# STS Term Master Checklist CMF 2020-1 PLC



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PCS comments in this STS Term Master Checklist are based on PCS' interpretation of the STS Regulation (the "Regulation") informed by (a) the text of the Regulation itself, (b) the EBA guidelines and recommendations issued in accordance with Article 19(2) of the Regulation (the "EBA Guidelines") and (c) any relevant national competent authorities interpretation of the STS criteria to the extent known to PCS.

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# Prime Collateralised Securities (PCS) STS Verification

ndividual(s) undertaking the assessment	Dr Martina Spaeth	
Date of Verification	24 February 2020	
The transaction to be verified (the "Transaction")	CMF 2020-1 PLC	
ssuer	CMF 2020-1 PLC	
Originator	Charter Court Financial Services Limited (CCFS)	
ead Manager(s)	LLOYDS BANK CORPORATE MARKETS PLC	
ransaction Legal Counsel	Allen & Overy LLP, London	
Rating Agencies	Moody's Investors Service/ Fitch Ratings ltd.	
Stock Exchange	London Stock Exchange	
arget Closing Date	26 February 2020	

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)	True sale	1, 2	✓
20(2)	Severe clawback (part 1)	2	✓
20(3)	Severe clawback (part 2)	2	✓
20(4)	True sale with intermediate steps	3	✓
20(5)	Assignment perfection	4	✓
20(6)	Encumbrances to enforceability of true sale	5	✓
20(7)	Eligibility criteria and active portfolio management	6 - 8	✓
20(8)	Homogeneity, obligations of the underlying exposures, periodic payment streams, no transferable securities	9 - 14	✓
20(9)	No securitisation positions	15	✓
20(10)	Origination, underwriting standards and expertise, unverified home loans	16 - 21	✓
20(11)	No undue delay after selection, no exposures in default and to credit-impaired or insolvent debtors/guarantors, portion of restructured debtors, adverse credit history, higher pool risk	22 - 30	✓
20(12)	At least one payment made	31	✓
20(13)	No predominant dependence on the sale of asset	32	✓
Article 21	- Standardisation		
21(1)	Risk retention	33	✓
21(2)	Appropriate mitigation of interest-rate and currency risks, disclosure, no further derivatives, hedging derivatives according to common standards	34 - 39	✓
21(3)	Referenced interest payments	40	✓
21(4)	Requirements in the event of enforcement or delivery of an acceleration notice: no cash trap, sequential amortisation, no automatic liquidation	41 - 44	✓
21(5)	Non-sequential priority of payments	45	✓
21(6)	Early amortisation provisions/triggers for termination of revolving period	46 - 50	✓
21(7)	<u>Duties, responsibilities and replacement of transaction parties</u>	51 - 53	✓
21(8)	Expertise of the servicer	54, 55	✓
21(9)	Remedies and actions by Servicer related to delinquency and default of debtor, priorities of payments, triggers for changes, obligation to report	56 - 61	✓
21(10)	Resolution of investor conflicts and fiduciary party responsibilities and duties	62, 63	✓
Articles 2	2 and 7 – Transparency		
22(1)	Historical asset data	64 - 66	✓
22(2)	AUP/asset verification	67, 68	✓
22(3)	Liability cashflow model	69, 70	✓
22(4)	Environmental performance of asset	71	✓
22(5)	Responsibility for article 7 and information disclosure before pricing and 15 days after closing	72 - 75	✓
7(1)	Transparency requirements: availability of reports, documentation, underlying loan data	76 - 101	✓
7(2)	Transparency requirements: designation of responsible entity, securitisation repository	102, 103	✓



Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity

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.

#### STS criteria

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.

Verified? Yes

**PCS Comment** 

See Prospectus, SUMMARY OF THE KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, Mortgage Sale Agreement, representations and warranties

(p) to the extent legally assignable, the benefit of all valuation reports and certificates of title which were provided to the Legal Title Holder not more than two years prior to the date of the Mortgage Sale Agreement can be validly assigned to the Issuer without obtaining the consent of the relevant valuer, solicitor, or licensed conveyance or (in Scotland) qualified conveyancer.

See also Prospectus, SUMMARY OF THE KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, Mortgage Sale Agreement., Representations and Warranties

(q) the amount outstanding under each Loan is a valid debt to the Legal Title Holder (as holder of the legal title to the Loan) from the Borrower arising from advances of money to the Borrower and, except for any Loan and its Related Security which is not binding by virtue of UTCCR or CRA, the terms of each Loan and its Related Security constitute valid, binding and legally enforceable obligations of the relevant parties except that (i) enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar laws of general applicability affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and the courts' discretion in relation to equitable remedies and (ii) the warranty only applies in relation to interest and principal payable by the Borrower;

"True sale" is not a legal concept but a rating agency creation.

The essence of a "true sale" is that the property in the securitised assets has legally moved from the originator/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/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".

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.

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.

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.

The Regulation (20.1) therefore does not require STS "true sales" to be 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 happens for no reasons. 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".

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 jurisdictions 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 or "COMI".

The second step would be to determine whether the relevant COMI 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.

# 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))

- 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:
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- 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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#### STS criteria

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.

Verified? Yes

#### **PCS Comment**

COMI is in the UK. UK does not have severe clawback provisions.

See comment under Criterion 1 above.

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Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity

- 20.2. For the purpose of paragraph 1, any of the following shall constitute severe clawback provisions:
- (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:
- (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.

STS criteria

Verified? Yes

**PCS Comment** 

COMI is in the UK. UK does not have severe clawback provisions.

# 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))

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.

#### **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))

- 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;
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- 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.



Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity

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

Verified? Yes

**PCS Comment** 

COMI is in the UK. UK does not have severe clawback provisions.

# 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))

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).

#### **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))

- 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:
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## Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity

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.

#### STS criteria

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.

Verified? Yes

**PCS Comment** 

See Prospectus, summary pages, Underlying Assets

The Issuer will make payments on the Notes from, inter alia, payments of principal and revenue received from a portfolio comprising mortgage loans and their related security originated by Charter Court Financial Services Limited ("CCFS" and the "Legal Title Holder", the "Original Seller" and the "Originator") under its trading name of Precise Mortgages ("Precise") and acquired by Broadlands and secured over residential properties located in England, Wales and Scotland and sold by Broadlands (in its capacity as the seller, the "Seller") to the Issuer on the Closing Date. The Issuer confirms that the assets backing the issue of the Notes and the Notes are not part of a re-securitisation.

