions apply, at the time of origination of the securitisation in cases of amortising securitisation or during the revolving period in cases of revolving securitisation, should be considered not predominantly dependent on the sale of assets securing the underlying exposures, and therefore allowed:

- (a) the contractually agreed outstanding principal balance, at contract maturity of the underlying exposures that depend on the sale of the assets securing those underlying exposures to repay the principal balance, corresponds to no more than 50% of the total initial exposure value of all securitisation positions of the securitisation;
- (b) the maturities of the underlying exposures referred to in point (a) are not subject to material concentrations and are sufficiently distributed across the life of the transaction;
- (c) the aggregate exposure value of all the underlying exposures referred to in point (a) to a single obligor does not exceed 2% of the aggregate exposure value of all underlying exposures in the securitisation.

49. Where there are no underlying exposures in the securitisation that depend on the sale of assets to repay their outstanding principal balance at contract maturity, the requirements in paragraph 48 should not apply.

***Exemption provided in the second subparagraph of Article 20(13) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402***

50. The exemption referred to in the second subparagraph of Article 20(13) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 with regard to the repayment of holders of securitisation positions whose underlying exposures are secured by assets, the value of which is guaranteed or fully mitigated by a repurchase obligation of either the assets securing the underlying exposures or of the underlying exposures themselves by another third party or parties, the seller or the third parties should meet both of the following conditions:

- (a) they are not insolvent;
- (b) there is no reason to believe that the entity would not be able to meet its obligations under the guarantee or the repurchase obligation.

20.14. EBA, in close cooperation with ESMA and EIOPA, shall develop draft regulatory standards further specifying which underlying exposures referred to in paragraph 8 are deemed to be homogeneous. EBA shall submit those draft regulatory standards to the Commission by 18 July 2018.

The Commission is empowered to supplement this Regulation by adopting the regulatory technical standards referred to in this paragraph in accordance with the procedure laid down in Articles 10 to 14 of Regulation (EU) No 1093/2010.

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	Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation		
	21.1. The originator, sponsor or original lender shall satisfy the risk retention requirement in accordance with Article 6.		
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	33.The originator, sponsor or original lender shall satisfy the risk retention requirement in accordance with Article 6.		
	Verified?		Yes
	PCS Comment		
	See the statement contained in the Prospectus in “REGULATORY COMPLIANCE” – “RETENTION STATEMENT”, that << <i>The Sellers have undertaken in the Home Loans Purchase and Servicing Agreement and the Class A Notes Subscription Agreement, to comply at all times with article 6 of the Securitisation Regulation and therefore retain on an ongoing basis a material net economic interest which, in any event, shall not be less than five per cent. (5%) of the nominal value of the securitised exposures for which it is the originator.&gt;&gt;.</i>		
	EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on <i>background and rationale</i>		
	Risk retention (Article 21(1))		
47. The main objective of the risk retention criterion is to ensure an alignment between the originators'/sponsors'/original lenders' and investors' interests, and to avoid application of the originate-to-distribute model in securitisation.			
48. The content of the criterion is deemed sufficiently clear that no further guidance in addition to that provided by the Delegated Regulation further specifying the risk retention requirement in accordance with Article 6(7) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 is considered necessary.			
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	<b>Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation</b>	
	21.2. The interest rate and currency risks arising from the securitisation shall be appropriately mitigated and any measures taken to that effect shall be disclosed.	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	34. The interest rate...risks arising from the securitisation shall be appropriately mitigated.	
	Verified?	Yes
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>See "Hedging Strategy", stating that &lt;&lt;Hedging Strategy - In accordance with articles R.214-217-2° and R.214-224 of the French Monetary and Financial Code and pursuant to the terms of the Issuer Regulations, the hedging strategy (stratégie de couverture) of the Issuer is <u>to enter into the Interest Rate Swap Agreement to hedge the mismatch between interest rates payable under the Purchased Home Loans and the floating rate payable on the Class A Notes</u> (see the Section entitled "DESCRIPTION OF THE INTEREST RATE SWAP AGREEMENT"). Aside from the Interest Rate Swap Agreement, the Issuer shall not enter into derivative contracts.&gt;&gt;.</p> <p>See also "Risk Factors" – "Interest rate risk – Interest rate hedging", where it is stated that &lt;&lt;The Purchased Home Loans bear a fixed interest rate but the Issuer will pay interest on the Class A Notes issued in connection with its acquisition of such Purchased Home Loans based on the EURIBOR. The Issuer will hedge this interest rate risk by entering into an Interest Rate Swap Agreement with the Interest Rate Swap Counterparty.&gt;&gt;.</p> <p>See Schedule 5 (Characteristics of the Interest Rate Swap Agreement) of the Issuer Regulations, where it is stated that: &lt;&lt;FBF Master Agreement - On or prior to the Issuer Establishment Date, the Issuer, represented by the Management Company, will enter into an interest rate swap agreement to hedge in an appropriate manner the risk of a difference between the EURIBOR-based floating rate applicable for the relevant Interest Period (on each relevant Payment Date) with respect to the Class A Notes and the fixed interest rate payments received in respect of the Purchased Home Loans the floating interest rate on the Class A Notes (the "Interest Rate Swap Agreement") with Natixis (the "Interest Rate Swap Counterparty"). The Interest Rate Swap Agreement is governed by the 2013 Fédération Bancaire Française (FBF) master agreement relating to transactions on forward financial instruments (convention-cadre FBF relative aux opérations sur instruments financiers a terme or the "FBF Master Agreement") as amended by a supplementary schedule and collateral annex and confirmed by one written swap confirmation (the "Swap Confirmation").&gt;&gt;.</p> <p>Clearly and explicitly, "appropriate" hedging does not require "perfect" hedging. This is confirmed by the EBA Guidelines which require the hedges to cover a "major share" of the risk from an "economic perspective". However, the definition of "appropriate" hedging or a "major share" of the risk will always contain an element of subjectivity and must be analysed on a case by case basis.</p> <p>The fact that the Regulation was crafted by the legislators to recognise existing high-quality European securitisations rather than raise the bar to a level not previously encountered, together with the common-sense approach of the EBA, leads to the conclusion that transactions considered adequately hedged by common investor and rating agency consensus should be held to meet this criterion.</p> <p>This still requires an analysis of the matter. Since PCS is not a quantitative analysis provider or a credit rating agency, our verification is based on a second-hand analysis which focuses on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A statement in the Prospectus or other document setting out the boundary conditions of the hedging. This should state in effect how far the hedging stretches and under what scenario's it will break. For example, if interbank rates rise above X%. This will provide a common-sense feel for whether, at first glance, the hedging is reasonable.</li> <li>Risk Factors section of the prospectus to check that no statements refer to the risks of "unhedged positions". This is based on the legal requirement to disclose any relevant information to investors. If the originator or its advisers believed that the hedging in a transaction was unusually light, this should be disclosed in the Risk Section.</li> <li>The "pre-sale" report from a recognised credit rating agency (if used) so as to identify any issues with hedging. Again, rating agencies as credit specialists should highlight in their analysis any substantial and unusual hedging risks.</li> </ul> <p><b>In the case of this Transaction, and also based on the analysis above, we note the following elements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the Class A Notes have a floating rate of interest</li> <li>the Class B Notes have a fixed rate of interest</li> <li>interest payable by Borrowers on the Loans is calculated on the basis of a fixed interest rate (see Home Loan Eligibility Criteria, §(cc)).</li> </ul>	

***In the light of the above, we note that the potential mismatch of interest rates for the Class A is hedged through a Swap Agreement.***

See "DESCRIPTION OF THE INTEREST RATE SWAP AGREEMENT - Swap Notional Amount" where it is stated that:

*<<In accordance with the Interest Rate Swap Agreement, on the Issue Date, the notional amount under the Interest Rate Swap Agreement will be equal to 100 per cent. of the aggregate of the Initial Principal Amount of the Class A Notes.*

*On any Payment Date, the Notional Amount shall be equal to the lesser of:*

*(i) the aggregate of the Principal Amount Outstanding of the Class A Notes on the immediately preceding Payment Date after giving effect to the applicable Priority of Payments (or the Issue Date in respect of the first Payment Date) as determined by the Management Company; and*

*(ii) the aggregate of the Outstanding Principal Balance of the Performing Home Loans on the Determination Date immediately preceding such Payment Date (or in case of the first Payment Date, the Selection Date);>>.*

#### **EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on *background and rationale***

##### **Appropriate mitigation of interest-rate and currency risks (Article 21 (2))**

49. The objective of this criterion is to reduce any payment risk arising from different interest-rate and currency profiles of assets and liabilities. Mitigating or hedging interest-rate and currency risks arising in the transaction enhances the simplicity of the transaction, since it helps investors to model those risks and their impact on the credit risk of the securitisation investment.

50. It should be clarified that hedging (through derivative instruments) is only one possible way of addressing the risks mentioned. Whichever measure is applied for the risk mitigation, it should, however, be subject to specific conditions so that it can be considered to appropriately mitigate the risks mentioned.

51. One of these conditions aims to prohibit derivatives that do not serve the purpose of hedging interest-rate or currency risk from being included in the pool of underlying exposures or entered into by the SSPE, given that derivatives add to the complexity of the transaction and to the complexity of the risk and due diligence analysis to be carried out by the investor. Derivatives hedging interest-rate or currency risk enhance the simplicity of the transaction, since hedged transactions do not require investors to engage in the modelling of currency and interest-rate risks.

52. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be clarified:

- (a) conditions that the measures should comply with so that they can be considered to appropriately mitigate the interest-rate and currency risks;
- (b) clarification with respect to the scope of derivatives that should and should not be captured by this criterion;
- (c) clarification of the term 'common standards in international finance'.

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##### **5.1 Appropriate mitigation of interest-rate and currency risks (Article 21(2))**

###### ***Appropriate mitigation of interest-rate and currency risks***

51. For the purposes of Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 in order for the interest-rate and currency risks arising from the securitisation to be considered 'appropriately mitigated', it should be sufficient that a hedge or mitigation is in place, on condition that it is not unusually limited with the effect that it covers a major share of the respective interest-rate or currency risks under relevant scenarios, understood from an economic perspective. Such a mitigation may also be in the form of derivatives or other mitigating measures including reserve funds, over collateralisation, excess spread or other measures.

52. Where the appropriate mitigation of interest-rate and currency risks is carried out through derivatives, all of the following requirements should apply:

- (a) the derivatives should be used only for genuine hedging of asset and liability mismatches of interest rates and currencies, and should not be used for speculative purposes;
- (b) the derivatives should be based on commonly accepted documentation, including International Swaps or Derivatives Association (ISDA) or similar established national documentation standards;
- (c) the derivative documentation should provide, in the event of the loss of sufficient creditworthiness of the counterparty below a certain level, measured either on the basis of the credit rating or otherwise, that the counterparty is subject to collateralisation requirements or makes a reasonable effort for its replacement or guarantee by another counterparty.

<p>53. Where the mitigation of interest-rate and currency risks referred to in Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 is carried out not through derivatives but by other risk-mitigating measures, those measures should be designed to be sufficiently robust. When such risk-mitigating measures are used to mitigate multiple risks at the same time, the disclosure required by Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 should include an explanation of how the measures hedge the interest-rate risks and currency risks on one hand, and other risks on the other hand.</p>
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	<b>Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation</b>	
	21.2. The interest rate and currency risks arising from the securitisation shall be appropriately mitigated and any measures taken to that effect shall be disclosed.	
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	35. Currency risks arising from the securitisation shall be appropriately mitigated.	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	We note that since both the Home Loans and the Notes are denominated in Euros, there should not be any currency risk.	
	See definition of "Home Loans":	
	<<Home Loans means any and all receivables arising from home loans denominated in euros granted pursuant to the Home Loan Agreements entered into with Borrowers. [...]>>.	
	<b>Therefore, on this basis, PCS' view is that in the absence of any currency mismatch, no currency hedging is necessary.</b>	
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	<b>Appropriate mitigation of interest-rate and currency risks (Article 21(2))</b>	
	49. The objective of this criterion is to reduce any payment risk arising from different interest-rate and currency profiles of assets and liabilities. Mitigating or hedging interest-rate and currency risks arising in the transaction enhances the simplicity of the transaction, since it helps investors to model those risks and their impact on the credit risk of the securitisation investment.	
	50. It should be clarified that hedging (through derivative instruments) is only one possible way of addressing the risks mentioned. Whichever measure is applied for the risk mitigation, it should, however, be subject to specific conditions so that it can be considered to appropriately mitigate the risks mentioned.	
	51. One of these conditions aims to prohibit derivatives that do not serve the purpose of hedging interest-rate or currency risk from being included in the pool of underlying exposures or entered into by the SSPE, given that derivatives add to the complexity of the transaction and to the complexity of the risk and due diligence analysis to be carried out by the investor. Derivatives hedging interest-rate or currency risk enhance the simplicity of the transaction, since hedged transactions do not require investors to engage in the modelling of currency and interest-rate risks.	
	52. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be clarified:	
	(a) conditions that the measures should comply with so that they can be considered to appropriately mitigate the interest-rate and currency risks;	
	(b) clarification with respect to the scope of derivatives that should and should not be captured by this criterion;	
	(c) clarification of the term 'common standards in international finance'.	
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	<b>5.1 Appropriate mitigation of interest-rate and currency risks (Article 21(2))</b>	
	<b>Appropriate mitigation of interest-rate and currency risks</b>	
	51. For the purposes of Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 in order for the interest-rate and currency risks arising from the securitisation to be considered 'appropriately mitigated', it should be sufficient that a hedge or mitigation is in place, on condition that it is not unusually limited with the effect that it covers a major share of the respective interest-rate or currency risks under relevant scenarios, understood from an economic perspective. Such a mitigation may also be in the form of derivatives or other mitigating measures including reserve funds, over collateralisation, excess spread or other measures.	
	52. Where the appropriate mitigation of interest-rate and currency risks is carried out through derivatives, all of the following requirements should apply:	
	(a) the derivatives should be used only for genuine hedging of asset and liability mismatches of interest rates and currencies, and should not be used for speculative purposes;	
	(b) the derivatives should be based on commonly accepted documentation, including International Swaps or Derivatives Association (ISDA) or similar established national documentation standards;	



(c) the derivative documentation should provide, in the event of the loss of sufficient creditworthiness of the counterparty below a certain level, measured either on the basis of the credit rating or otherwise, that the counterparty is subject to collateralisation requirements or makes a reasonable effort for its replacement or guarantee by another counterparty.

53. Where the mitigation of interest-rate and currency risks referred to in Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 is carried out not through derivatives but by other risk-mitigating measures, those measures should be designed to be sufficiently robust. When such risk-mitigating measures are used to mitigate multiple risks at the same time, the disclosure required by Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 should include an explanation of how the measures hedge the interest-rate risks and currency risks on one hand, and other risks on the other hand.

54. The measures referred to in paragraphs 52 and 53, as well as the reasoning supporting the appropriateness of the mitigation of the interest-rate and currency risks through the life of the transaction, should be disclosed.