See Prospectus, SUMMARY OF THE KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, Mortgage Sale Agreement, Sale of Portfolio

The sale by the Original Seller to the Seller and by the Seller to the Issuer of each English Loan and its Related Security in the Portfolio will be given effect by an equitable assignment.

The sale by the Original Seller to the Seller and by the Seller to the Issuer of each Scottish Loan and its Related Security in the Portfolio will be given effect by a Scottish Declaration of Trust by the Legal Title Holder (at the direction and with the consent of the Seller) in favour of the Issuer granted on the Closing Date.

On and from (and including) the Closing Date, CCFS as the Legal Title Holder will hold the legal title on bare trust for the Issuer (which, in respect of Scottish Loans and their Related Security shall be pursuant to the Scottish Declaration of Trust).

#### The Legal Title Holder is Charter Court Financial Services Limited (CCFS).

See also Prospectus, SUMMARY OF THE KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, Mortgage Sale Agreement., Representations and Warranties

(a) each Loan was originated by the Legal Title Holder and was at the time of origination, and continues to be, denominated in Sterling;

#### PCS notes that

- 1. Charter Court Financial Services Limited (CCFS) is owned by Charter Court Financial Services Group plc (CCFSG)
- 2. Broadlands Finance Limited (Broadlands) is also owned by Charter Court Financial Services Group plc (CCFSG)

PCS has reviewed the legal Opinion from A&O which covers all aspects of this true sale from Origination at CCFS to sale of the assets to Broadlands and the onward sale from Broadlands to the Issuer.

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

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.



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

- 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.



Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity

- 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:
- (a) severe deterioration in the seller credit quality standing;
- (b) insolvency of the seller; and
- (c) unremedied breaches of contractual obligations by the seller, including the seller's default.

#### STS criteria

- 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:
- (a) severe deterioration in the seller credit quality standing;
- (b) insolvency of the seller; and
- (c) unremedied breaches of contractual obligations by the seller, including the seller's default.

Verified? Yes

#### **PCS Comment**

See Prospectus, SUMMARY OF THE KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, Mortgage Sale Agreement, Title to the Mortgages, Registration and Notifications.

Legal title to the Loans and their Related Security therefore remains with the Legal Title Holder until the occurrence of a Perfection Event. Notice of the sale of the Loans and their Related Security to the Issuer will not be given to any Borrower until the occurrence of a Perfection Event.

See also Prospectus, Title to the Portfolio

The Legal Title Holder has agreed (at the direction of the Seller) to transfer legal title to the Loans and their Related Security to the Issuer, and the Issuer has undertaken to seek the transfer of legal title, only following the occurrence of a Perfection Event (as set out below).

Definition of "Perfection Event"

- (a) the Legal Title Holder being required to perfect legal title to the Loans by an order of a court of competent jurisdiction or by a regulatory authority which has jurisdiction over the Legal Title Holder or by any organisation of which the Legal Title Holder is a member, or whose members comprise (but are not necessarily limited to) mortgage lenders and with whose instructions it is customary for the Legal Title Holder to comply, to perfect legal title to the Loans and their Related Security; or
- (b) it becoming necessary by law to do any or all of the acts referred to in paragraph (a) above; or
- (c) the security created under or pursuant to the Deed of Charge or any material part of that security being, in the opinion of the Security Trustee, in jeopardy; or
- (d) the Legal Title Holder calling for perfection by serving notice in writing to that effect on the Issuer and the Security Trustee; or
- (e) an Insolvency Event occurring in relation to the Legal Title Holder or the Seller;
- (f) it becoming unlawful in any applicable jurisdiction for the Legal Title Holder to hold legal title in respect of any Loan or its Related Security in the Portfolio; or
- (g) the Legal Title Holder or Seller is in breach of its obligations under the Mortgage Sale Agreement, but only if (i) such breach, where capable of remedy, is not remedied to the reasonable satisfaction of the Security Trustee (acting in accordance with the Deed of Charge) within 90 calendar days and (ii) Moody's and/or Fitch shall have provided confirmation that the then current ratings of the Notes will be withdrawn, downgraded or qualified as a result of such breach; and



(h) if the Legal Title Holder determines, as at any date, the CET1 Ratio of the OSB Group has fallen below 7.00 per cent,

provided that the provisions of paragraphs Error! Reference source not found. and/or Error! Reference source not found. shall (1) not apply if the Seller has delivered a certificate to the Security Tr ustee that the occurrence of such event does not impact the designation as a 'simple, transparent and standardised' securitisation (within the meaning of the Securitisation Regulation); and (2) be subject to such amendment as the Seller may require so long as the Seller delivers a certificate to the Security Trustee that the amendment of such event does not impact the designation as a 'simple, transparent and standardised' securitisation (within the meaning of the Securitisation Regulation). The Security Trustee shall be able to rely on such certificate without further enquiry and without liability to any person.

(each of the events set out in paragraphs (a) to (h) inclusive being a "Perfection Event").

PCS has reviewed the legal opinion and the definition of Perfection Event and found all required events covered with regards to the Legal Title Holder and Seller, by the perfection event definition and the embedded definition of the Insolvency Event.

# 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))

- 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.
- 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))

#### Severe deterioration in the seller credit quality standing

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.

#### Insolvency of the seller

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.



# Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity

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**

See Prospectus, SUMMARY OF THE KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, Mortgage Sale Agreement, representations and warranties

- (bb) in relation to each Mortgage other than a Scottish Mortgage, the Borrower has good and marketable title to the relevant Property (subject to registration of the title at the Land Registry) free from any encumbrance (except the Mortgage and any subsequent ranking mortgage) which would materially adversely affect such title and, without limiting the foregoing, in the case of a leasehold Property:
- (i) the lease cannot be forfeited on the bankruptcy of the tenant; and
- (ii) any requisite consent of the landlord to, or notice to the landlord of, the creation of the Related Security has been obtained or given;
- in relation to each Scottish Mortgage, the Borrower has a valid and marketable heritable or long lease title to the relevant Property (subject to registration or recording of the title at the Registers of Scotland) free from any encumbrance (save for the Scottish Mortgage and any subsequent ranking standard security) which would materially adversely affect such title and, without limiting the foregoing, in the case of a long leaseholder Property;
- (i) in requisite consent of the landlord to, or notice to the landlord of, the creation of the Related Security has been obtained or given; and
- (ii) the terms of the lease would, at the time of origination, have been acceptable to a Reasonable, Prudent Residential Mortgage Lender;

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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.



# Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity

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.

#### STS criteria

6. The underlying exposures transferred from, or assigned by, the seller to the SSPE shall meet pre-determined, clear and documented eligibility criteria....

Verified? Yes

# **PCS Comment**

See Prospectus, SUMMARY OF THE KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, Mortgage Sale Agreement., Representations and Warranties, (a) to (qqq)

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.

PCS has read the eligibility criteria in the Prospectus. As they are mandatory, they meet the "predetermined" requirement. As they are in the Prospectus, they meet the "documented" requirement. PCS has also concluded that they allow determination in each case and so meet the "clear" requirement.

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

# Eligibility criteria for the underlying exposures, active portfolio management (Article 20(7))

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.

#### EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines

4.2 Eligibility criteria for the underlying exposures, active portfolio management (Article 20(7))

#### Clear eligibility criteria

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.



#### Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity

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.

#### STS criteria

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.

Verified? Yes

#### **PCS Comment**

See Prospectus, SUMMARY OF THE KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, Mortgage Sale Agreement, Repurchase by the Seller or the Legal Title Holder

The Seller: The Seller will agree to be liable for the repurchase of any Loan and its Related Security sold pursuant to the Mortgage Sale Agreement if any Loan Warranty made by the Seller in relation to that Loan and/or its Related Security proves to be materially untrue as at the Closing Date and that default has not been remedied in accordance with the Mortgage Sale Agreement.

The Legal Title Holder will agree to repurchase any Loan which the Seller has determined on any Calculation Date to be a Significant Deposit Loan as at the immediately preceding Collection Period Start Date.

For these purposes, "Significant Deposit Loan" means a Loan where (i) the Legal Title Holder holds the legal title, and (ii) the relevant Borrower has a deposit account with the Legal Title Holder and the balance of such deposit account exceeds the maximum amount covered under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

There are only three repurchase obligations and no discretionary rights of repurchase in this transaction:

The repurchase of the Significant Deposit Loan, the Optional Redemption date falling in March 2024, the 10% Clean-up Call, in both latter cases repurchasing the whole portfolio.

The EBA Guidelines set out seven devices to repurchase securitised assets which are not to be considered indicative of "active portfolio management". To the extent that a transaction only contains some or all of those seven devices and does not provide any other form of repurchase, then the STS criterion will be met.

If the transaction should contain a repurchase device that is not included in the EBA's list, then an analysis will need to be conducted as to whether this additional device offends against the principles set out in the EBA Guidelines (15.a and b) as defining "active portfolio management"

PCS has reviewed the repurchase devices set out in the Prospectus and the Mortgage Sale Agreement and each one meets the EBA guidelines.

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

#### Eligibility criteria for the underlying exposures, active portfolio management (Article 20(7))

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.

## EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines

#### 4.2 Eligibility criteria for the underlying exposures, active portfolio management (Article 20(7)

#### Active portfolio management

- 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:
- (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;



- (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.
- 16. The techniques of portfolio management that should not be considered active portfolio management include:
- (a) substitution or repurchase of underlying exposures due to the breach of representations or warranties;
- (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;
- (c) replenishment of underlying exposures by adding underlying exposures as substitutes for amortised or defaulted exposures during the revolving period;
- (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(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;
- (f) repurchase of defaulted exposures to facilitate the recovery and liquidation process with respect to those exposures;
- (g) repurchase of underlying exposures under the repurchase obligation in accordance with Article 20(13) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402.



Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity

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.

#### STS criteria

8. Exposures transferred to the SSPE after the closing of the transaction shall meet the eligibility criteria applied to the initial underlying exposures.

Verified? Yes

**PCS Comment** 

The Transaction has no revolving period. There are no further sales of assets to the SPV after closing.

See also Prospectus, SUMMARY OF THE KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, Mortgage Sale Agreement., Representations and Warranties

(m) the Mortgage Conditions for each Loan do not require the Legal Title Holder or the Seller to agree to any Further Advance or any Port;

See Prospectus, SUMMARY OF THE KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, Servicing Agreement, Undertakings by the Servicer,

Further Advances, Porting and Product Switches

The Servicer will undertake with the Issuer and the Security Trustee that it will not offer to any Borrower nor will it agree to any request from any Borrower for a Further Advance, Port or Product Switch in relation to a Loan and its Related Security.

See Prospectus, SUMMARY OF KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, Repurchase by the Seller or CCFS as Original Seller or Legal Title Holder

PCS notes that the only repurchase mechanism set out in the Prospectus only apply to receivables in breach of representations and warranties.

This criterion is 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 Originator 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. However, PCS will nevertheless look to see if there is a covenant on the part of the originator to comply in the future with this requirement whilst noting at the same time that the absence of any such covenant – although possibly unsettling for some investors – would not invalidate the STS status of the transaction at closing.

PCS has verified that there are no repurchase obligations that could be considered as active portfolio management and there is no revolving period.

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# Eligibility criteria for the underlying exposures, active portfolio management (Article 20.7)

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



- (b) interpretation of the term 'clear' eligibility criteria;
- (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.

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4.2 Eligibility criteria for the underlying exposures, active portfolio management (Article 20.7)

Eligibility criteria to be met for exposures transferred to the SSPE after the closing of the transaction

- 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:
- (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;
- (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.
- 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.



Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity

20.8. 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. The underlying exposures shall contain obligations that are contractually binding and enforceable, with full recourse to debtors and, where applicable, guarantors.

#### STS criteria

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.

Verified? Yes

#### PCS Comment

See Prospectus, THE LOANS, Other Characteristics,

The Loans comprised in the Cut-Off Date Portfolio as at the Cut-Off Date are homogeneous for purposes of Article 20(8) of the Securitisation Regulation, on the basis that all such Loans: (i) have been underwritten by CCFS in accordance with similar underwriting standards applying similar approaches with respect to the assessment of a potential borrower's credit risk; (ii) are repayment loans or Interest-only Loans or a combination of both entered into substantially on the terms of similar standard documentation for residential mortgage loans; (iii) are serviced by the Servicer pursuant to the Servicing Agreement in accordance with the same servicing procedures with respect to monitoring, collections and administration of cash receivables generated from such Loans; and (iv) form one asset category, namely residential loans secured with one or several mortgages on residential immovable property in England, Wales and Scotland.

See Prospectus, SUMMARY OF THE KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, Mortgage Sale Agreement, Representations and Warranties

(aa) all of the Properties are residential properties located in England, Wales or Scotland;

PCS also takes comfort from the fact that transactions containing pools with similar characteristics have always been considered to be "homogenous" by a wide consensus of market participants.

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Homogeneity, obligations of the underlying exposures, periodic payment streams, no transferable securities (Article 20(8))

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.



# Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity

20.8. 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. The underlying exposures shall contain obligations that are contractually binding and enforceable, with full recourse to debtors and, where applicable, guarantors.

#### STS criteria

10. The underlying exposures shall contain obligations that are contractually binding and enforceable.

Verified? Yes

#### **PCS Comment**

See Prospectus, SUMMARY OF THE KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, Mortgage Sale Agreement, Representations and Warranties,

(q) the amount outstanding under each Loan is a valid debt to the Legal Title Holder (as holder of the legal title to the Loan) from the Borrower arising from advances of money to the Borrower and, except for any Loan and its Related Security which is not binding by virtue of UTCCR or CRA, the terms of each Loan and its Related Security constitute valid, binding and legally enforceable obligations of the relevant parties except that (i) enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar laws of general applicability affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and the courts' discretion in relation to equitable remedies and (ii) the warranty only applies in relation to interest and principal payable by the Borrower;

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

# Homogeneity, obligations of the underlying exposures, periodic payment streams, no transferable securities (Article 20(8))

- 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.
- 30. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, a clarification should be provided with respect to:
- (a) interpretation of the term 'contractually binding and enforceable obligations';

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

# 4.3 Homogeneity, obligations of the underlying exposures, periodic payment streams, no transferable securities (Article 20(8 Contractually binding and enforceable obligations

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.



# Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity

20.8. 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. The underlying exposures shall contain obligations that are contractually binding and enforceable, with full recourse to debtors and, where applicable, guarantors.

#### STS criteria

11. With full recourse to debtors and, where applicable, guarantors.

Verified? Yes

#### **PCS Comment**

See Prospectus, SUMMARY OF THE KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, Mortgage Sale Agreement, Representations and Warranties

(q) the amount outstanding under each Loan is a valid debt to the Legal Title Holder (as holder of the legal title to the Loan) from the Borrower arising from advances of money to the Borrower and, except for any Loan and its Related Security which is not binding by virtue of UTCCR or CRA, the terms of each Loan and its Related Security constitute valid, binding and legally enforceable obligations of the relevant parties except that (i) enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar laws of general applicability affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and the courts' discretion in relation to equitable remedies and (ii) the warranty only applies in relation to interest and principal payable by the Borrower;

(ooo) the Legal Title Holder has full recourse to the Borrower under the relevant Loans;

(uu) no Loan is guaranteed by a third party;

PCS notes that the requirements under this article are met and there are no guarantors to the assets.

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

Homogeneity, obligations of the underlying exposures, periodic payment streams, no transferable securities (Article 20(8

- 30. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, a clarification should be provided with respect to:
- (a) interpretation of the term 'contractually binding and enforceable obligations;

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

4.3 Homogeneity, obligations of the underlying exposures, periodic payment streams, no transferable securities (Article 20(8

# Contractually binding and enforceable obligations

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.



Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity

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.

#### STS criteria

12. The underlying exposures shall have defined periodic payment streams, the instalments of which may differ in their amounts.

Verified? Yes

#### **PCS Comment**

See Prospectus, SUMMARY OF THE KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, Mortgage Sale Agreement, Representations and Warranties

- (z) no Loan was or is:
- (i) a Buy-to-Let Loan; or
- (ii) a Self-Certified Loan;

See Prospectus, THE LOANS, Characteristics of the Loans, Repayment Terms

Loans are typically repayable on a repayment basis, where the Borrower makes monthly payments of both interest and principal so that, when the Loan matures, the full amount of the principal of the Loan will have been repaid.

The required monthly payment in respect of the Loans may alter from month to month for various reasons, including changes in interest rates.

See also Prospectus, THE LOANS, Interest Rate Types

See also Prospectus, THE LOANS, Other Characteristics

ii) are repayment loans or Interest-only Loans or a combination of both entered into substantially on the terms of similar standard documentation for residential mortgage loans;

PCS notes that the underlying exposures meet the criterion.

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Homogeneity, obligations of the underlying exposures, periodic payment streams, no transferable securities (Article 20(8))

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.



# 4.3 Homogeneity, obligations of the underlying exposures, periodic payment streams, no transferable securities (Article 20(8)) Exposures with periodic payment streams

- 21. For the purposes of Article 20(8) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, exposures with defined periodic payment streams should include:
- (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;
- (b) exposures related to credit card facilities;
- (c) exposures with instalments consisting of interest and where the principal is repaid at the maturity, including interest-only mortgages;
- (d) exposures with instalments consisting of interest and repayment of a portion of the principal, where either of the following conditions is met:
  - (i) the remaining principal is repaid at the maturity;
  - (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;
- (e) exposures with temporary payment holidays as contractually agreed between the debtor and the lender.



Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity

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.

#### STS criteria

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.

Verified? Yes

#### **PCS Comment**

See Prospectus, THE LOANS, The Portfolio

The Portfolio from time to time after the Closing Date will comprise loans advanced to the Borrowers upon the security of residential property situated in England, Wales or Scotland

See also Risk Factors,

The timing and amount of payments on the loans could be affected by various factors which may adversely affect payments on the Notes

Borrowers may prepay mortgage loans when they refinance their loans or sell their properties (either voluntarily or as a result of enforcement action taken).

The repayments rely on the payment obligations by each Borrower, except for enforcement situations, where the properties are sold.

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# Homogeneity, obligations of the underlying exposures, periodic payment streams, no transferable securities (Article 20(8))

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.