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	21.2. The interest rate and currency risks arising from the securitisation shall be appropriately mitigated and any measures taken to that effect shall be disclosed.		
	STS criteria		
	36. Any measures taken to that effect shall be disclosed.		
	Verified?	Yes	
	PCS Comment		
	See the Section entitled "DESCRIPTION OF THE INTEREST RATE SWAP AGREEMENT".		
	See points 34 and 35 above.		
	EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on <i>background and rationale</i>		
	<b>Appropriate mitigation of interest-rate and currency risks (Article 21 (2))</b>		
	49. The objective of this criterion is to reduce any payment risk arising from different interest-rate and currency profiles of assets and liabilities. Mitigating or hedging interest-rate and currency risks arising in the transaction enhances the simplicity of the transaction, since it helps investors to model those risks and their impact on the credit risk of the securitisation investment.		
	50. It should be clarified that hedging (through derivative instruments) is only one possible way of addressing the risks mentioned. Whichever measure is applied for the risk mitigation, it should, however, be subject to specific conditions so that it can be considered to appropriately mitigate the risks mentioned.		
	51. One of these conditions aims to prohibit derivatives that do not serve the purpose of hedging interest-rate or currency risk from being included in the pool of underlying exposures or entered into by the SSPE, given that derivatives add to the complexity of the transaction and to the complexity of the risk and due diligence analysis to be carried out by the investor. Derivatives hedging interest-rate or currency risk enhance the simplicity of the transaction, since hedged transactions do not require investors to engage in the modelling of currency and interest-rate risks.		
52. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be clarified:			
(a) conditions that the measures should comply with so that they can be considered to appropriately mitigate the interest-rate and currency risks;			
(b) clarification with respect to the scope of derivatives that should and should not be captured by this criterion;			
(c) clarification of the term ‘common standards in international finance’.			
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<b>5.1 Appropriate mitigation of interest-rate and currency risks (Article 21 (2))</b>			
54. The measures referred to in paragraphs 52 and 53, as well as the reasoning supporting the appropriateness of the mitigation of the interest-rate and currency risks through the life of the transaction, should be disclosed.			

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	<b>Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation</b>	
	<p>Except for the purpose of hedging currency risk or interest rate risk, the SSPE shall not enter into derivative contracts and shall ensure that the pool of underlying exposures does not include derivatives. Those derivatives shall be underwritten and documented according to common standards in international finance.</p>	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	37. Except for the purpose of hedging currency risk or interest rate risk, the SSPE shall not enter into derivative contracts and...	
	<b>Verified?</b>	Yes
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>See "Hedging Strategy" where it is stated that &lt;&lt;Aside from the Interest Rate Swap Agreement, the Issuer shall not enter into derivative contracts.&gt;&gt;.</p> <p>We note that no other derivative contract is currently entered into by the Issuer in the context of this transaction.</p> <p><b><i>This requirement relates to the current structure of the transaction and to the future possibility that the relevant issuer enters into derivatives.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>PCS has noticed the current absence of derivatives other than under the Swap Agreement and the presence of specific covenants addressing this requirement.</i></b></p>	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on background and rationale</b>	
	<p><b>Appropriate mitigation of interest-rate and currency risks (Article 21 (2))</b></p> <p>49. The objective of this criterion is to reduce any payment risk arising from different interest-rate and currency profiles of assets and liabilities. Mitigating or hedging interest-rate and currency risks arising in the transaction enhances the simplicity of the transaction, since it helps investors to model those risks and their impact on the credit risk of the securitisation investment.</p> <p>50. It should be clarified that hedging (through derivative instruments) is only one possible way of addressing the risks mentioned. Whichever measure is applied for the risk mitigation, it should, however, be subject to specific conditions so that it can be considered to appropriately mitigate the risks mentioned.</p> <p>51. One of these conditions aims to prohibit derivatives that do not serve the purpose of hedging interest-rate or currency risk from being included in the pool of underlying exposures or entered into by the SSPE, given that derivatives add to the complexity of the transaction and to the complexity of the risk and due diligence analysis to be carried out by the investor. Derivatives hedging interest-rate or currency risk enhance the simplicity of the transaction, since hedged transactions do not require investors to engage in the modelling of currency and interest-rate risks.</p> <p>52. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be clarified:</p> <p>(a) conditions that the measures should comply with so that they can be considered to appropriately mitigate the interest-rate and currency risks;</p> <p>(b) clarification with respect to the scope of derivatives that should and should not be captured by this criterion;</p> <p>(c) clarification of the term 'common standards in international finance'.</p>	
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	<p><b>5.1 Appropriate mitigation of interest-rate and currency risks (Article 21 (2))</b></p> <p><b>Derivatives</b></p> <p>55. For the purpose of Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, exposures in the pool of underlying exposures that merely contain a derivative component exclusively serving the purpose of directly hedging the interest-rate or currency risk of the respective underlying exposure itself, which are not themselves derivatives, should not be understood to be prohibited.</p>	

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	<b>Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation</b>	
	<p>Except for the purpose of hedging currency risk or interest rate risk, the SSPE shall not enter into derivative contracts and shall ensure that the pool of underlying exposures does not include derivatives. Those derivatives shall be underwritten and documented according to common standards in international finance.</p>	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	38. ...Shall ensure that the pool of underlying exposures does not include derivatives.	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>See Home Loans Eligibility Criteria, where it is stated that</p> <p>&lt;&lt;For the avoidance of doubt, (i) the Home Loans do not include transferable securities, as defined in point (44) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU nor any securitisation position <u>nor any derivatives</u> and (ii) no guarantor (other than, where applicable, the Home Loan Guarantors) has been taken into account for the purpose of assessing compliance with the Home Loan Eligibility Criteria.&gt;&gt;</p> <p>See also under Hedging Strategy, the statement that</p> <p>&lt;&lt;Aside from the Interest Rate Swap Agreement, the Issuer shall not enter into derivative contracts.&gt;&gt;.</p>	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on <i>background and rationale</i></b>	
	<p><b>Appropriate mitigation of interest-rate and currency risks (Article 21 (2))</b></p> <p>49. The objective of this criterion is to reduce any payment risk arising from different interest-rate and currency profiles of assets and liabilities. Mitigating or hedging interest-rate and currency risks arising in the transaction enhances the simplicity of the transaction, since it helps investors to model those risks and their impact on the credit risk of the securitisation investment.</p> <p>50. It should be clarified that hedging (through derivative instruments) is only one possible way of addressing the risks mentioned. Whichever measure is applied for the risk mitigation, it should, however, be subject to specific conditions so that it can be considered to appropriately mitigate the risks mentioned.</p> <p>51. One of these conditions aims to prohibit derivatives that do not serve the purpose of hedging interest-rate or currency risk from being included in the pool of underlying exposures or entered into by the SSPE, given that derivatives add to the complexity of the transaction and to the complexity of the risk and due diligence analysis to be carried out by the investor. Derivatives hedging interest-rate or currency risk enhance the simplicity of the transaction, since hedged transactions do not require investors to engage in the modelling of currency and interest-rate risks.</p> <p>52. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be clarified:</p> <p>(a) conditions that the measures should comply with so that they can be considered to appropriately mitigate the interest-rate and currency risks;</p> <p>(b) clarification with respect to the scope of derivatives that should and should not be captured by this criterion;</p> <p>(c) clarification of the term 'common standards in international finance'.</p>	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines</b>	
	<p><b>5.1 Appropriate mitigation of interest-rate and currency risks (Article 21 (2))</b></p> <p><b>Derivatives</b></p> <p>55. For the purpose of Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, exposures in the pool of underlying exposures that merely contain a derivative component exclusively serving the purpose of directly hedging the interest-rate or currency risk of the respective underlying exposure itself, which are not themselves derivatives, should not be understood to be prohibited.</p>	

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	<b>Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation</b>	
	<p>Except for the purpose of hedging currency risk or interest rate risk, the SSPE shall not enter into derivative contracts and shall ensure that the pool of underlying exposures does not include derivatives. Those derivatives shall be underwritten and documented according to common standards in international finance.</p>	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	<p>39. Those derivatives shall be underwritten and documented according to common standards in international finance.</p>	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>The Interest Rate Swap Agreement is entered into in accordance with the FBF master agreement (<i>convention-cadre relative aux operations sur instruments financiers à terme</i>). PCS has reviewed the relevant documentation and it is prepared to consider this point verified.</p>	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on <i>background and rationale</i></b>	
	<p><b>Appropriate mitigation of interest-rate and currency risks (Article 21 (2))</b></p> <p>49. The objective of this criterion is to reduce any payment risk arising from different interest-rate and currency profiles of assets and liabilities. Mitigating or hedging interest-rate and currency risks arising in the transaction enhances the simplicity of the transaction, since it helps investors to model those risks and their impact on the credit risk of the securitisation investment.</p> <p>50. It should be clarified that hedging (through derivative instruments) is only one possible way of addressing the risks mentioned. Whichever measure is applied for the risk mitigation, it should, however, be subject to specific conditions so that it can be considered to appropriately mitigate the risks mentioned.</p> <p>51. One of these conditions aims to prohibit derivatives that do not serve the purpose of hedging interest-rate or currency risk from being included in the pool of underlying exposures or entered into by the SSPE, given that derivatives add to the complexity of the transaction and to the complexity of the risk and due diligence analysis to be carried out by the investor. Derivatives hedging interest-rate or currency risk enhance the simplicity of the transaction, since hedged transactions do not require investors to engage in the modelling of currency and interest-rate risks.</p> <p>52. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be clarified:</p> <p>(a) conditions that the measures should comply with so that they can be considered to appropriately mitigate the interest-rate and currency risks;</p> <p>(b) clarification with respect to the scope of derivatives that should and should not be captured by this criterion;</p> <p>(c) clarification of the term 'common standards in international finance'.</p>	
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	<p><b>5.1 Appropriate mitigation of interest-rate and currency risks (Article 21 (2))</b></p> <p><b>Common standards in international finance</b></p> <p>56. For the purposes of Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, common standards in international finance should include ISDA or similar established national documentation standards.</p>	

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	<b>Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation</b>	
	21.3. Any referenced interest payments under the securitisation assets and liabilities shall be based on generally used market interest rates, or generally used sectoral rates reflective of the cost of funds, and shall not reference complex formulae or derivatives.	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	40. Any referenced interest payments under the securitisation assets and liabilities shall be based on generally used market interest rates, or generally used sectoral rates reflective of the cost of funds and shall not reference complex formulae or derivatives.	
	<b>Verified?</b>	Yes
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>As for assets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>see "Home Loan Eligibility Criteria", §(cc) requiring that &lt;&lt;(cc) the Home Loan bears a fixed interest rate equal to or greater than two per cent (2.0%) per annum (excluding insurance premia)&gt;&gt;.</li> </ul> <p>As for liabilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the Class A Notes bear an Euribor based interest rate (&lt;&lt;The rate of interest applicable to the Class A Notes (the "Class A Notes Interest Rate") will be equal to the aggregate of EURIBOR plus the Class A Margin provided that, if EURIBOR plus the Class A Margin is less than zero (0), the Class A Notes Interest Rate will be deemed to be zero (0)&gt;&gt;).</li> <li>the Class B Notes bear a fixed rate of interest (&lt;&lt;The rate of interest applicable to the Class B Notes (the "Class B Notes Interest Rate") in respect of any Interest Period will be a fixed rate of 0.25% per annum.&gt;&gt;).</li> </ul> <p><b>Based on the above, PCS is prepared to verify that this criterion is satisfied.</b></p>	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on background and rationale</b>	
	<p><b>Referenced interest payments (Article 21 (3))</b></p> <p>53. The objective of this criterion is to prevent securitisations from making reference to interest rates that cannot be observed in the commonly accepted market practice. The credit risk and cash flow analysis that investors must be able to carry out should not involve atypical, complex or complicated rates or variables that cannot be modelled on the basis of market experience and practice.</p> <p>54. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be further clarified:</p> <p>(a) the scope of the criterion (by specifying the common types and examples of interest rates captured by this criterion);</p> <p>(b) the term 'complex formulae or derivatives'.</p>	
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	<p><b>5.2 Referenced interest payments (Article 21 (3))</b></p> <p><b>Referenced rates</b></p> <p>57. For the purposes of Article 21(3) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, interest rates that should be considered to be an adequate reference basis for referenced interest payments should include all of the following:</p> <p>(a) interbank rates including the Libor, Euribor and other recognised benchmarks;</p> <p>(b) rates set by monetary policy authorities, including FED funds rates and central banks' discount rates;</p> <p>(c) sectoral rates reflective of a lender's cost of funds, including standard variable rates and internal interest rates that directly reflect the market costs of funding of a bank or a subset of institutions, to the extent that sufficient data are provided to investors to allow them to assess the relation of the sectoral rates to other market rates.</p>	

***Complex formulae or derivatives***

58. For the purposes of Article 21(3) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, a formula should be considered to be complex when it meets the definition of an exotic instrument by the Global Association of Risk Professionals (GARP), which is a financial asset or instrument with features that make it more complex than simpler, plain vanilla, products. A complex formula or derivative should not be deemed to exist in the case of the mere use of interest-rate caps or floors.