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# 4.3 Homogeneity, obligations of the underlying exposures, periodic payment streams, no transferable securities (Article 20(8))

#### Exposures with periodic payment streams

- 21. For the purposes of Article 20(8) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, exposures with defined periodic payment streams should include:
- (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;
- (b) exposures related to credit card facilities;
- (c) exposures with instalments consisting of interest and where the principal is repaid at the maturity, including interest-only mortgages;
- (d) exposures with instalments consisting of interest and repayment of a portion of the principal, where either of the following conditions is met:
  - (i) the remaining principal is repaid at the maturity;
  - (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;
- (e) exposures with temporary payment holidays as contractually agreed between the debtor and the lender.



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 Prospectus, THE LOANS, Other Characteristics

The Loans comprised in the Cut-Off Date Portfolio as at the Cut-Off Date do not include: (i) any transferable securities for purposes of Article 20(8) of the Securitisation Regulation; (ii) any securitisation positions for purposes of Article 20(9) of the Securitisation Regulation;

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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.



Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity

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 Prospectus, THE LOANS, Other Characteristics

(i) The Loans comprised in the Cut-Off Date Portfolio as at the Cut-Off Date do not include: (i) any transferable securities for purposes of Article 20(8) of the Securitisation Regulation; (ii) any securitisation positions for purposes of Article 20(9) of the Securitisation Regulation;

See also Prospectus, summary pages, Underlying Assets

The Issuer confirms that the assets backing the issue of the Notes and the Notes are not part of a re-securitisation.

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# 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.



# 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 Prospectus, SUMMARY OF THE KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, Mortgage Sale Agreement., Representations and Warranties

(ss) prior to the granting of each Loan, the Lending Criteria and all other conditions precedent to making the Loan were satisfied in all material respects, subject to such exceptions as would be acceptable to a Reasonable, Prudent Residential Mortgage Lender;

(v) each Loan was originated by and made by the Legal Title Holder on its own account pursuant to underwriting standards that are no less stringent than those the Legal Title Holder applied at the time of origination to similar exposures that are not securitised;

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# 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.



# 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

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.

Verified? Yes

#### **PCS Comment**

See Prospectus, SUMMARY OF THE KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, Mortgage Sale Agreement., Representations and Warranties

(v) each Loan was originated by and made by the Legal Title Holder on its own account pursuant to underwriting standards that are no less stringent than those the Legal Title Holder applied at the time of origination to similar exposures that are not securitised

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# Underwriting standards (Article 20(10))

- 37. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be further clarified:
- (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;
- (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;

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#### 4.4 Underwriting standards, originator's expertise (Article 20(10))

#### No less stringent underwriting standards

- 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.
- 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.



Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity

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.

#### STS criteria

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.

Verified? Yes

# **PCS Comment**

See Prospectus, SUMMARY OF THE KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, Mortgage Sale Agreement., Representations and Warranties, last paragraph

Any material changes to the Legal Title Holder's prior underwriting policies and Lending Criteria shall be disclosed without undue delay to the extent required under Article 20(10) of the Securitisation Regulation.

See also Prospectus, THE LOANS

- Characteristics of the Loans
- Lending Criteria

Although somewhat confusingly drafted, the EBA Guidelines make clear that the part of the criterion referring to changes from prior underwriting is a future event criterion. It applies changes in underwriting criteria that occur post-closing. 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 Originator 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. However, PCS will nevertheless look to see if there is a covenant on the part of the originator to comply in the future with this requirement whilst noting at the same time that the absence of any such covenant – although possibly unsettling for some investors – would not invalidate the STS status of the transaction at closing.

PCS has identified the existence of such an undertaking in the Prospectus.

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#### Underwriting standards (Article 20(10))

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;

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#### 4.4 Underwriting standards, originator's expertise (Article 20(10))

#### Disclosure of material changes from prior underwriting standards

- 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.
- 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:



- (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;
- (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.
- 27. The disclosure of all changes to underwriting standards should include an explanation of the purpose of such changes.
- 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.



# Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity

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.

#### STS criteria

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.

Verified? Yes

# **PCS Comment**

See Prospectus, CERTAIN REGULATORY RISKS IN RESPECT OF THE NOTES, Securitisation Regulation

See also Prospectus, SUMMARY OF THE KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, Mortgage Sale Agreement, Representations and Warranties

(z) no Loan was or is:

- (i) a Buy-to-Let Loan; or
- (ii) a Self-Certified Loan;

"Self-Certified Loan" means a Loan where the application was taken on, and marketed with, the understanding that evidence of the declared income would not be required in order to underwrite the loan.

The Seller has represented that none of the Loans in the Portfolio are self-certified Loans.

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#### Underwriting standards (Article 20(10))

- 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.
- 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:

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#### 4.4 Underwriting standards, originator's expertise (Article 20(10))

#### Residential loans

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.



Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity

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.

#### STS criteria

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.

Verified? Yes

# **PCS Comment**

See Prospectus, THE LOANS, Characteristics of the Loans

The assessment of a Borrower's creditworthiness is conducted in accordance with the Lending Criteria and, where appropriate, 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.

The criterion requires consumer loans or mortgages to have been underwritten in accordance with one of two European Directives. European Directives, in contrast to Regulations, do not have direct effect but must be implemented into national law country by country.

Therefore, if the assets concerned, as in the case of the Transaction, are residential mortgages, the relevant Directive is 2014/17/EU. The next step is to determine which UK law transcribed this Directive into local law.

PCS assumes, although the 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.

This was done in the UK via the MCD Order issued in March 2016.

PCS has identified the existence of such an undertaking in the Prospectus.

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#### Underwriting standards (Article 20(10))

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;



Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity

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?

**PCS Comment** 

See Prospectus, THE LEGAL TITLE HOLDER AND ORIGINAL SELLER

CCFS is a private limited company incorporated in England on 14 November 2008 (registration number 6749498). CCFS operates as a retail savings bank and is an originator and servicer of residential mortgage loans in the United Kingdom.

CCFS is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority under FRN 494549. It is a Member of UK Finance and the Intermediary Mortgage Lenders Association.

CCFS was at the time of origination of each of the loans in the Portfolio a credit institution as defined in paragraph 4(i) of Regulation (EU) No. 575/2013 and has significantly more than five years of experience in the servicing, origination and underwriting of mortgage loans similar to those in the Portfolio.

An entity originating assets similar to those securitised for at least five years is deemed, according to the EBA Guidelines to have "expertise".

CCFS has been originating and underwriting mortgage loans of a similar nature to those securitised under this Transaction in the UK for longer than five years.