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	<p>21.4. Where an enforcement or an acceleration notice has been delivered:</p> <p>(a) no amount of cash shall be trapped in the SSPE beyond what is necessary to ensure the operational functioning of the SSPE or the orderly repayment of investors in accordance with the contractual terms of the securitisation, unless exceptional circumstances require that amount is trapped in order to be used, in the best interests of investors, for expenses in order to avoid the deterioration in the credit quality of the underlying exposures;</p>	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	<p>41. Where an enforcement or an acceleration notice has been delivered:</p> <p>(a) no amount of cash shall be trapped in the SSPE beyond what is necessary to ensure the operational functioning of the SSPE or the orderly repayment of investors in accordance with the contractual terms of the securitisation, unless exceptional circumstances require that amount is trapped in order to be used, in the best interests of investors, for expenses in order to avoid the deterioration in the credit quality of the underlying exposures;</p>	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>See "Priority of Payments during the Accelerated Amortisation Period and on the Issuer Liquidation Date (Accelerated Priority of Payments)".</p>	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on <i>background and rationale</i></b>	
	<p><b>Requirements in case of enforcement or delivery of an acceleration notice (Article 21(4))</b></p> <p>55. The objective of this criterion is to prevent investors from being subjected to unexpected repayment profiles and to provide appropriate legal comfort regarding their enforceability, for instances where an enforcement or an acceleration notice has been delivered.</p> <p>56. STS securitisations should be such that the required investor's risk analysis and due diligence do not have to factor in complex structures of the payment priority that are difficult to model, nor should the investor be exposed to complex changes in such structures throughout the life of the transaction. Therefore, it should be ensured that junior noteholders do not have inappropriate payment preference over senior noteholders that are due and payable.</p> <p>57. In addition, taking into account that market risk on the underlying collateral constitutes an element of complexity in the risk and due diligence analysis to be carried out by investors, the objective is also to ensure that the performance of STS securitisations does not rely, due to contractual triggers, on the automatic liquidation at market price of the underlying collateral.</p> <p>58. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the scope and operational functioning of conditions specified under letters (a), (b) and (d) of Article 21(4) should be specified further.</p>	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines</b>	
	<p><b>5.3 Requirements in the event of enforcement or delivery of an acceleration notice (Article 21(4))</b></p> <p><b>Exceptional circumstances</b></p> <p>59. For the purposes of Article 21(4)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, a list of 'exceptional circumstances' should, to the extent possible, be included in the transaction documentation.</p> <p>60. Given the nature of 'exceptional circumstances' and in order to allow some flexibility with respect to potential unusual circumstances requiring that cash be trapped in the SSPE in the best interests of investors, where a list of 'exceptional circumstances' is included in the transaction documentation in accordance with paragraph 59, such a list should be non-exhaustive.</p> <p><b>Amount trapped in the SSPE in the best interests of investors</b></p> <p>61. For the purposes of Article 21(4)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the amount of cash to be considered as trapped in the SSPE should be that agreed by the trustee or other representative of the investors who is legally required to act in the best interests of the investors, or by the investors in accordance with the voting provisions set out in the transaction documentation.</p> <p>62. For the purposes of Article 21(4)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, it should be permissible to trap the cash in the SSPE in the form of a reserve fund for future use, as long as the use of the reserve fund is exclusively limited to the purposes set out in Article 21(4)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 or to orderly repayment to the investors.</p>	



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	<p>21.4. Where an enforcement or an acceleration notice has been delivered:</p> <p>(a) no amount of cash shall be trapped in the SSPE beyond what is necessary to ensure the operational functioning of the SSPE or the orderly repayment of investors in accordance with the contractual terms of the securitisation, unless exceptional circumstances require that amount is trapped in order to be used, in the best interests of investors, for expenses in order to avoid the deterioration in the credit quality of the underlying exposures;</p> <p>(b) Principal receipts from the underlying exposures shall be passed to investors via sequential amortisation of the securitisation positions, as determined by the seniority of the securitisation position;</p>	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	42. Principal receipts from the underlying exposures shall be passed to investors via sequential amortisation of the securitisation positions, as determined by the seniority of the securitisation position;	
	<b>Verified?</b>	Yes
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>The PoP during the Accelerated Amortisation Period provides a sequential amortisation.</p> <p><i>On this basis PCS is prepared to verify this requirement.</i></p>	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on background and rationale</b>	
	<p><b>Requirements in case of enforcement or delivery of an acceleration notice (Article 21(4))</b></p> <p>55. The objective of this criterion is to prevent investors from being subjected to unexpected repayment profiles and to provide appropriate legal comfort regarding their enforceability, for instances where an enforcement or an acceleration notice has been delivered.</p> <p>56. STS securitisations should be such that the required investor's risk analysis and due diligence do not have to factor in complex structures of the payment priority that are difficult to model, nor should the investor be exposed to complex changes in such structures throughout the life of the transaction. Therefore, it should be ensured that junior noteholders do not have inappropriate payment preference over senior noteholders that are due and payable.</p> <p>57. In addition, taking into account that market risk on the underlying collateral constitutes an element of complexity in the risk and due diligence analysis to be carried out by investors, the objective is also to ensure that the performance of STS securitisations does not rely, due to contractual triggers, on the automatic liquidation at market price of the underlying collateral.</p> <p>58. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the scope and operational functioning of conditions specified under letters (a), (b) and (d) of Article 21(4) should be specified further.</p>	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines</b>	
	<p><b>5.3 Requirements in the event of enforcement or delivery of an acceleration notice (Article 21(4))</b></p> <p><b>Repayment</b></p> <p>63. The requirements in Article 21(4)(b) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 should be understood as covering only the repayment of the principal, without covering the repayment of interest.</p> <p>64. For the purposes of Article 21(4)(b) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, non-sequential payments of principal in a situation where an enforcement or an acceleration notice has been delivered should be prohibited. Where there is no enforcement or acceleration event, principal receipts could be allowed for replenishment purposes pursuant to Article 20(12)) of that Regulation.</p>	

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	21.4. Where an enforcement or an acceleration notice has been delivered: (a) no amount of cash shall be trapped in the SSPE beyond what is necessary to ensure the operational functioning of the SSPE or the orderly repayment of investors in accordance with the contractual terms of the securitisation, unless exceptional circumstances require that amount is trapped in order to be used, in the best interests of investors, for expenses in order to avoid the deterioration in the credit quality of the underlying exposures; (b) Principal receipts from the underlying exposures shall be passed to investors via sequential amortisation of the securitisation positions, as determined by the seniority of the securitisation position; (c) Repayment of the securitisation positions shall not be reversed with regard to their seniority; and		
	STS criteria		
	43. Repayment of the securitisation positions shall not be reversed with regard to their seniority; and		
	Verified?	Yes	
	PCS Comment		
	The PoP during the Accelerated Amortisation Period provides a sequential amortisation.  See point 42 above.		
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	<p>21.4. Where an enforcement or an acceleration notice has been delivered:</p> <p>(a) no amount of cash shall be trapped in the SSPE beyond what is necessary to ensure the operational functioning of the SSPE or the orderly repayment of investors in accordance with the contractual terms of the securitisation, unless exceptional circumstances require that amount is trapped in order to be used, in the best interests of investors, for expenses in order to avoid the deterioration in the credit quality of the underlying exposures;</p> <p>(b) Principal receipts from the underlying exposures shall be passed to investors via sequential amortisation of the securitisation positions, as determined by the seniority of the securitisation position;</p> <p>(c) Repayment of the securitisation positions shall not be reversed with regard to their seniority; and</p> <p>(d) No provisions shall require automatic liquidation of the underlying exposures at market value.</p>	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	44. No provisions shall require automatic liquidation of the underlying exposures at market value.	
	<b>Verified?</b>	Yes
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>The liquidation of the underlying exposures is not subject to any automatic mechanism, but takes place when decided by the Management Company upon certain liquidation events:</p> <p>See in particular, in the Overview of the Transaction, section "Liquidation of the Issuer - Issuer Liquidation Event - Clean-up offer":</p> <p><i>&lt;&lt;Pursuant to the Issuer Regulations, the Management Company may decide to declare the dissolution of the Issuer and liquidate the Issuer in one single transaction in case of the occurrence of any of the following events, provided that the Management Company shall not declare any such event to have occurred unless it has found an entity agreeing to purchase the then outstanding Purchased Home Loans under the conditions set out hereinafter) (each a "Issuer Liquidation Event"): [...]&gt;&gt;.</i></p> <p>It is also specified that <i>&lt;&lt;The purchase price of the Home Loans proposed by the Management Company to each Seller shall be based on the fair market value of assets having similar characteristics to the Home Loans having regard to the sum of the Outstanding Principal Balances of those Home Loans on the preceding Determination Date. In addition, the purchase price of the Home Loans, taking into account for this purpose the Issuer Cash, excluding the amount of the Commingling Reserve, must be sufficient to enable the Issuer to repay in full all amounts outstanding in respect of the Notes after payment of all other amounts due by the Issuer and ranking senior to the Notes in accordance with the Accelerated Priority of Payments.&gt;&gt;.</i></p>	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on background and rationale</b>	
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	<p><b>5.3 Requirements in the event of enforcement or delivery of an acceleration notice (Article 21(4))</b></p> <p><b>Liquidation of the underlying exposures at market value</b></p> <p>65. For the purposes of Article 21(4)(d) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the investors' decision to liquidate the underlying exposures at market value should not be considered to constitute an automatic liquidation of the underlying exposures at market value.</p>	

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	<b>Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation</b>	
	<p>21.5. Transactions which feature non-sequential priority of payments shall include triggers relating to the performance of the underlying exposures resulting in the priority of payments reverting to sequential payments in order of seniority. Such performance-related triggers shall include at least the deterioration in the credit quality of the underlying exposures below a pre-determined threshold.</p>	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	<p>45. Transactions which feature non-sequential priority of payments shall include triggers relating to the performance of the underlying exposures resulting in the priority of payments reverting to sequential payments in order of seniority. Such performance-related triggers shall include at least the deterioration in the credit quality of the underlying exposures below a pre-determined threshold.</p>	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>This requirement does not apply. This transaction contemplates only sequential waterfalls. See “Application of Funds”.</p>	
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	<b>Non-sequential priority of payments (Article 21(5))</b>	
	<p>59. The objective of this criterion is to ensure that non-sequential (pro rata) amortisation should be used only in conjunction with clearly specified contractual triggers that determine the switch of the amortisation scheme to a sequential priority, safeguarding the transaction from the possibility that credit enhancement is too quickly amortised as the credit quality of the transaction deteriorates, thereby exposing senior investors to a decreasing amount of credit enhancement.</p>	
	<p>60. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, a non-exhaustive list of examples of performance-related triggers that may be included is provided in the guidance.</p>	
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	<b>5.4 Non-sequential priority of payments (Article 21(5))</b>	
	<b>Performance-related triggers</b>	
	<p>66. For the purposes of Article 21(5) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the triggers related to the deterioration in the credit quality of the underlying exposures may include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) with regard to underlying exposures for which a regulatory expected loss (EL) can be determined in accordance with Regulation (EU) 575/2013 or other relevant EU regulation, cumulative losses that are higher than a certain percentage of the regulatory one-year EL on the underlying exposures and the weighted average life of the transaction;</li> <li>(b) cumulative non-matured defaults that are higher than a certain percentage of the sum of the outstanding nominal amount of tranche held by the investors and the tranches that are subordinated to them;</li> <li>(c) the weighted average credit quality in the portfolio decreasing below a given pre-specified level or the concentration of exposures in high credit risk (probability of default) buckets increasing above a pre-specified level.</li> </ul>	

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	<b>Verified?</b>	Yes
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	No revolving period is contemplated. This requirement does not apply.	
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	<b>Early amortisation provisions/triggers for termination of the revolving period (Article 21 (6))</b>	
	61. The objective of this criterion is to ensure that, in the presence of a revolving period mechanism, investors are sufficiently protected from the risk that principal amounts may not be fully repaid. In all such transactions, irrespective of the nature of the revolving mechanism, investors should be protected by a minimum set of early amortisation triggers or triggers for the termination of the revolving period that should be included in the transaction documentation.	
	62. In order to facilitate the consistent interpretation of this criterion, interactions of this criterion with the criterion under Article 21(7)(b) with respect to the insolvency-related event with respect to the servicer should be further clarified.	
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	<b>5.5 Early amortisation provisions/triggers for termination of the revolving period (Article 21 (6))</b>	
	<b><i>Insolvency-related event with regard to the servicer</i></b>	
	67. For the purposes of Article 21(6)(b) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, an insolvency-related event with respect to the servicer should lead to both of the following:	
	(a) it should enable the replacement of the servicer in order to ensure continuation of the servicing;	
	(b) it should trigger the termination of the revolving period.	

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	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	<p>48. The transaction documentation shall include appropriate early amortisation provisions or triggers for termination of the revolving period where the securitisation is a revolving securitisation, including at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(b) the occurrence of an insolvency-related event with regard to the originator or the servicer;</li> </ul>	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>No revolving period is contemplated. This requirement does not apply.</p>	
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	<p><b>Early amortisation provisions/triggers for termination of the revolving period (Article 21(6))</b></p> <p>61. The objective of this criterion is to ensure that, in the presence of a revolving period mechanism, investors are sufficiently protected from the risk that principal amounts may not be fully repaid. In all such transactions, irrespective of the nature of the revolving mechanism, investors should be protected by a minimum set of early amortisation triggers or triggers for the termination of the revolving period that should be included in the transaction documentation.</p> <p>62. In order to facilitate the consistent interpretation of this criterion, interactions of this criterion with the criterion under Article 21(7)(b) with respect to the insolvency-related event with respect to the servicer should be further clarified.</p>	
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	<p><b>5.5 Early amortisation provisions/triggers for termination of the revolving period (Article 21(6))</b></p> <p><b><i>Insolvency-related event with regard to the servicer</i></b></p> <p>67. For the purposes of Article 21(6)(b) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, an insolvency-related event with respect to the servicer should lead to both of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) it should enable the replacement of the servicer in order to ensure continuation of the servicing;</li> <li>(b) it should trigger the termination of the revolving period.</li> </ul>	

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	<p>49. The transaction documentation shall include appropriate early amortisation provisions or triggers for termination of the revolving period where the securitisation is a revolving securitisation, including at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(c) the value of the underlying exposures held by the SSPE falls below a pre-determined threshold (early amortisation event);</li> </ul>	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	No revolving period is contemplated. This requirement does not apply.	
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	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	<p>50. The transaction documentation shall include appropriate early amortisation provisions or triggers for termination of the revolving period where the securitisation is a revolving securitisation, including at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(d) a failure to generate sufficient new underlying exposures that meet the pre-determined credit quality (trigger for termination of the revolving period).</li> </ul>	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	No revolving period is contemplated. This requirement does not apply.	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on <i>background and rationale</i></b>	
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	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>For the <u>Servicer</u>, see “<i>Description of the relevant Entities</i>” and, in particular, the section “<i>The Servicers</i>”, and see also “<i>Servicing of the Home Loans</i>” – “<i>Duties of the Servicers</i>”.</p> <p>For the <u>Management Company</u> (that performs the activities of the trustee) see “<i>Description of the relevant Entities</i>” and, in particular, the section “<i>The Management Company</i>”.</p> <p>For <u>other ancillary service providers</u>, see “<i>Description of the relevant Entities</i>”.</p>	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on <i>background and rationale</i></b>	
	<p><b>Transaction Documentation (Article 21 (7))</b></p> <p>63. The objective of this criterion is to help provide full transparency to investors, assist investors in the conduct of their due diligence and prevent investors from being subject to unexpected disruptions in cash flow collections and servicing, as well as to provide investors with certainty about the replacement of counterparties involved in the securitisation transaction.</p> <p>64. This criterion is considered sufficiently clear and no further guidance is considered necessary.</p>	
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	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	52. (b) the processes and responsibilities necessary to ensure that a default by or an insolvency of the servicer does not result in a termination of servicing, such as a contractual provision which enables the replacement of the servicer in such cases; and	
	<b>Verified?</b>	Yes
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>See "Termination of the servicing mandate". In particular, it is stated that:</p> <p><i>&lt;&lt;Following the occurrence of an Individual Servicer Termination Event in relation to any Servicer, the Management Company shall:</i></p> <p><i>(i) immediately send a Notification of Control to the Specially Dedicated Account Bank (with a copy to the Custodian and the relevant Servicer) with the effect of preventing it from implementing any further debit instruction from such Servicer with respect to its Specially Dedicated Bank Account; and</i></p> <p><i>(ii) within a period of thirty (30) calendar days and with the prior approval of the Custodian (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed, and provided that, if the Management Company considers, having regards to the interest of the Noteholders and Residual Unitholders, that the Custodian is holding or delaying its consent unreasonably, the Management Company shall be entitled to set aside the opinion of the Custodian), replace such Servicer with any entity fit for that purpose (such replacement servicer being appointed with respect to the Purchased Home Loans whose servicing is the responsibility of such Servicer only), in accordance with article L. 214-172 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, it being provided that any other Servicer in respect of which no Individual Servicer Termination Event and no event which could, through the passage of time or the giving of a notice, become an Individual Servicer Termination Event, has occurred, may be appointed as a replacement servicer.&gt;&gt;.</i></p> <p>Further, see also the continuity provisions described in section "Description of the Home Loans Purchase and Servicing Agreement and the Reserves Cash Deposit Agreement", sub-section "Servicing of the home Loans": where it is stated that <i>&lt;&lt;The entity(ies) appointed pursuant to the two paragraphs (ii) above, whether relating to an Individual Servicer Termination Event or a Master Servicer Termination Event, will be referred to as the "New Servicer(s)". The termination of the appointment of any Servicer will become effective as soon as any New Servicer has effectively started to carry out its duties. It has been further agreed that the Custodian, in its capacity as co-founder of the Issuer, shall (a) assist the Management Company in replacing any Servicer and (b) use its best commercial efforts to replace any existing Servicer.&gt;&gt;.</i></p> <p><i>Following the occurrence of a Master Servicer Termination Event, the Management Company shall:</i></p> <p><i>(i) immediately send a Notification of Control to the Specially Dedicated Account Bank (with a copy to the Custodian and each Servicer) with the effect of preventing it from implementing any further debit instruction from all Servicers with respect to their respective Specially Dedicated Bank Accounts; and</i></p> <p><i>(ii) within a period of thirty (30) calendar days and with the prior approval of the Custodian (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed, and provided that, if the Management Company considers, having regards to the interest of the Noteholders and Residual Unitholders, that the Custodian is holding or delaying its consent unreasonably, the Management Company shall be entitled to set aside the opinion of the Custodian), replace all Servicers with any entity or entities fit for that purpose, in accordance with article L. 214-172 of the French Monetary and Financial Code.</i></p> <p><b>PCS notices that a default by or an insolvency of any of the Servicers does not result in an automatic termination of the appointment of the relevant Servicer: the occurrence of a "Master Servicer Termination Event" in relation to any Servicer(s) allows the termination of the appointment of the relevant Servicer(s) and their replacement with New Servicers, but in such cases</b></p>	

	<p>the above-mentioned continuity provisions will apply and, therefore, <u>“the termination of the appointment of any Servicer will become effective as soon as any New Servicer has effectively started to carry out its duties”</u>.</p>
	<p><b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on <i>background and rationale</i></b></p>
	<p><b>Transaction Documentation (Article 21 (7))</b></p> <p>63. The objective of this criterion is to help provide full transparency to investors, assist investors in the conduct of their due diligence and prevent investors from being subject to unexpected disruptions in cash flow collections and servicing, as well as to provide investors with certainty about the replacement of counterparties involved in the securitisation transaction.</p> <p>64. This criterion is considered sufficiently clear and no further guidance is considered necessary.</p>
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	53. (c) provisions that ensure the replacement of derivative counterparties, liquidity providers and the account bank in the case of their default, insolvency, and other specified events, where applicable.	
	<b>Verified?</b>	Yes
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>As for the <u>Interest Rate Swap Counterparty</u>, see “<i>Description of the Interest Rate Swap Agreement</i>” for the relevant triggers and other replacement provisions.</p> <p>See also the Issuer Regulations, which on §7.1(14) provide that &lt;&lt;<i>Pursuant to the provisions of these Issuer Regulations, the Management Company shall be, with respect to the Issuer, specifically in charge of: [...]</i></p> <p><i>(o) replacing (and for this purpose endeavouring to find a replacement entity within ninety (90) calendar days for), if applicable, the Interest Rate Swap Counterparty in accordance with the terms of the Interest Rate Swap Agreement and under the terms and conditions provided by applicable laws at the time of such replacement and in particular if the Interest Rate Swap Counterparty becomes insolvent, or fails to make a payment under the Interest Rate Swap Agreement when due and such failure is not remedied after the notice of such failure being given;&gt;&gt;.</i></p> <p>As for the <u>Account Bank</u>, see “CHANGE OF THE ACCOUNT BANK”.</p> <p>See also the Issuer Regulations, which on §7.1(14) provide that &lt;&lt;<i>Pursuant to the provisions of these Issuer Regulations, the Management Company shall be, with respect to the Issuer, specifically in charge of: [...]</i></p> <p><i>(n) replacing (and for this purpose endeavouring to find a replacement entity for), if applicable, the Paying Agent, the Listing Agent, the Specially Dedicated Account Bank, the Data Protection Agent and/or any Servicer under the terms and conditions provided by applicable laws at the time of such replacement and the terms of the relevant Transaction Documents;&gt;&gt;.</i></p> <p>No <u>liquidity provider</u> is contemplated for this transaction.</p>	
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	<b>Transaction Documentation (Article 21 (7))</b>	
	63. The objective of this criterion is to help provide full transparency to investors, assist investors in the conduct of their due diligence and prevent investors from being subject to unexpected disruptions in cash flow collections and servicing, as well as to provide investors with certainty about the replacement of counterparties involved in the securitisation transaction.	
	64. This criterion is considered sufficiently clear and no further guidance is considered necessary.	
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	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	54. The servicer shall have expertise in servicing exposures of a similar nature to those securitised	
	<b>Verified?</b>	Yes
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	See section “Description of the Home Loans Purchase and Servicing Agreement and the Reserves Cash Deposit Agreement”, sub-section “Servicing of the home Loans - standard of care and servicing procedures”, where it is stated that: <<[...] pursuant to the provisions of the Home Loans Purchase and Servicing Agreement, each Servicer has represented and warranted that its business has included the servicing of receivables of a nature similar to the Purchased Home Loans transferred by it to the Issuer in its capacity as Seller, for at least five (5) years prior to the Issuer Establishment Date.>>.	
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	<b>Expertise of the Servicer (Article 21 (8))</b>	
	65. The objective of this criterion is to ensure that all the conditions are in place for the proper functioning of the servicing function, taking into account the crucial importance of servicing in securitisation and the central nature of this function within any securitisation transaction.	
	66. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be further clarified:	
	(a) criteria for determining the expertise of the servicer;	
	(b) criteria for determining well-documented and adequate policies, procedures and risk management controls of the servicer.	
	67. The criteria for the expertise of the servicer should correspond to those for the expertise of the originator or the original lender. Newly established entities should be allowed to perform the tasks of servicing, as long as the back-up servicer has the appropriate experience. It is expected that information on the assessment of the expertise is provided in sufficient detail in the STS notification.	
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	<b>5.8 Expertise of the servicer (Article 21 (8))</b>	
	<b>Criteria for determining the expertise of the servicer</b>	
	68. For the purposes of determining whether a servicer has expertise in servicing exposures of a similar nature to those securitised in accordance with Article 21(8) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, both of the following should apply:	
	(a) the members of the management body of the servicer and the senior staff, other than members of the management body, responsible for servicing exposures of a similar nature to those securitised should have adequate knowledge and skills in the servicing of exposures similar to those securitised;	
	(b) any of the following principles on the quality of the expertise should be taken into account in the determination of the expertise:	
	(i) the role and duties of the members of the management body and the senior staff and the required capabilities should be adequate;	
	(ii) the experience of the members of the management body and the senior staff gained in previous positions, education and training should be sufficient;	
	(iii) the involvement of the members of the management body and the senior staff within the governance structure of the function of servicing the exposures should be appropriate;	
	(iv) in the case of a prudentially regulated entity, the regulatory authorisations or permissions held by the entity should be deemed relevant to the servicing of similar exposures to those securitised.	
	69. A servicer should be deemed to have the required expertise where either of the following applies:	

- (a) the business of the entity, or of the consolidated group, to which the entity belongs, for accounting or prudential purposes, has included the servicing of exposures of a similar nature to those securitised, for at least five years;
- (b) where the requirement referred to in point (a) is not met, the servicer should be deemed to have the required expertise where they comply with both of the following:
- (i) at least two of the members of its management body have relevant professional experience in the servicing of exposures of a similar nature to those securitised, at personal level, of at least five years;
  - (ii) senior staff, other than members of the management body, who are responsible for managing the entity's servicing of exposures of a similar nature to those securitised, have relevant professional experience in the servicing of exposures of a similar nature to those securitised, at a personal level, of at least five years;
  - (iii) the servicing function of the entity is backed by the back-up servicer compliant with point (a).
70. For the purpose of demonstrating the number of years of professional experience, the relevant expertise should be disclosed in sufficient detail and in accordance with the applicable confidentiality requirements to permit investors to carry out their obligations under Article 5(3)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402.
- Exposures of similar nature*
71. For the purposes of Article 21(8) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, interpretation of the term 'exposures of similar nature' should follow the interpretation provided in paragraph 23 above.

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	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	55. And shall have well documented and adequate policies, procedures and risk management controls relating to the servicing of exposures.	
	<b>Verified?</b>	Yes
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>The Servicers are French entities licensed as credit institutions (<i>établissement de crédit</i>) – see “The Sellers” and “The Servicers”.</p> <p>As such, given that they are subject to prudential and capital regulation and supervision in France, pursuant to the EBA guidelines, paragraph 72(a), they should be considered to have well documented and adequate policies, procedures and risk management controls relating to servicing of exposures.</p>	
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	<p><b>Expertise of the Servicer (Article 21 (8))</b></p> <p>65. The objective of this criterion is to ensure that all the conditions are in place for the proper functioning of the servicing function, taking into account the crucial importance of servicing in securitisation and the central nature of this function within any securitisation transaction.</p> <p>66. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be further clarified:</p> <p>(a) criteria for determining the expertise of the servicer;</p> <p>(b) criteria for determining well-documented and adequate policies, procedures and risk management controls of the servicer.</p> <p>67. The criteria for the expertise of the servicer should correspond to those for the expertise of the originator or the original lender. Newly established entities should be allowed to perform the tasks of servicing, as long as the back-up servicer has the appropriate experience. It is expected that information on the assessment of the expertise is provided in sufficient detail in the STS notification.</p>	
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	<p><b>Expertise of the Servicer (Article 21 (8))</b></p> <p><b><i>Well-documented and adequate policies, procedures and risk management controls</i></b></p> <p>72. For the purposes of Article 21(8) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the servicer should be considered to have well documented and adequate policies, procedures and risk management controls relating to servicing of exposures' where either of the following conditions is met:</p> <p>(a) The servicer is an entity that is subject to prudential and capital regulation and supervision in the Union and such regulatory authorisations or permissions are deemed relevant to the servicing;</p> <p>(b) The servicer is an entity that is not subject to prudential and capital regulation and supervision in the Union, and a proof of existence of well-documented and adequate policies and risk management controls is provided that also includes a proof of adherence to good market practices and reporting capabilities. The proof should be substantiated by an appropriate third-party review, such as by a credit rating agency or external auditor.</p>	



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	21.9. The transaction documentation shall set out in clear and consistent terms definitions, remedies and actions relating to delinquency and default of debtors, debt restructuring, debt forgiveness, forbearance, payment holidays, losses, charge offs, recoveries and other asset performance remedies.	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	56. The transaction documentation shall set out in clear and consistent terms definitions	
	Verified?	Yes
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	See "Servicing of the Home Loans" subsections "Collection of the purchased home loans", "Commercial renegotiations" and subsequent sections. <i>PCS has reviewed the relevant documents to satisfy itself that these criteria are met.</i>	
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	<b>Remedies and actions related to delinquency and default of debtor (Article 21 (9))</b> 68. Investors should be in a position to know, when they receive the transaction documentation, what procedures and remedies are planned in the event that adverse credit events affect the underlying exposures of the securitisation. Transparency of remedies and procedures, in this respect, allows investors to model the credit risk of the underlying exposures with less uncertainty. In addition, clear, timely and transparent information on the characteristics of the waterfall determining the payment priorities is necessary for the investor to correctly price the securitisation position. 69. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the terms 'in clear and consistent terms' and 'clearly specify' should be further clarified.	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines</b>	
	<b>5.7 Remedies and actions related to delinquency and default of debtor (Article 21 (9))</b> <b>Clear and consistent terms</b> For the purposes of Article 21(9) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, to 'set out clear and consistent terms' and to 'clearly specify' should be understood as requiring that the same precise terms are used throughout the transaction documentation in order to facilitate the work of investors.	

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	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	57. The transaction documentation shall set out in clear and consistent terms, remedies and actions relating to delinquency and default of debtors debt restructuring, debt forgiveness, forbearance, payment holidays, losses, charge offs, recoveries and other asset performance remedies.	
	<b>Verified?</b>	Yes
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	See point 56 above.	
	<i>PCS has reviewed the relevant documents to satisfy itself that these criteria are met.</i>	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on background and rationale</b>	
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	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines</b>	
	<b>5.7 Remedies and actions related to delinquency and default of debtor (Article 21 (9))</b> <b>Clear and consistent terms</b> For the purposes of Article 21(9) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, to ‘set out clear and consistent terms’ and to ‘clearly specify’ should be understood as requiring that the same precise terms are used throughout the transaction documentation in order to facilitate the work of investors.	