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#### Underwriting standards (Article 20(10))

- 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.
- 37 (f) identification of criteria on which the expertise of the originator or the original lender should be determined:
- (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;
- (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.
- 38. It is expected that information on the assessment of the expertise is provided in sufficient detail in the STS notification.

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4.4 Underwriting standards, originator's expertise (Article 20(10)

Similar exposures



- 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:
- (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:
  - (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 gualifying for credit guality step 2 or above as set out in Part Three, Title II, Chapter 2 of that regulation:
  - (ii) commercial loans secured with one or several mortgages on commercial immovable property or other commercial premises;
  - (iii) credit facilities provided to individuals for personal, family or household consumption purposes;
  - (iv) auto loans and leases;
  - (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.



Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity

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:

## STS criteria

22. The underlying exposures shall be transferred to the SSPE after selection without undue delay...

Verified? Yes

## **PCS Comment**

See Prospectus, THE LOANS, Other Characteristics

The Loans comprised in the Cut-Off Date Portfolio as at the Cut-Off Date will be transferred to the Issuer after selection for inclusion in the Portfolio without undue delay for purposes of Article 20(11) of the Securitisation Regulation.

Cut-Off Date" means 31 January2020.

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 time between the selection date and the transfer to the Issuer for this Transaction is in line with the Criterion.

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## Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity

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:

#### STS criteria

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...

Verified? Yes

#### **PCS Comment**

See Prospectus, SUMMARY OF THE KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, Mortgage Sale Agreement., Representations and Warranties,

(iii) no Loan is considered by the Legal Title Holder as being in default within the meaning of Article 178(1) of the CRR, as further specified by Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 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.

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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:
- (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 guidance to certain types of institutions:

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

#### Exposures in default

- 37. For the purposes of the first subparagraph of Article 20(11) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the exposures in default should be interpreted in the meaning of Article 178(1) of Regulation (EU) 575/2013, as further specified by the Delegated Regulation on the materiality threshold for credit obligations past due developed in accordance with Article 178 of that Regulation, and by the EBA Guidelines on the application of the definition of default developed in accordance with Article 178(7) of that regulation.
- 38. Where an originator or original lender is not an institution and is therefore not subject to Regulation (EU) 575/2013, the originator or original lender should comply with the guidance provided in the previous paragraph to the extent that such application is not deemed to be unduly burdensome. In that case, the originator or original lender should apply the established processes and the information obtained from debtors on origination of the exposures, information obtained from the originator in the course of its servicing of the exposures or in the course of its risk management procedure or information notified to the originator by a third party.



Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity

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:

#### STS criteria

24. Or exposures to a credit-impaired debtor or guarantor, who, to the best of the originator's or original lender's knowledge:

Verified? Yes

#### **PCS Comment**

See Prospectus, SUMMARY OF THE KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, Mortgage Sale Agreement., Representations and Warranties,

(zz) to the best of the Seller's knowledge, no Borrower has filed for bankruptcy or entered into an individual voluntary arrangement, trust deed or debt arrangement scheme (in terms of the Debt Arrangement and Attachment (Scotland) Act 2002 and the Debt Arrangement Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2011, both as amended) or had a county court judgment, Scottish court decree for payment or bankruptcy order or award for sequestration entered or made against them within six years prior to the date they executed the relevant Loan; or

(qqq) as at the date of origination no Borrower had a credit risk assessment indicating, based on the Legal Title Holder's underwriting policy, a significant risk that contractually agreed payments will not be made;

(kkk)

(ii) as at the Portfolio Reference Date, no Borrower ha a credit assessment or a credit score indicating that the risk of contractually agreed payments not being made was significantly higher than for comparable exposures held by the Legal Title Holder which are not included in the Portfolio;

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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;
- (b) the originator in the course of its servicing of the exposures or in the course of its risk management procedures:
- (c) notifications to the originator by a third party;
- (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.



## Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity

- 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:
- (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.

## STS criteria

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**

See 24, above.

See Prospectus, SUMMARY OF THE KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, Mortgage Sale Agreement., Representations and Warranties,

(jjj) to the best of the Legal Title Holder's knowledge, no Borrower 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 six years prior to the date of origination or has undergone a debt-restructuring process with regard to his non-performing exposures within three years prior to the Closing Date;

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## Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity

- 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:
- (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 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:
  - (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
  - (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) 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; or
- (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.

#### STS criteria

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:

Verified? Yes

## **PCS Comment**

See item 25, above, (jij).

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

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

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

#### Exposures to credit-impaired debtors or guarantors that have undergone a debt-restructuring process

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.



## Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity

- 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:
- (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 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:
  - (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
  - (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) 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; or
- (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.

#### STS criteria

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

Verified? Yes

## **PCS Comment**

See 25, above.

PCS notes that there are no restructured underlying exposures in the transaction.

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## Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity

- 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:
- (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 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:
  - (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
  - (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) 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; or
- (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.

## STS criteria

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;

Verified? Yes

## **PCS Comment**

See 27 and 25, above.

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## Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity

- 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:
- (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 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:
  - (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
  - (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) 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; or
- (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.

#### STS criteria

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;

Verified? Yes

## **PCS Comment**

See Prospectus, SUMMARY OF THE KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, Mortgage Sale Agreement., Representations and Warranties,

(aaa) to the best of the Seller's knowledge, no Borrower has filed for bankruptcy or entered into an individual voluntary arrangement, trust deed or debt arrangement scheme (in terms of the Debt Arrangement and Attachment (Scotland) Act 2002 and the Debt Arrangement Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2011, both as amended) or has a county court judgment, Scottish court decree for payment or bankruptcy order or award for sequestration entered or made against them within six years prior to the date they executed the relevant Loan; (jjj) to the best of the Legal Title Holder's knowledge, at the time of origination of the relevant Loan, no Borrower either (i) appeared on a register available to the Legal Title Holder of persons with an adverse credit history or (ii) had a credit assessment or a credit score indicating that the risk of contractually agreed payments not being made was significantly higher than for comparable exposures held by the Legal Title Holder which are not included in the Portfolio:

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

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



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

## Credit registry

- 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.



### Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity

- 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:
- (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.
- 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:
  - (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
  - (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) 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;
- (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.

#### STS criteria

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.