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	Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation		
	21.9...The transaction documentation shall clearly specify the priorities of payment, events which trigger changes in such priorities of payment as well as the obligation to report such events. Any change in the priorities of payments which will materially adversely affect the repayment of the securitisation position shall be reported to investors without undue delay.		
	STS criteria		
	58. The transaction documentation shall clearly specify the priorities of payment,		
	Verified?	Yes	
	PCS Comment		
	See section “APPLICATION OF FUNDS” and the PoPs applicable pre and post acceleration: “Priority of Payments during the Amortisation Period” and “Priority of Payments during the Accelerated Amortisation Period and on the Issuer Liquidation Date”.		
	PCS has reviewed the relevant documents to satisfy itself that these criteria are met.		
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	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	59. The transaction documentation shall clearly specify the events which trigger changes in such priorities of payment.	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>The priority of payments is changed following the occurrence of an Accelerated Amortisation Event.</p> <p>See and “Priority of Payments during the Accelerated Amortisation Period and on the Issuer Liquidation Date”, specifying that such PoP applies &lt;&lt;within the Accelerated Amortisation Period, and on the Issuer Liquidation&gt;&gt;.</p> <p>See below the definitions of Accelerated Amortisation Period and Accelerated Amortisation Event:</p> <p><b>Accelerated Amortisation Event</b> means the following event which can occur during the Amortisation Period: any amount of interest due and payable on the Class A Notes remains partially or totally unpaid after five (5) Business Days following the relevant Payment Date.</p> <p><b>Accelerated Amortisation Period</b> means the period beginning on the Payment Date (included) falling on or after the occurrence of an Accelerated Amortisation Event and ending on the Issuer Liquidation Date (included).</p> <p>See also point 45 above.</p> <p><b>PCS has reviewed the relevant documents to satisfy itself that these criteria are met.</b></p>	
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	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	<p>60. The transaction documentation shall clearly specify the obligation to report such events.</p>	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>See subparagraph (3) of Clause 7.1 (<i>Role of the Management Company</i>) of the Issuer Regulations, where it is provided that &lt;&lt;Pursuant to the provisions of these Issuer Regulations, the Management Company is specifically in charge of: [...] (3) determining, and giving effect to, the occurrence of an Accelerated Amortisation Event, an Issuer Liquidation Event or a Servicer Termination Event and informing the Noteholders of the occurrence of any such event a quarterly basis and within one (1) month of each Payment Date (provided that such information shall be reported prior to such date, if necessary to make sure that such information is reported to investors without undue delay);&gt;&gt;.</p> <p>See also Clause 55.3 (Additional Information and Transparency Requirements) of the Issuer Regulations, where it is provided in §(3) that: &lt;&lt;(3) on a quarterly basis and within one (1) month of each Payment Date and simultaneously with the information provided under item (2) above, the Management Company shall publish the relevant Investor Report and any additional documents attached to it, as required by and in accordance with Article 7(1)(e) of the Securitisation Regulation [...], setting out: [...]</p> <p>(c) information on events which trigger changes in the applicable Priority of Payments or (provided that such information shall be reported prior to such date, if necessary to make sure that such information is reported to investors without undue delay) the replacement of any party to the Transaction Documents, and data on the cash flows generated by the Purchased Home Loans and by the Notes and Residual Units; [...]&gt;&gt;.</p> <p>This is a future event. Therefore, as a technical matter, this criterion is not applicable at the closing of a transaction.</p> <p><b>However, PCS notices that there's a covenant on the part of the Management Company to comply in the future with this requirement, contained in the Issuer Regulations.</b></p>	
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	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	61. Any change in the priorities of payments which will materially adversely affect the repayment of the securitisation position shall be reported to investors without undue delay.	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>See Section "INFORMATION RELATING TO THE ISSUER" - "Additional Information and Transparency Requirements", where it is stated that:</p> <p><i>&lt;&lt;(4) on a quarterly basis and within one (1) month of each Payment Date and simultaneously with the information provided under item (3) above, the Management Company shall publish the relevant Investor Report and any additional documents attached to it, as required by and in accordance with Article 7(1)(e) of the Securitisation Regulation, which shall be provided (i) as at the date of this Agreement and prior to the Securitisation Regulation Reporting Effective Date, in the form of the standardised template set out in Annex VIII of the of the CRA3 RTS as required by Article 43(8) of the Securitisation Regulation and (ii) following the Securitisation Regulation Reporting Effective Date, in the form of the standardised template applicable in accordance with the Article 7 RTS, setting out: [...] (c) information on events which trigger changes in the applicable Priority of Payments or (provided that such information shall be reported prior to such date, if necessary to make sur that such information is reported to investors without undue delay) the replacement of any party to the Transaction Documents, and data on the cash flows generated by the Purchased Home Loans and by the Notes and Residual Units and any other liabilities of the Issuer; [...]&gt;&gt;.</i></p> <p>See also the section "MODIFICATIONS TO THE TRANSACTION" – "Modification of the elements contained in the Prospectus" where it is stated that</p> <p><i>&lt;&lt;The Management Company and the Custodian may agree to any modification of the elements contained in the Prospectus, except in the case of a transfer of the management further to a withdrawal of the licence of the Management Company, in respect of which the decision is taken solely by the Custodian. After the listing of the Class A Notes on the regulated market of Euronext in Paris (Eurolist by Euronext Paris S.A.), any event which may have an impact on the Class A Notes and any modification of characteristic elements (éléments caractéristiques) contained in the Prospectus shall be made public in accordance with article 223-21 of the AMF General Regulations (Règlement Général de l'Autorité des Marchés Financiers).</i></p> <p><i>Every significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to the information contained in the Prospectus which may have a material impact on the valuation of the Class A Notes and which arises or is noted on a date falling between the date of the visa granted by the AMF in relation to the Prospectus and the Issue Date, shall be mentioned in a supplement to the prospectus without undue delay which, prior to its diffusion, is submitted to the approval of the Autorité des Marchés Financiers. This supplement to the prospectus shall be published on the website of the Management Company and incorporated in the next Investor Report. Any such modification will be binding with respect to the Class A Noteholders within three (3) Business Days after they have been informed thereof.&gt;&gt;.</i></p> <p>See also "MODIFICATIONS TO THE TRANSACTION" – "Modification of the Transaction Documents" where it is stated that <i>&lt;&lt;The Management Company and the Custodian, acting in their capacity as founders of the Issuer, may agree to amend from time to time the provisions of the Issuer Regulations or any other Transaction Documents, provided that:</i></p> <p><i>(a) other than for amendments of a minor or mere technical nature or made to correct a manifest error, and, unless otherwise consented to or directed by the Noteholders (in accordance with the Conditions) and the Residual Unitholders (acting unanimously), amendments to the Issuer Regulations or to any other Transaction Documents shall be made provided that the Rating Agencies have received prior notice of any amendment and that such amendment shall not result, in the reasonable opinion of the Management Company, in the placement on "negative outlook" or as the case may be on "rating watch negative" or on "review for possible downgrade", or the downgrading or the withdrawal of any of the ratings of the Class A Notes or that such amendment limits such downgrading or avoids such withdrawal;</i></p> <p><i>(b) any Amendment to the Financial Characteristics of the Class A Notes shall require the prior approval of the Class A Noteholders (by a decision of the general assembly of the relevant Masse or of the sole holder of the Class A Notes, as the case may be);</i></p>	

	<p>(c) any Amendment to the Financial Characteristics of the Class B Notes issued by the Issuer shall require the prior approval of the Class B Noteholders (by a decision of the general assembly of the Masse or of the sole holder of the Class B Notes, as the case may be);</p> <p>(d) any Amendment to the Financial Characteristics of the Residual Units issued by the Issuer shall require the prior approval of the relevant Residual Unitholder(s); and</p> <p>(e) subject to paragraphs (a) to (d) above, any amendments to the Issuer Regulations shall be notified to the Noteholders and the Residual Unitholder(s), it being specified that such amendments shall be, automatically and without any further formalities (de plein droit), enforceable as against such Noteholders and Residual Unitholder(s) within three Business Days after they have been notified thereof. [...]&gt;&gt;.</p>
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	<b>Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation</b>	
	21.10. The transaction documentation shall include clear provisions that facilitate the timely resolution of conflicts between different classes of investors, voting rights shall be clearly defined and allocated to bondholders and the responsibilities of the trustee and other entities with fiduciary duties to investors shall be clearly identified.	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	62. The transaction documentation shall include clear provisions that facilitate the timely resolution of conflicts between different classes of investors, voting rights shall be clearly defined and allocated to bondholders	
	<b>Verified?</b>	Yes
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>See “Representation and voting rules” set out in “OVERVIEW OF THE TRANSACTION”. See in particular:</p> <p><u>(a) the method for calling meetings</u>: “Convocation of a Noteholders’ Meetings”: &lt;&lt;Notice of the date, hour, place, agenda and quorum requirements of any Noteholders’ Meeting will be notified as provided in the Terms and Conditions not less than fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the date of the relevant Noteholders’ Meeting for the first convocation and not less than ten (10) calendar days in the case of a second convocation prior to the date of the reconvened Noteholders’ Meeting.&gt;&gt;.</p> <p><u>(b) the maximum timeframe for setting up a meeting</u>: “Convocation of a Noteholders’ Meetings”: &lt;&lt;General meeting (assemblée générale) of the Noteholders of a class of Notes (each a “Noteholders’ Meeting”) shall be held in France and at any time, upon convocation by the relevant Noteholder Representative or, as the case may be, by the Management Company. One or more Noteholders of the relevant class of Notes holding at least one-thirtieth of the outstanding Notes of that Class may address to the relevant Noteholder Representative with a copy to the Management Company, a demand for convocation of a Noteholders’ Meeting in respect of that class of Notes. <u>If such Noteholders’ Meeting has not been convened within two (2) months from such demand, the Noteholders of the relevant class of Notes may commission one of them to petition the competent court in Paris to appoint an agent (mandataire) who will call the Noteholders’ Meeting.&gt;&gt;.</u></p> <p><u>(c) the required quorum</u>: see “Quorum and majority rules”, providing that &lt;&lt;Noteholders’ Meetings may deliberate validly on first convocation <u>only if the Noteholders of the relevant class of Notes present or represented hold at least one fifth of the principal amount outstanding the Notes of that Class. On second convocation, no quorum shall be required.</u> [...]&gt;&gt;.</p> <p><u>(d) the minimum threshold of votes</u> to validate such a decision, with clear differentiation between the minimum thresholds for each type of decision. See statement in “Quorum and majority rules” that: <u>Decisions at Noteholders’ Meetings shall be taken at a two-third majority of votes cast by the Noteholders of the relevant class of Notes attending, or represented at, such Noteholders’ Meeting.&gt;&gt;.</u></p> <p><u>(e) where applicable, a location for the meetings</u> which should be in the EU: The location shall be in France. See: “Convocation of a Noteholders’ Meetings”: &lt;&lt;General meeting (assemblée générale) of the Noteholders of a class of Notes (each a “Noteholders’ Meeting”) <u>shall be held in France [...]</u>&gt;&gt;.</p> <p><b>Although the wording of the Regulation as to what constitutes the “facilitation of timely resolution of conflicts” is very vague, the EBA Guidelines have helpfully set out the five minimum requirements that the documents should contain to meet this criterion.</b></p> <p><b>PCS has reviewed the documents to ascertain that all the five requirements above are indeed present.</b></p>	
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	<b>Resolution of conflicts between different classes of investors</b>	
	70. The objective of this criterion is to help ensure clarity for securitisation noteholders of their rights and ability to control and enforce on the underlying credit claims or receivables. This should make the decision-making process more effective, for instance in circumstances where enforcement rights on the underlying assets are being exercised.	
	71. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the term ‘clear provisions that facilitate the timely resolution of conflicts between different classes of investors’ should be further interpreted.	
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#### **5.8 Resolution of conflicts between different classes of investors (Article 20 (10))**

##### ***Clear provisions facilitating the timely resolution of conflicts between different classes of investors***

73. For the purposes of Article 21(10) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, provisions of the transaction documentation that 'facilitate the timely resolution of conflicts between different classes of investors', should include provisions with respect to all of the following:

- (a) the method for calling meetings or arranging conference calls;
- (b) the maximum timeframe for setting up a meeting or conference call;
- (c) the required quorum;
- (d) the minimum threshold of votes to validate such a decision, with clear differentiation between the minimum thresholds for each type of decision;
- (e) where applicable, a location for the meetings which should be in the Union.

74. For the purposes of Article 21(10) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, where mandatory statutory provisions exist in the applicable jurisdiction that set out how conflicts between investors have to be resolved, the transaction documentation may refer to these provisions.

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	<p>21.10. The transaction documentation shall include clear provisions that facilitate the timely resolution of conflicts between different classes of investors, voting rights shall be clearly defined and allocated to bondholders and the responsibilities of the trustee and other entities with fiduciary duties to investors shall be clearly identified.</p>	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	<p>63. and the responsibilities of the trustee and other entities with fiduciary duties to investors shall be clearly identified.</p>	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>The Management Company is the entity that is responsible of fiduciary duties to investors in this transaction.</p> <p>See the section of Prospectus headed "DESCRIPTION OF THE RELEVANT ENTITIES" – "The Management Company" – "Role of the Management Company" and the relevant provisions in Clause 7.1 (<i>Role of the Management Company</i>) of the Issuer Regulations.</p>	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on <i>background and rationale</i></b>	
	<p><b>Resolution of conflicts between different classes of investors (Article 20 (10))</b></p> <p>70. The objective of this criterion is to help ensure clarity for securitisation noteholders of their rights and ability to control and enforce on the underlying credit claims or receivables. This should make the decision-making process more effective, for instance in circumstances where enforcement rights on the underlying assets are being exercised.</p> <p>71. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the term 'clear provisions that facilitate the timely resolution of conflicts between different classes of investors' should be further interpreted.</p>	
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	<b>Article 22 - Requirements relating to transparency</b>	
	22.1. The originator and the sponsor shall make available data on static and dynamic historical default and loss performance, such as delinquency and default data, for substantially similar exposures to those being securitised, and the sources of those data and the basis for claiming similarity, to potential investors before pricing. Those data shall cover a period no shorter than five years.	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	64. The originator and the sponsor shall make available data on static and dynamic historical default and loss performance, such as delinquency and default data, for substantially similar exposures to those being securitised,	
	<b>Verified?</b>	Yes
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	See section "HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE DATA"	
	See also the statement in this respect contained in the subsection "General" of the above-mentioned section, that << <i>The information presented in this section have been prepared based on BPCE's internal records and provide historical performances based on both static and dynamic formats covering a period of at least (5) years for substantially similar home loans receivables than to those being securitised by means of the securitisation transaction described in the Transaction Documents.</i> >>.	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on background and rationale</b>	
	<b>Data on historical default and loss performance (Article 22(1))</b>	
	72. The objective is to provide investors with sufficient information on an asset class to conduct appropriate due diligence and to provide access to a sufficiently rich data set to enable a more accurate calculation of expected loss in different stress scenarios. These data are necessary for investors to carry out proper risk analysis and due diligence, and they contribute to building confidence and reducing uncertainty regarding the market behaviour of the underlying asset class. New asset classes entering the securitisation market, for which a sufficient track record of performance has not yet been built up, may not be considered transparent in that they cannot ensure that investors have the appropriate tools and knowledge to carry out proper risk analysis.	
	73. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be further clarified:	
	(a) its application to external data;	
	(b) the term 'substantially similar exposures'.	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines</b>	
	<b>6.1 Data on historical default and loss performance (Article 22(1))</b>	
	<b>Data</b>	
	75. For the purposes of Article 22(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, where the seller cannot provide data in line with the data requirements contained therein, external data that are publicly available or are provided by a third party, such as a rating agency or another market participant, may be used, provided that all of the other requirements of that article are met.	
	<b>Substantially similar exposures</b>	
	76. For the purposes of Article 22(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the term 'substantially similar exposures' should be understood as referring to exposures for which both of the following conditions are met:	
	(a) the most relevant factors determining the expected performance of the underlying exposures are similar;	
	(b) as a result of the similarity referred to in point (a) it could reasonably have been expected, on the basis of indications such as past performance or applicable models, that, over the life of the transaction, or over a maximum of four years, where the life of the transaction is longer than four years, their performance would not be significantly different.	
	77. The substantially similar exposures should not be limited to exposures held on the balance sheet of the originator.	

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	<p>22.1. The originator and the sponsor shall make available data on static and dynamic historical default and loss performance, such as delinquency and default data, for substantially similar exposures to those being securitised, and the sources of those data and the basis for claiming similarity, to potential investors before pricing. Those data shall cover a period no shorter than five years.</p>	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	<p>65. and the sources of those data and the basis for claiming similarity, to potential investors before pricing.</p>	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>See point 64 above.</p>	
	<p>See also “Information” sub-section under “SERVICING THE HOME LOANS” where it is stated that: &lt;&lt;Before pricing, the Transaction Agent, on behalf of the Sellers, as originators, has made available: [...] (ii) in relation to exposures substantially similar to the pool of Home Loans to be transferred to the Issuer on the Purchase Date, historical data covering a period of at least five (5) years on static and/or dynamic format including recovery performance, delinquency and default data&gt;&gt;.</p>	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on <i>background and rationale</i></b>	
	<b>Data on historical default and loss performance (Article 22(1))</b>	
	<p>72. The objective is to provide investors with sufficient information on an asset class to conduct appropriate due diligence and to provide access to a sufficiently rich data set to enable a more accurate calculation of expected loss in different stress scenarios. These data are necessary for investors to carry out proper risk analysis and due diligence, and they contribute to building confidence and reducing uncertainty regarding the market behaviour of the underlying asset class. New asset classes entering the securitisation market, for which a sufficient track record of performance has not yet been built up, may not be considered transparent in that they cannot ensure that investors have the appropriate tools and knowledge to carry out proper risk analysis.</p>	
	<p>73. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be further clarified:</p>	
	<p>(a) its application to external data;</p>	
	<p>(b) the term ‘substantially similar exposures’.</p>	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines</b>	
	<b>6.1 Data on historical default and loss performance (Article 22(1))</b>	
	<b>Data</b>	
	<p>75. For the purposes of Article 22(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, where the seller cannot provide data in line with the data requirements contained therein, external data that are publicly available or are provided by a third party, such as a rating agency or another market participant, may be used, provided that all of the other requirements of that article are met.</p>	
	<b>Substantially similar exposures</b>	
	<p>76. For the purposes of Article 22(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the term ‘substantially similar exposures’ should be understood as referring to exposures for which both of the following conditions are met:</p>	
	<p>(a) the most relevant factors determining the expected performance of the underlying exposures are similar;</p>	
	<p>(b) as a result of the similarity referred to in point (a) it could reasonably have been expected, on the basis of indications such as past performance or applicable models, that, over the life of the transaction, or over a maximum of four years, where the life of the transaction is longer than four years, their performance would not be significantly different.</p>	
	<p>77. The substantially similar exposures should not be limited to exposures held on the balance sheet of the originator.</p>	

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	<p>22.1. The originator and the sponsor shall make available data on static and dynamic historical default and loss performance, such as delinquency and default data, for substantially similar exposures to those being securitised, and the sources of those data and the basis for claiming similarity, to potential investors before pricing. Those data shall cover a period no shorter than five years.</p>	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	<p>66. Those data shall cover a period no shorter than five years.</p>	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>See points 64 and 65 above.</p>	
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	<p>72. The objective is to provide investors with sufficient information on an asset class to conduct appropriate due diligence and to provide access to a sufficiently rich data set to enable a more accurate calculation of expected loss in different stress scenarios. These data are necessary for investors to carry out proper risk analysis and due diligence, and they contribute to building confidence and reducing uncertainty regarding the market behaviour of the underlying asset class. New asset classes entering the securitisation market, for which a sufficient track record of performance has not yet been built up, may not be considered transparent in that they cannot ensure that investors have the appropriate tools and knowledge to carry out proper risk analysis.</p> <p>73. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be further clarified:</p> <p>(a) its application to external data;</p> <p>(b) the term ‘substantially similar exposures’.</p>	
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	<b>6.1 Data on historical default and loss performance (Article 22(1))</b>	
	<b>Data</b>	
	<p>75. For the purposes of Article 22(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, where the seller cannot provide data in line with the data requirements contained therein, external data that are publicly available or are provided by a third party, such as a rating agency or another market participant, may be used, provided that all of the other requirements of that article are met.</p>	
	<b>Substantially similar exposures</b>	
	<p>76. For the purposes of Article 22(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the term ‘substantially similar exposures’ should be understood as referring to exposures for which both of the following conditions are met:</p> <p>(a) the most relevant factors determining the expected performance of the underlying exposures are similar;</p> <p>(b) as a result of the similarity referred to in point (a) it could reasonably have been expected, on the basis of indications such as past performance or applicable models, that, over the life of the transaction, or over a maximum of four years, where the life of the transaction is longer than four years, their performance would not be significantly different.</p>	
	<p>77. The substantially similar exposures should not be limited to exposures held on the balance sheet of the originator.</p>	

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	22.2. A sample of the underlying exposures shall be subject to external verification prior to issuance of the securities resulting from the securitisation by an appropriate and independent party, including verification that the data disclosed in respect of the underlying exposures is accurate.	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	67. A sample of the underlying exposures shall be subject to external verification prior to issuance of the securities resulting from the securitisation by an appropriate and independent party,	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>This is not a revolving transaction. Therefore, this requirement must be considered met if the external verification is made prior to the issuance, as in this case.</p> <p>We note however the presence a statement in “INFORMATION RELATING TO THE PROVISIONAL PORTFOLIO OF HOME LOANS - External verification of a sample of Home Loans”.</p> <p>As for the nature of “<i>appropriate and independent party</i>” of the entity executing the relevant verification, PCS has assessed if the relevant entity meets the requirements set out in §79 of the EBA Guidelines. PCS has obtained sufficient ground that the relevant company meets such requirements.</p> <p><b><i>PCS has reviewed the results of the verification exercise made by the “appropriate and independent party”, including the analysis of the “agreed upon procedures” (AUP) commonly known as a “pool audit”.</i></b></p>	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on <i>background and rationale</i></b>	
	<p><b>Verification of a sample of the underlying exposures (Article 22 (2))</b></p> <p>74. The objective of the criterion is to provide a level of assurance that the data on and reporting of the underlying credit claims or receivables is accurate and that the underlying exposures meet the eligibility criteria, by ensuring checks on the data to be disclosed to the investors by an external entity not affected by a potential conflict of interest within the transaction.</p> <p>75. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be clarified:</p> <p>(a) requirements on the sample of the underlying exposures subject to external verification;</p> <p>(b) requirements on the party executing the verification;</p> <p>(c) scope of the verification;</p> <p>(d) requirement on the confirmation of the verification.</p>	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines</b>	
	<p><b>6.2 Verification of a sample of the underlying exposures (Article 22 (2))</b></p> <p><b><i>Sample of the underlying exposures subject to external verification</i></b></p> <p>78. For the purposes of Article 22(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the underlying exposures that should be subject to verification prior to the issuance should be a representative sample of the provisional portfolio from which the securitised pool is extracted and which is in a reasonably final form before issuance.</p> <p><b><i>Party executing the verification</i></b></p> <p>79. For the purposes of Article 22(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, an appropriate and independent party should be deemed to be a party that meets both of the following conditions:</p> <p>(a) it has the experience and capability to carry out the verification;</p> <p>(b) it is none of the following:</p>	

- (i) a credit rating agency;
- (ii) a third party verifying STS compliance in accordance with Article 28 of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402;
- (iii) an entity affiliated to the originator.

***Scope of the verification***

80. For the purposes of Article 22(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the verification to be carried out based on the representative sample, applying a confidence level of at least 95%, should include both of the following:

- (a) verification of the compliance of the underlying exposures in the provisional portfolio with the eligibility criteria that are able to be tested prior to issuance;
- (b) verification of the fact that the data disclosed to investors in any formal offering document in respect of the underlying exposures is accurate.

***Confirmation of the verification***

81. For the purposes of Article 22(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, confirmation that this verification has occurred and that no significant adverse findings have been found should be disclosed.

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	22.2. A sample of the underlying exposures shall be subject to external verification prior to issuance of the securities resulting from the securitisation by an appropriate and independent party, including verification that the data disclosed in respect of the underlying exposures is accurate.	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	68. Including verification that the data disclosed in respect of the underlying exposures is accurate.	
	<b>Verified?</b>	Yes
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>See statement in "INFORMATION RELATING TO THE PROVISIONAL PORTFOLIO OF HOME LOANS - External verification of a sample of Home Loans".</p> <p>PCS is not an auditing firm, nor has it or has it sought access to the underlying information which was the basis of the AUP. However, it has read the AUP with the aim of determining whether, on its face, it appears to cover the items required by the criterion.</p> <p><b>Based solely on the words of the AUP and without any additional due diligence or interaction with the "independent party" responsible for the AUP or sight of the instructions to such firm, PCS has concluded that the AUP appears to meet the requirements of the criterion.</b></p> <p><b>PCS also notes the representation to that effect made by the Sellers in the Prospectus and the statement, in respect of the third party performing the external verification, that &lt;&lt;The Sellers have confirmed in the Home Loans Purchase and Servicing Agreement that no significant adverse findings have been found by such third party during its review.&gt;&gt;.</b></p>	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on background and rationale</b>	
	<p><b>Verification of a sample of the underlying exposures (Article 22 (2))</b></p> <p>74. The objective of the criterion is to provide a level of assurance that the data on and reporting of the underlying credit claims or receivables is accurate and that the underlying exposures meet the eligibility criteria, by ensuring checks on the data to be disclosed to the investors by an external entity not affected by a potential conflict of interest within the transaction.</p> <p>75. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be clarified:</p> <p>(a) requirements on the sample of the underlying exposures subject to external verification;</p> <p>(b) requirements on the party executing the verification;</p> <p>(c) scope of the verification;</p> <p>(d) requirement on the confirmation of the verification.</p>	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines</b>	
	<p><b>6.2 Verification of a sample of the underlying exposures (Article 22 (2))</b></p> <p><b>Sample of the underlying exposures subject to external verification</b></p> <p>78. For the purposes of Article 22(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the underlying exposures that should be subject to verification prior to the issuance should be a representative sample of the provisional portfolio from which the securitised pool is extracted and which is in a reasonably final form before issuance.</p> <p><b>Party executing the verification</b></p> <p>79. For the purposes of Article 22(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, an appropriate and independent party should be deemed to be a party that meets both of the following conditions:</p> <p>(a) it has the experience and capability to carry out the verification;</p>	



- (b) it is none of the following:
- (i) a credit rating agency;
  - (ii) a third party verifying STS compliance in accordance with Article 28 of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402;
  - (iii) an entity affiliated to the originator.

**Scope of the verification**

80. For the purposes of Article 22(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the verification to be carried out based on the representative sample, applying a confidence level of at least 95%, should include both of the following:

- (a) verification of the compliance of the underlying exposures in the provisional portfolio with the eligibility criteria that are able to be tested prior to issuance;
- (b) verification of the fact that the data disclosed to investors in any formal offering document in respect of the underlying exposures is accurate.

**Confirmation of the verification**

81. For the purposes of Article 22(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, confirmation that this verification has occurred and that no significant adverse findings have been found should be disclosed.

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	22.3. The originator or the sponsor shall, before the pricing of the securitisation, make available to potential investors a liability cash flow model which precisely represents the contractual relationship between the underlying exposures and the payments flowing between the originator, sponsor, investors, other third parties and the SSPE, and shall, after pricing, make that model available to investors on an ongoing basis and to potential investors upon request.	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	69. The originator or the sponsor shall, before the pricing of the securitisation, make available to potential investors a liability cash flow model which precisely represents the contractual relationship between the underlying exposures and the payments flowing between the originator, sponsor, investors, other third parties and the SSPE.	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>See statement in "SERVICING OF THE HOME LOANS - INFORMATION": &lt;&lt;Before pricing, the Transaction Agent, on behalf of the Sellers, as originators, has made available: (i) a liability cash flow model through Bloomberg and/or Moody's Analytics and/or any other relevant modelling platform, which precisely represents the contractual relationship between the Purchased Home Loans and the payments flowing between the Sellers, the Transaction Agent, the Noteholders, other third parties and the Issuer (the Cash Flow Model); &gt;&gt;.</p> <p>To verify this criterion, PCS will require to see the model. It will then require a statement by the originator that the model was circulated as required by the criterion.</p> <p>PCS is not a modelling firm nor has any modelling expertise. Therefore, it will not verify the model's accuracy or perform any due diligence whatsoever on the model. However, it will seek to satisfy itself indirectly as to the likelihood of the model's accuracy by requesting details of the individuals (if employed by the originator) or the firms (if the model is outsourced) responsible for the model. PCS will then assess whether, in its sole opinion, the model was put together by persons or firms with a reputation and a track-record in such models.</p> <p><b>Having seen the model, read a statement in the prospectus that the model will be made available in accordance with the requirements of the criteria and assessed the firm responsible for the model, PCS is prepared to verify this criterion.</b></p>	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on background and rationale</b>	
	<p><b>Liability cashflow model (Article 22(3))</b></p> <p>76. The objective of this criterion is to assist investors in their ability to appropriately model the cash flow waterfall of the securitisation on the liability side of the SSPE.</p> <p>77. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be clarified:</p> <p>(a) interpretation of the term 'precise' representation of the contractual relationships;</p> <p>(b) implications when the model is provided by third parties.</p>	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines</b>	
	<p><b>Liability cash flow model (Article 22(3))</b></p> <p><b>Precise representation of the contractual relationship</b></p> <p>82. For the purposes of Article 22(3) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the representation of the contractual relationships between the underlying exposures and the payments flowing among the originator, sponsor, investors, other parties and the SSPE should be considered to have been done 'precisely' where it is done accurately and with an amount of detail sufficient to allow investors to model payment obligations of the SSPE and to price the securitisation accordingly. This may include algorithms that permit investors to model a range of different scenarios that will affect cash flows, such as different prepayment or default rates.</p> <p><b>Third parties</b></p>	

83. For the purposes of Article 22(3) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, where the liability cash flow model is developed by third parties, the originator or sponsor should remain responsible for making the information available to potential investors.
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	22.3. The originator or the sponsor shall, before the pricing of the securitisation, make available to potential investors a liability cash flow model which precisely represents the contractual relationship between the underlying exposures and the payments flowing between the originator, sponsor, investors, other third parties and the SSPE, and shall, after pricing, make that model available to investors on an ongoing basis and to potential investors upon request.	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	70. And shall, after pricing, make that model available to investors on an ongoing basis and to potential investors upon request.	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>See statement in "SERVICING OF THE HOME LOANS - INFORMATION":</p> <p>&lt;&lt;Furthermore, pursuant to the Home Loans Purchase and Servicing Agreement, the Transaction Agent on behalf of the Sellers has undertaken to:</p> <p>(i) make available to the Management Company, the relevant information in respect of the Sellers, the Servicers or the Purchased Home Loans, as are necessary for the Management Company to be in a position to comply with its duties under the second paragraph of sub-section "Additional Information and Transparency Requirements" of this Prospectus, it being specified that all information transmitted by the Transaction Agent in accordance with this paragraph (i) shall be accurate and complete in all material respect and shall be provided (a) in relation to the obligations of the Management Company set out under item (2) and (3) of the second paragraph of sub-section "Additional Information and Transparency Requirements", within one month of each Determination Date preceding a Payment Date or (b) in relation to the obligations of the Management Company set out under item (4), (5) and (6) of the second paragraph of sub-section "Additional Information and Transparency Requirements", without delay upon becoming aware of them, in each case without prejudice to the French banking secrecy requirements provided for in article L. 511-33 of the French Monetary and Financial Code and the Data Protection Requirements;</p> <p>(ii) make available the Cash Flow Model through Bloomberg and/or Moody's Analytics and/or any other relevant modelling platform, to the relevant Noteholders on an ongoing basis and to potential investors upon request; [...] &gt;&gt;</p> <p>Although technically covering the period between pricing and close, this is primarily a future event criterion. In other words, it cannot be either met or failed at the outset of the transaction. But if, at a later stage, it is not met, then the relevant originator(s) will need to inform ESMA and the STS status of the securitisation will be lost. Therefore, as a technical matter, this criterion is not applicable at the closing of a transaction.</p> <p>However, PCS will nevertheless look to see if there is a covenant on the part of the originator(s) to comply in the future with this requirement.</p> <p><b>PCS notes the existence of such covenant in the Home Loans Purchase and Servicing Agreement, as evidenced in the Prospectus.</b></p>	
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	<p><b>Liability cashflow model (Article 22(3))</b></p> <p>76. The objective of this criterion is to assist investors in their ability to appropriately model the cash flow waterfall of the securitisation on the liability side of the SSPE.</p> <p>77. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be clarified:</p> <p>(a) interpretation of the term 'precise' representation of the contractual relationships;</p> <p>(b) implications when the model is provided by third parties.</p>	
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**Liability cash flow model (Article 22(3)) *Precise representation of the contractual relationship***

82. For the purposes of Article 22(3) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the representation of the contractual relationships between the underlying exposures and the payments flowing among the originator, sponsor, investors, other parties and the SSPE should be considered to have been done 'precisely' where it is done accurately and with an amount of detail sufficient to allow investors to model payment obligations of the SSPE and to price the securitisation accordingly. This may include algorithms that permit investors to model a range of different scenarios that will affect cash flows, such as different prepayment or default rates.