Verified? Yes

#### **PCS Comment**

See Prospectus, SUMMARY OF THE KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, Mortgage Sale Agreement., Representations and Warranties

(kkk) to the best of the Legal Title Holder's knowledge,

- (i) at the time of origination of the relevant Loan, no Borrower either (i) appeared on a register available to the Legal Title Holder of persons with an adverse credit history
- (ii) as at the Portfolio Reference Date, no Borrower had a credit assessment or a credit score indicating that the risk of contractually agreed payments not being made was significantly higher than for comparable exposures held by the Legal Title Holder which are not included in the Portfolio:

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

- 40. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be further clarified:
- (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) 2017/24027, 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.



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

## Risk of contractually agreed payments not being made being significantly higher than for comparable exposures

- 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:
- (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.
- 45. The requirement in the previous paragraph should be considered to have been met where either of the following applies:
- (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;
- (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.



### Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity

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.

#### STS criteria

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.

Verified? Yes

## **PCS Comment**

See Prospectus, SUMMARY OF THE KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, Mortgage Sale Agreement., Representations and Warranties,

(g) at least one Monthly Instalment due in respect of each Loan has been paid by the relevant Borrower;

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## At least one payment made (Article 20(12))

- 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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## 4.6 At least one payment made (Article 20(12))

## Scope of the criterion

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.

## At least one payment

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.



Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity

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.

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.

## STS criteria

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.

Verified? Yes

## **PCS Comment**

See Prospectus, THE LOANS, Characteristics of the Loans, repayment terms

See also Prospectus, THE LOANS, Characteristics of the Loans, enforcement procedures

Although there was some uncertainty over the status of interest-only mortgages, this has been definitively cleared up by the EBA Guidelines specific statement that this criterion was not designed to capture these products.

The Transaction comprises of interest-only and repayment mortgages. Although there was some uncertainty over the status of interest-only mortgages, this has been definitively cleared up by the EBA Guidelines specific statement that this criterion was not designed to capture these products.

Accordingly, none of the assets in the pool display any predominant reliance on the sale of the assets.

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#### No predominant dependence on the sale of assets (Article 20(13)

- 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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#### 4.7 No Predominant dependence on the sale of assets

#### Predominant dependence on the sale of assets

- 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.



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.

STS criteria

33. The originator, sponsor or original lender shall satisfy the risk retention requirement in accordance with Article 6.

Verified? Yes

**PCS Comment** 

See Prospectus, CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PROVISIONAL PORTFOLIO

As at the Portfolio Reference Date, the Provisional Portfolio comprised of 2,085 loans originated by the Legal Title Holder and secured over properties located in England, Wales and Scotland. The aggregate Current Balance of the loans in the Provisional Portfolio as at the Portfolio Reference Date was £350,429,746.76. Having removed any loans which were no longer eligible or had been redeemed in full as at the Cut-Off Date, the Original Seller randomly selected the Transaction Portfolio from the Provisional Portfolio, from which an independent third party randomly selected the Retained Loans, having an aggregate nominal value equal to at least 5 per cent. of the nominal value of the Portfolio as at the Cut-Off Date. The Portfolio that will be sold by the Original Seller to the Seller and by the Seller to the Issuer on the Closing Date comprises all loans in the Transaction Portfolio other than the Retained Loans. The Retained Loans and their Related Security will be held by CCFS in accordance with Article 6(3)(c) of the Securitisation Regulation (see "Certain Regulatory Disclosures" for further information). See also Prospectus, SUBSCRIPTION AND SALE

Pursuant to the Subscription Agreement, CCFS will undertake to the Joint Lead Managers and the Arranger that it will (i) retain on an ongoing basis, the Retained Exposures as required by Article 6(1) of the Securitisation Regulation (which does not take into account any corresponding national measures), (ii) comply with the disclosure obligations under Article 7(I)(e)(iii) of the Securitisation Regulation by confirming the risk retention of CCFS as contemplated by Articles 6(1) and 6.3(c) of the Securitisation Regulation and (iii) not sell, hedge or otherwise mitigate (and shall procure that none of its affiliates shall sell, hedge or otherwise mitigate) the credit risk under or associated with the Retained Exposures except to the extent permitted under the Securitisation Regulation.

As at the Closing Date, such retention requirement will be satisfied by CCFS retaining randomly selected exposures equivalent to no less than 5 per cent. of the nominal value of the securitised exposures, where such exposures would otherwise have been securitised in the transaction effected by the Issuer in accordance with Article 6(3)(c) of the Securitisation Regulation. Any change to the manner in which such interest is held will be notified to the Noteholders.

CCFS as Originator has committed to retain an economic interest by holding a 5% share of the Portfolio, the Retained Loans, satisfying the risk retention requirement in accordance with Article 6.

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## 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.



Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation

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

34. The interest rate...risks arising from the securitisation shall be appropriately mitigated.

Verified? Yes

**PCS Comment** 

See Prospectus, RISK FACTORS, Interest Rate Risk

The Issuer pays a fixed amount which is equal to the notional amount of the Swap Transaction multiplied by a fixed rate and the relevant day count fraction. The fixed rate applicable to the amounts payable by the Issuer is not intended to be an exact match of the interest rates that the Issuer receives in respect of the Fixed Rate Loans in the Portfolio. Furthermore, the notional amount of the Swap Transaction will be amortised as set out in a pre-agreed notional schedule to the Swap Transaction.

The interest rate swap is only based on the initial and subsequently expected outstanding notional of the Fixed Rate Loans Portfolio.

The Issuer has not entered into any interest rate swap or other hedging transaction in relation to Loans other than Fixed Rate Loans, and as a result there is no hedge in respect of the risk of any variances in the Floating Mortgage Rate (being referable to LIBOR or the Bank of England base rate ("BBR") charged on any Loans in the Portfolio and interest set by reference to Compounded Daily SONIA (the "Reference Rate") on the Notes which in turn may result in insufficient funds being made available to the Issuer for the Issuer to meet its obligations to the Secured Creditors. As such, the Issuer is subject to the risk of a mismatch between the rate of interest payable in respect of such Loans and the rate of interest payable in respect of the Notes

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.

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.

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:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

In the case of the Transaction, payments from the mortgage loans represent mostly fixed rate payments and some floating rate payments, while the notes are all floating rate with reference to Compounded Daily SONIA. The fixed rate loan amounts are hedged by way of an Interest Rate Swap to a fixed amortising profile of the Fixed Rate Loan amounts. The Floating rate loans are not hedged. No product switch is possible (Servicer Undertaking), so that there is no particular variance in the type of Interest Rate payable.