***Third parties***

83. For the purposes of Article 22(3) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, where the liability cash flow model is developed by third parties, the originator or sponsor should remain responsible for making the information available to potential investors.

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	22.4. In case of a securitisation where the underlying exposures are residential loans or car loans or leases, the originator and sponsor shall publish the available information related to the environmental performance of the assets financed by such residential loans or car loans or leases, as part of the information disclosed pursuant to point (a) of the first subparagraph of Article 7(1).	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	71. In case of a securitisation where the underlying exposures are residential loans or car loans or leases, the originator and sponsor shall publish the available information related to the environmental performance of the assets financed by such residential loans or car loans or leases, as part of the information disclosed pursuant to point (a) of the first subparagraph of Article 7(1).	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>See "DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFICIENCY OF THE PROPERTIES FINANCED BY THE HOME LOANS", where it is stated that:</p> <p>&lt;&lt;Existing data on environmental performance of the properties financed by the Home Loans are not available as at the date of this Prospectus.</p> <p>Works have been launched by the Transaction Agent and the Sellers to gather information on environmental performance of the properties which they finance from time to time and are still underway.</p> <p>If and when the relevant information on environmental performance of the properties financed by the Home Loans becomes available, the Transaction Agent will use reasonable endeavours (obligation de moyens) to communicate such information to the Management Company and such information will then be set out in the Investor Report.&gt;&gt;.</p>	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on background and rationale</b>	
	<b>Environmental performance of assets (Article 22(4))</b>	
	78. It should be clarified that this is a requirement of disclosure about the energy efficiency of the assets when this information is available to the originator, sponsor or SSPE, rather than a requirement for a minimum energy efficiency of the assets.	
	79. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the term 'available information related to the environmental performance' should be further clarified.	
	<b>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines</b>	
	<b>Environmental performance of assets (Article 22(4))</b>	
	<b>Available information related to the environmental performance</b>	
	84. This requirement should be applicable only if the information on the energy performance certificates for the assets financed by the underlying exposures is available to the originator, sponsor or the SSPE and captured in its internal database or IT systems. Where information is available only for a proportion of the underlying exposures, the requirement should apply only in respect of the proportion of the underlying exposures for which information is available.	

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	22.5. The originator and the sponsor shall be responsible for compliance with Article 7 of this Regulation. The information required by point (a) of the first subparagraph of Article 7(1) shall be made available to potential investors before pricing upon request. The information required by points (b) to (d) of the first subparagraph of Article 7(1) shall be made available before pricing at least in draft or initial form.	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	72. The originator and the sponsor shall be responsible for compliance with Article 7 of this Regulation.	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	See section "Additional Information and Transparency Requirements", where it is stated that: <<[...] the Sellers shall be responsible for the compliance with article 7 of the Securitisation Regulation, in accordance with article 22(5) of the Securitisation Regulation.>>.	
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	<b>Compliance with transparency requirements</b>	
	80. The objective of this criterion is to ensure that investors have access to the data that are relevant for them to carry out the necessary risk and due diligence analysis with respect to the investment decision.	
	81. The criterion is deemed sufficiently clear and not requiring any further clarification.	
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	22.5. The originator and the sponsor shall be responsible for compliance with Article 7 of this Regulation. The information required by point (a) of the first subparagraph of Article 7(1) shall be made available to potential investors before pricing upon request. The information required by points (b) to (d) of the first subparagraph of Article 7(1) shall be made available before pricing at least in draft or initial form.		
	STS criteria		
	73. The information required by point (a) the first subparagraph of Article 7(1) shall be made available to potential investors before pricing upon request.		
	Verified?		Yes
	PCS Comment		
	See section “Additional Information and Transparency Requirements”, where it is stated that: <<(1) before pricing, the Management Company has made available to the competent authorities referred to in article 29 of the Securitisation Regulation and, upon request, potential investors: [...]; and (b) upon request, <u>loan-level data with respect to the Purchased Receivables, as required by and in accordance with Articles 7(1)(a) and 22(5) of the Securitisation Regulation using the then applicable template for disclosure</u> >>.		
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	22.5. The originator and the sponsor shall be responsible for compliance with Article 7 of this Regulation. The information required by point (a) of the first subparagraph of Article 7(1) shall be made available to potential investors before pricing upon request. The information required by points (b) to (d) of the first subparagraph of Article 7(1) shall be made available before pricing at least in draft or initial form.	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	74. The information required by points (b) to (d) of the first subparagraph of Article 7(1) shall be made available before pricing at least in draft or initial form.	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>See section "Additional Information and Transparency Requirements", where it is stated that: &lt;&lt;(1) before pricing, the Management Company has made available to the competent authorities referred to in article 29 of the Securitisation Regulation and, upon request, potential investors:</p> <p>(a) the preliminary Prospectus, the drafts Transaction Documents (other than the draft Class A Notes Subscription Agreement) and the draft STS notification as required by and in accordance with Articles 7(1)(b), 7(1)(d) and 22(5) of the Securitisation Regulation; and [...]&gt;&gt;.</p> <p>PCS notes that the information under point (c) of the first subparagraph of Article 7(1) shall be made available only in the cases where the Prospectus is not drawn up in compliance with the Prospectus directive, therefore the requirement of providing the information under 7(1)(c) does not apply to this transaction.</p>	
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	The final documentation shall be made available to investors at the latest 15 days after closing of the transaction.		
	STS criteria		
	75. The final documentation shall be made available to investors at the latest 15 days after closing of the transaction.		
	Verified?		Yes
	PCS Comment		
	See section “Additional Information and Transparency Requirements”, where it is stated that: <<(2) on or before the Issue Date or within 15 calendar days following the Issue Date at the latest, the Management Company shall publish the Prospectus, the Transaction Documents (other than the Class A Notes Subscription Agreement) and the STS notification referred to in article 27 of the Securitisation Regulation, as required by and in accordance with Articles 7(1)(b), 7(1)(d) and 22(5) of the Securitisation Regulation;>>.		
	PCS notes the existence of such covenant in the Prospectus.		
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	<p>7.1. The originator, sponsor and SSPE of a securitisation shall, in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article, make at least the following information available to holders of a securitisation position, to the competent authorities referred to in Article 29 and, upon request, to potential investors:</p> <p>(a) information on the underlying exposures on a quarterly basis, or, in the case of ABCP, information on the underlying receivables or credit claims on a monthly basis;</p>	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	<p>76. The originator, sponsor and SSPE of a securitisation shall, in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article, make at least the following information available to holders of a securitisation position, to the competent authorities referred to in Article 29 and, upon request, to potential investors:</p> <p>(a) information on the underlying exposures on a quarterly basis,</p>	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>See section “Additional Information and Transparency Requirements”, where it is stated that: &lt;&lt;(3) <i>on a quarterly basis and within one (1) month of each Payment Date, the Management Company shall publish loan-level data with respect to the Purchased Home Loans, as required by and in accordance with Article 7(1)(a) of the Securitisation Regulation using the then applicable template for disclosure which shall be provided (i) until the Securitisation Regulation Reporting Effective Date, in the form of the standardised template set out in Annex 1 of the CRA3 RTS as required by Article 43(8) of the Securitisation Regulation and (ii) following the Securitisation Regulation Reporting Effective Date, in the form of the standardised template applicable in accordance with the Article 7 RTS</i>&gt;&gt;.</p> <p>All the criteria from 76 onwards are future event criteria, as to which we refer you to PCS’ analysis in Note 75 above.</p>	
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	<p>7.1. The originator, sponsor and SSPE of a securitisation shall, in accordance with paragraph <b>2 of this Article</b>, make at least the following information available to holders of a securitisation position, to the competent authorities referred to in Article 29 <b>and, upon request, to potential investors:</b></p> <p>(b) all underlying documentation that is essential for the understanding of the transaction, including but not limited to, where applicable, the following documents:</p> <p>(i) the final offering document or the prospectus together with the closing transaction documents, excluding legal opinions;</p>	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	<p>77. All underlying documentation that is essential for the understanding of the transaction, including but not limited to, where applicable, the following documents:</p> <p>(i) the final offering document or the prospectus together with the closing transaction documents, excluding legal opinions;</p>	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>See section “Additional Information and Transparency Requirements”, where it is stated that:</p> <p>&lt;&lt;[...] In addition, for the purposes of article 7(2) of Securitisation Regulation, the Sellers, the Transaction Agent and the Management Company on behalf of the Issuer have agreed in the Home Loans Purchase and Servicing Agreement that the Issuer shall be in charge of fulfilling the information requirements pursuant to points (a), (b), (d), (e), (f) and (g) of the first subparagraph of paragraph 7(1) of Securitisation Regulation. In each case, information shall be made available by the Management Company on behalf of the Issuer to the Noteholders, the competent authorities referred to in article 29 of the Securitisation Regulation and, upon request, to potential investors and shall be published on the EDW Website, as follows:</p> <p>(1) <u>before pricing, the Management Company has made available to the competent authorities referred to in article 29 of the Securitisation Regulation and, upon request, potential investors: the preliminary Prospectus, the drafts Transaction Documents (other than the draft Class A Notes Subscription Agreement) and the draft STS notification as required by and in accordance with Articles 7(1)(b), 7(1)(d) and 22(5) of the Securitisation Regulation; and [...]</u></p> <p>(2) <u>on or before the Issue Date or within 15 calendar days following the Issue Date at the latest, the Management Company shall publish the Prospectus, the Transaction Documents (other than the Class A Notes Subscription Agreement) and the STS notification referred to in article 27 of the Securitisation Regulation, as required by and in accordance with Articles 7(1)(b), 7(1)(d) and 22(5) of the Securitisation Regulation;</u>&gt;&gt;.</p>	
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	(ii) for traditional securitisation the asset sale agreement, assignment, novation or transfer agreement and any relevant declaration of trust;		
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	78. For traditional securitisation the asset sale agreement, assignment, novation or transfer agreement and any relevant declaration of trust;		
	Verified?	Yes	
	PCS Comment		
	See point 77 above.  See also the definition of “Transaction Documents”, as follows:  << <b>Transaction Documents</b> means the Issuer Regulations, the Home Loans Purchase and Servicing Agreement and any Transfer Document, the Account Bank Agreement, the Paying Agency Agreement, the Class A Notes Subscription Agreement, the Interest Rate Swap Agreement, the Class B Notes Subscription Agreement, the Residual Units Subscription Agreement, the Data Protection Agreement, the Specially Dedicated Account Bank Agreement(s) and the Reserve Cash Deposits Agreement.>>.  <b>PCS has considered the definition of Transaction Documents as encompassing all the transaction documents that are necessary to regulate the transaction, also on the basis of the draft of Legal Opinions provided.</b>		
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	(iii) the derivatives and guarantees agreements as well as any relevant documents on collateralisation arrangements where the exposures being securitised remain exposures of the originator;	
	STS criteria	
	79. The derivatives and guarantees agreements as well as any relevant documents on collateralisation arrangements where the exposures being securitised remain exposures of the originator;	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	See point 77 above.	
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	(iv) the servicing, back-up servicing, administration and cash management agreements;		
	STS criteria		
	80. The servicing, back-up servicing, administration and cash management agreements;		
	Verified?		Yes
	PCS Comment		
	See point 77 above.		
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	(v) the trust deed, security deed, agency agreement, account bank agreement, guaranteed investment contract, incorporated terms or master trust framework or master definitions agreement or such legal documentation with equivalent legal value;		
	STS criteria		
	81. The trust deed, security deed, agency agreement, account bank agreement, guaranteed investment contract, incorporated terms or master trust framework or master definitions agreement or such legal documentation with equivalent legal value;		
	Verified?		Yes
	PCS Comment		
	See point 77 above.		
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	(vi) any relevant inter-creditor agreements, derivatives documentation, subordinated loan agreements, start-up loan agreements and liquidity facility agreements;		
	STS criteria		
	82. Any relevant inter-creditor agreements, derivatives documentation, subordinated loan agreements, start-up loan agreements and liquidity facility agreements;		
	Verified?		Yes
	PCS Comment		
	See point 77 above.		
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	That underlying documentation shall include a detailed description of the priority of payments of the securitisation;		
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	83. That underlying documentation shall include a detailed description of the priority of payments of the securitisation;		
	Verified?		Yes
	PCS Comment		
	The PoPs are contained in the Issuer Regulation - Clause 17 ( <i>Priorities of Payments</i> ).  See also Prospectus, “Funds Allocation Rules and Priority of Payments” and the PoPs detailed in the subsequent paragraphs for the Amortisation Period and for the case of Accelerated Amortisation Period and on the Issuer Liquidation Date.		
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	(c) where a prospectus has not been drawn up in compliance with Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, a transaction summary or overview of the main features of the securitisation, including, where applicable:	
	(i) details regarding the structure of the deal, including the structure diagrams containing an overview of the transaction, the cash flows and the ownership structure;	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	84. Where a prospectus has not been drawn up in compliance with Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, a transaction summary or overview of the main features of the securitisation, including, where applicable:	
	(i) details regarding the structure of the deal, including the structure diagrams containing an overview of the transaction, the cash flows and the ownership structure;	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	Not applicable.	
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	(c) where a prospectus has not been drawn up in compliance with Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, a transaction summary or overview of the main features of the securitisation, including, where applicable:		
	(i) details regarding the structure of the deal, including the structure diagrams containing an overview of the transaction, the cash flows and the ownership structure;		
	(ii) details regarding the exposure characteristics, cash flows, loss waterfall, credit enhancement and liquidity support features;		
	STS criteria		
	85. (ii) details regarding the exposure characteristics, cash flows, loss waterfall, credit enhancement and liquidity support features;		
	Verified?		Yes
	PCS Comment		
	Not applicable.		
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	<p>(c) where a prospectus has not been drawn up in compliance with Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, a transaction summary or overview of the main features of the securitisation, including, where applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) details regarding the structure of the deal, including the structure diagrams containing an overview of the transaction, the cash flows and the ownership structure;</li> <li>(ii) details regarding the exposure characteristics, cash flows, loss waterfall, credit enhancement and liquidity support features;</li> <li>(iii) details regarding the voting rights of the holders of a securitisation position and their relationship to other secured creditors;</li> </ul>	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	86. (iii) details regarding the voting rights of the holders of a securitisation position and their relationship to other secured creditors;	
	<b>Verified?</b>	Yes
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
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	<p>(c) where a prospectus has not been drawn up in compliance with Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, a transaction summary or overview of the main features of the securitisation, including, where applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) details regarding the structure of the deal, including the structure diagrams containing an overview of the transaction, the cash flows and the ownership structure;</li> <li>(ii) details regarding the exposure characteristics, cash flows, loss waterfall, credit enhancement and liquidity support features;</li> <li>(iii) details regarding the voting rights of the holders of a securitisation position and their relationship to other secured creditors;</li> <li>(iv) a list of all triggers and events referred to in the documents provided in accordance with point (b) that could have a material impact on the performance of the securitisation position;</li> </ul>	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	87. (iv) a list of all triggers and events referred to in the documents provided in accordance with point (b) that could have a material impact on the performance of the securitisation position;	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	Not applicable.	
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	(d) in the case of STS securitisations, the STS notification referred to in Article 27;		
	STS criteria		
	88. In the case of STS securitisations, the STS notification referred to in Article 27;		
	Verified?	Yes	
	PCS Comment		
	See section “Additional Information and Transparency Requirements”, where it is stated that:  <<(1) before pricing, the Management Company has made available to the competent authorities referred to in article 29 of the Securitisation Regulation and, upon request, potential investors:  (a) the preliminary Prospectus, the drafts Transaction Documents (other than the draft Class A Notes Subscription Agreement) and <u>the draft STS notification</u> as required by and in accordance with Articles 7(1)(b), 7(1)(d) and 22(5) of the Securitisation Regulation; and  (b) [...];  (2) on or before the Issue Date or within 15 calendar days following the Issue Date at the latest, the Management Company shall publish the Prospectus, the Transaction Documents (other than the Class A Notes Subscription Agreement) and <u>the STS notification</u> referred to in article 27 of the Securitisation Regulation, as required by and in accordance with Articles 7(1)(b), 7(1)(d) and 22(5) of the Securitisation Regulation;>>.		
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	(e) quarterly investor reports, or, in the case of ABCP, monthly investor reports, containing the following:		
	STS criteria		
	89. Quarterly investor reports, or, in the case of ABCP, monthly investor reports, containing the following:		
	Verified?		Yes
	PCS Comment		
	See section “Additional Information and Transparency Requirements”, paragraph (4) setting out the obligation of publishing investor reports on a quarterly basis and the relevant contents.		
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	(i) all materially relevant data on the credit quality and performance of underlying exposures;		
	STS criteria		
	90. All materially relevant data on the credit quality and performance of underlying exposures;		
	Verified?		Yes
	PCS Comment		
	See section “Additional Information and Transparency Requirements”, paragraph (4) setting out the obligation of publishing investor reports on a quarterly basis and the relevant contents.		
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	<b>Article 22 - Requirements relating to transparency</b>	
	(ii) information on events which trigger changes in the priority of payments or the replacement of any counterparties, and, in the case of a securitisation which is not an ABCP transaction, data on the cash flows generated by the underlying exposures and by the liabilities of the securitisation;	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	91. Information on events which trigger changes in the priority of payments or the replacement of any counterparties,	
	<b>Verified?</b>	Yes
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	See section "Additional Information and Transparency Requirements", paragraph (4) setting out the obligation of publishing investor reports on a quarterly basis and the relevant contents.	
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	Article 22 - Requirements relating to transparency		
	(ii) information on events which trigger changes in the priority of payments or the replacement of any counterparties, and, in the case of a securitisation which is not an ABCP transaction, data on the cash flows generated by the underlying exposures and by the liabilities of the securitisation;		
	STS criteria		
	92. And, in the case of a securitisation which is not an ABCP transaction, data on the cash flows generated by the underlying exposures and by the liabilities of the securitisation;		
	Verified?		Yes
	PCS Comment		
	See section “Additional Information and Transparency Requirements”, paragraph (4) setting out the obligation of publishing investor reports on a quarterly basis and the relevant contents.		
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	(iii) information about the risk retained, including information on which of the modalities provided for in Article 6(3) has been applied, in accordance with Article 6.		
	STS criteria		
	93. Information about the risk retained, including information on which of the modalities provided for in Article 6(3) has been applied, in accordance with Article 6.		
	Verified?	Yes	
	PCS Comment		
	See section “Additional Information and Transparency Requirements”, paragraph (4) setting out the obligation of publishing investor reports on a quarterly basis and the relevant contents.		
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	(f) any inside information relating to the securitisation that the originator, sponsor or SSPE is obliged to make public in accordance with Article 17 of Regulation (EU) No 596/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council on insider dealing and market manipulation;	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	94. Any inside information relating to the securitisation that the originator, sponsor or SSPE is obliged to make public in accordance with Article 17 of Regulation (EU) No 596/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council on insider dealing and market manipulation;	
	<b>Verified?</b>	Yes
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>See section “Additional Information and Transparency Requirements”, where it is stated that:</p> <p>&lt;&lt;(6) the Management Company shall publish without delay, in accordance with Article 7(1)(f) of the Securitisation Regulation, any inside information relating to the securitisation that the Sellers as originators or the Issuer as SSPE are obliged to make public in accordance with Article 17 of Regulation (EU) No 596/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council (2) on insider dealing and market manipulation;&gt;&gt;.</p>	
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	(g) where point (f) does not apply, any significant event such as: (i) a material breach of the obligations laid down in the documents provided in accordance with point (b), including any remedy, waiver or consent subsequently provided in relation to such a breach;	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	95. (g) where point (f) does not apply, any significant event such as: (i) a material breach of the obligations laid down in the documents provided in accordance with point (b), including any remedy, waiver or consent subsequently provided in relation to such a breach;	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>See section “Additional Information and Transparency Requirements”, where it is stated that:</p> <p>&lt;&lt;(7) the Management Company shall publish without delay, in accordance with article 7(1)(g) of the Securitisation Regulation, any significant event, such as:</p> <p>(a) any material breach of the obligations provided for in any Transaction Documents, including any remedy, waiver or consent subsequently provided in relation to such a breach;</p> <p>(b) any change in the structural features that can materially impact the performance of the securitisation;</p> <p>(c) any change in the risk characteristics of the securitisation or of the Purchased Home Loans that can materially impact the performance of the securitisation;</p> <p>(d) the Transaction ceasing to meet the STS requirements or competent authorities having taken remedial or administrative actions;</p> <p>provided that, as soon as a securitisation repository has been registered in accordance with article 10 of the Securitisation Regulation, the documents and information set out in items (1) to (6) above shall be made available by means of such securitisation repository.&gt;&gt;.</p>	
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	(ii) a change in the structural features that can materially impact the performance of the securitisation;		
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	96. (ii) a change in the structural features that can materially impact the performance of the securitisation;		
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	(iii) a change in the risk characteristics of the securitisation or of the underlying exposures that can materially impact the performance of the securitisation;		
	STS criteria		
	97. (iii) a change in the risk characteristics of the securitisation or of the underlying exposures that can materially impact the performance of the securitisation;		
	Verified?		Yes
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	See point 95 above.		
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	(iv) in the case of STS securitisations, where the securitisation ceases to meet the STS requirements or where competent authorities have taken remedial or administrative actions;		
	STS criteria		
	98. (iv) in the case of STS securitisations, where the securitisation ceases to meet the STS requirements or where competent authorities have taken remedial or administrative actions;		
	Verified?		Yes
	PCS Comment		
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	(v) any material amendment to transaction documents.	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	99. (v) any material amendment to transaction documents.	
	<b>Verified?</b>	Yes
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>See statement in §(5) of “Additional Information and Transparency Requirements”, where it is provided that:</p> <p><i>&lt;&lt;(5) the Management Company shall publish without delay, in accordance with Article 7(1)(g)(v) of the Securitisation Regulation, any material amendment to any Transaction Documents (provided that, as indicated in Section “MODIFICATIONS TO THE TRANSACTION”, any amendments to the Issuer Regulations shall be notified to the Noteholders and the Residual Unitholder(s), it being specified that such amendments shall be, automatically and without any further formalities (de plein droit), enforceable as against such Noteholders and Residual Unitholder(s) within three Business Days after they have been notified thereof);&gt;&gt;</i></p> <p>See also “RISK RELATED TO THIRD PARTIES – Servicing - Reliance on Servicing Procedures”, where it is stated that <i>&lt;&lt;Furthermore, any material amendment to or substitution of the Servicing Procedures shall require the prior written approval of the Management Company and the Custodian. The Rating Agencies and the Data Protection Agent shall be informed by the Management Company of any such material amendment to or substitution of Servicing Procedures and an overview of any such substantial amendment to or substitution of Servicing Procedures will be provided to investors on a quarterly basis and within one (1) month of each Payment (provided that such information shall be reported prior to such date, if necessary to make sure that such information is reported to investors without undue delay).&gt;&gt;</i>.</p>	
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	Article 22 - Requirements relating to transparency		
	The information described in points (a) and (e) of the first subparagraph shall be made available simultaneously each quarter at the latest one month after the due date for the payment of interest [...ABCP provisions]		
	STS criteria		
	100. The information described in points (a) and (e) of the first subparagraph shall be made available simultaneously each quarter at the latest one month after the due date for the payment of interest [...ABCP provisions]		
	Verified?	Yes	
	PCS Comment		
	See section "Additional Information and Transparency Requirements", paragraph (3) – for the loan-level data, and (4) for the Investor Report and any additional documents attached to it.		
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	<b>Article 22 - Requirements relating to transparency</b>	
	<p>Without prejudice to Regulation (EU) No 596/2014, the information described in points (f) and (g) of the first subparagraph shall be made available without delay</p> <p>When complying with this paragraph, the originator, sponsor and SSPE of a securitisation shall comply with national and Union law governing the protection of confidentiality of information and the processing of personal data in order to avoid potential breaches of such law as well as any confidentiality obligation relating to customer, original lender or debtor information, unless such confidential information is anonymised or aggregated.</p> <p>In particular, with regard to the information referred to in point (b) the originator, sponsor and SSPE may provide a summary of the concerned documentation.</p> <p>Competent authorities referred to in Article 29 shall be able to request the provision of such confidential information to them in order to fulfil their duties under this Regulation.</p>	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	101. Without prejudice to Regulation (EU) No 596/2014, the information described in points (f) and (g) of the first subparagraph shall be made available without delay	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	See criterion 94 above for the “without delay” requirement in respect of point (f), and 95 and 99 above for the “without delay” requirement in respect of point (g).	
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	<p>7.2 The entity designated in accordance with the first subparagraph shall make the information for a securitisation transaction available by means of a securitisation repository.</p> <p>Or</p> <p>The obligations referred to in the second and fourth subparagraphs shall not apply to securitisations where no prospectus has to be drawn up in compliance with Directive 2003/71/EC.</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Where no securitisation repository is registered in accordance with Article 10, the entity designated to fulfil the requirements set out in paragraph 1 of this Article shall make the information available by means of a website that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) includes a well-functioning data quality control system;</li> <li>(b) is subject to appropriate governance standards and to maintenance and operation of an adequate organisational structure that ensures the continuity and orderly functioning of the website;</li> <li>(c) is subject to appropriate systems, controls and procedures that identify all relevant sources of operational risk;</li> <li>(d) includes systems that ensure the protection and integrity of the information received and the prompt recording of the information; and</li> <li>(e) makes it possible to keep record of the information for at least five years after the maturity date of the securitisation.</li> </ul>	
	<b>STS criteria</b>	
	<p>102. Where no securitisation repository is registered in accordance with Article 10, the entity designated to fulfil the requirements set out in paragraph 1 of this Article shall make the information available by means of a website that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) includes a well-functioning data quality control system;</li> <li>(b) is subject to appropriate governance standards and to maintenance and operation of an adequate organisational structure that ensures the continuity and orderly functioning of the website;</li> <li>(c) is subject to appropriate systems, controls and procedures that identify all relevant sources of operational risk;</li> <li>(d) includes systems that ensure the protection and integrity of the information received and the prompt recording of the information; and</li> <li>(e) makes it possible to keep record of the information for at least five years after the maturity date of the securitisation</li> </ul>	
	<b>Verified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>PCS Comment</b>	
	<p>See “Additional Information and Transparency Requirements” where it is stated that &lt;&lt;[...] for the purposes of article 7(2) of Securitisation Regulation, the Sellers, the Transaction Agent and the Management Company on behalf of the Issuer have agreed in the Home Loans Purchase and Servicing Agreement that the Issuer shall be in charge of fulfilling the information requirements pursuant to points (a), (b), (d), (e), (f) and (g) of the first subparagraph of paragraph 7(1) of Securitisation Regulation. In each case, information shall be made available by the Management Company on behalf of the Issuer to the Noteholders, the competent authorities referred to in article 29 of the Securitisation Regulation and, upon request, to potential investors and <u>shall be published on the EDW Website, as follows: [...].&gt;&gt;</u></p> <p>See also the reference to the press release dated 15 November 2018 of the European DataWarehouse, where it is confirmed that its website meets the requirements set out in Article 7(2) and mentioned in this criterion 102.</p>	
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	Article 22 - Requirements relating to transparency		
	7.2 The entity responsible for reporting the information, and the securitisation repository where the information is made available shall be indicated in the documentation regarding the securitisation.		
	STS criteria		
	103. The entity responsible for reporting the information, and the securitisation repository where the information is made available shall be indicated in the documentation regarding the securitisation.		
	Verified?	Yes	
	PCS Comment		
	See point 102 above: the Management Company is the entity responsible for reporting the information and EDW is the securitisation repository.		
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## Definitions:

**“AUP”**: the agreed upon procedures through which an external firm verifies certain aspects of the asset pool.

**“COMI”**: centre of main interest – broadly, the legal jurisdiction where the insolvency of the seller of assets will be primarily determined.

**“Issuer Notification”**: the notification provided by the originator or sponsor pursuant to article 27 of the STS Regulation.

**“Jurisdiction List”**: the list of jurisdictions where it has been determined that severe clawback provisions do not apply.

**“Legal Opinion”**: an opinion signed by a law firm qualified in the relevant jurisdiction and acting for the originator or the arranger where the law firm sets out the reasons why, in its opinion and subject to customary assumptions and qualifications, the assets are transferred in such a way as to meet the STS Criterion for “true sale” or the same type of opinion for prior sales together with an opinion on the enforceability of the underlying assets.

**“Marketing Documents”**: Documents prepared by or on behalf of the originator and used in the marketing of the transaction with potential investors.

**“Model”**: a liability cash flow model which precisely represents the contractual relationship between the underlying exposures and the payments flowing between the originator, sponsor, investors, other third parties and the SSPE.

**“PoP”**: the priority of payments.

**“Prospectus/Deal Sheet”**: the prospectus, or for a deal where no prospectus needs to be drawn up, the deal sheet envisaged by article 7.1(c) of the STS Regulation.

**“Transaction Document”**: a document entered into in relation to the transaction binding on one or more parties connected to the transaction.