Information provided in the transaction documents indicates that interest rate risk has been appropriately mitigated.

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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.
- 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.



Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation

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.

Verified? Yes

**PCS Comment** 

See Prospectus, SUMMARY OF THE KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, Mortgage Sale Agreement, Representations and Warranties

(a) each Loan was originated by the Legal Title Holder and was at the time of origination, and continues to be, denominated in Sterling;

The Notes are all denominated in Sterling.

As a result, there is no currency risk in this Transaction.

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

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- 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;
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- 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.



Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation

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 Prospectus, RISK FACTORS, Interest Rate Risk

See also Prospectus, CREDIT STRUCTURE, 7. Interest Rate Risk for the Notes

Actions taken to mitigate interest rate and currency risk in the Transaction have been disclosed in the transaction documents.

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

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- 52. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be clarified:
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## **EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines**

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## Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation

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.

#### STS criteria

37. Except for the purpose of hedging currency risk or interest rate risk, the SSPE shall not enter into derivative contracts and...

Verified? Yes

## **PCS Comment**

See Prospectus, THE ISSUER

Except for the purpose of hedging interest-rate or currency risk, the Issuer will not enter into derivative contracts for purposes of Article 21(2) of the Securitisation Regulation.

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

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

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

#### **Derivatives**

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.



## Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation

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Those derivatives shall be underwritten and documented according to common standards in international finance.

#### STS criteria

38. ... Shall ensure that the pool of underlying exposures does not include derivatives.

Verified? Yes

#### **PCS Comment**

See Prospectus, THE LOANS, Other Characteristics

The Loans comprised in the Provisional Portfolio as at the Reference Date do not include: (i) any transferable securities for purposes of Article 20(8) of the Securitisation Regulation; (ii) any securitisation positions for purposes of Article 20(9) of the Securitisation Regulation; or (iii) any derivatives for purposes of Article 21(2) of the Securitisation Regulation, in each case on the basis that such Loans have been entered into substantially on the terms of similar standard documentation for residential mortgages loans

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

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## Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation

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.

#### STS criteria

39. Those derivatives shall be underwritten and documented according to common standards in international finance.

Verified? Yes

## **PCS Comment**

See Prospectus, CREDIT STRUCTURE, 7. Interest Rate Risk for the Notes

"ISDA Master Agreement" means the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement-, as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc.

See also Prospectus, CASH FLOWS, Swap Collateral

In the event that the Swap Provider is required to transfer collateral to the Issuer in respect of its obligations under the Swap Agreement (the "Swap Collateral") in accordance with the terms of the Credit Support Annex of the Swap Agreement (the "Swap Credit Support Annex"),

Review of the transaction documents indicates that the underlying interest rate derivatives reference ISDA standards.

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

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

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

#### Common standards in international finance

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.



## Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation

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.

#### STS criteria

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Verified? Yes

**PCS Comment** 

## LIABILITIES:

See Prospectus, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES, 6.3. Rate of Interest

will be, in respect of the Notes and any Interest Period, Compounded Daily SONIA determined as at the related Interest Determination Date plus (A) from and including the Closing Date to (but excluding) the Optional Redemption Date, the Relevant Margin, or (B) from (and including) the Optional Redemption Date, the Relevant Step-Up Margin, in each case, in respect of such class and in the event that the Rate of Interest is less than zero per cent., the Rate of Interest shall be deemed to be zero per cent. There will be no maximum Rate of Interest.

## **ASSETS:**

See Prospectus, THE LOANS, Interest rate types

## **Interest Rate Types**

The Portfolio consists of Loans which have (currently or after an initial specific period) a variable interest rate (the "Floating Mortgage Rate") that is based on the London Interbank Offered Rate for Sterling deposits ("LIBOR") plus, for each mortgage, a fixed margin expressed as a percentage over the Floating Mortgage Rate, including:

- (i) Loans where the Floating Mortgage Rate continues for a specific period that reverts to a different Floating Mortgage Rate for the life of the mortgage;
- (ii) Loans where the interest rate applicable to that Loan is a fixed rate of interest for a specific period that reverts to a Floating Mortgage Rate; and
- (iii) Loans where the Floating Mortgage Rate continues for the life of the mortgage.

PCS notes that the interest rates on the liabilities (notes) and interest payments on the underlying loans are both based on generally used market rates.

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## Referenced interest payments (Article 21 (3))

- 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.
- 54. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be further clarified:
- (a) the scope of the criterion (by specifying the common types and examples of interest rates captured by this criterion);
- (b) the term 'complex formulae or derivatives'.



## 5.2 Referenced interest payments (Article 21 (3))

#### Referenced rates

- 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:
- (a) interbank rates including the Libor, Euribor and other recognised benchmarks;
- (b) rates set by monetary policy authorities, including FED funds rates and central banks' discount rates;
- (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.

## 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.



## Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation

## 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;

#### STS criteria

41. 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;

Verified? Yes

### **PCS Comment**

See Prospectus, CASHFLOWS, Distributions following the service of an Enforcement Notice on the Issuer. See also Originator STS Notification.

Post-enforcement priority of payments indicates that no cash is trapped.

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## Requirements in case of enforcement or delivery of an acceleration notice (Article 21(4))

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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## 5.3 Requirements in the event of enforcement or delivery of an acceleration notice (Article 21(4))

#### Exceptional circumstances

- 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.
- 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.

## Amount trapped in the SSPE in the best interests of investors

- 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.
- 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.



## Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation

- 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;

#### STS criteria

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;

Verified? Yes

#### **PCS Comment**

See Prospectus, CASHFLOWS, Distributions following the service of an Enforcement Notice on the Issuer

Principal is paid sequentially under post enforcement order of priority.

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## Requirements in case of enforcement or delivery of an acceleration notice (Article 21(4))

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- 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.

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### 5.3 Requirements in the event of enforcement or delivery of an acceleration notice (Article 21(4))

#### Repayment

- 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.
- 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.



Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation

- 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

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43. Repayment of the securitisation positions shall not be reversed with regard to their seniority; and

Verified? Yes

**PCS Comment** 

See Prospectus, CASHFLOWS, Distributions following the service of an Enforcement Notice on the Issuer

The priority of payments post-enforcement maintains repayment in line with seniority.

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## Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation

- 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
- (d) No provisions shall require automatic liquidation of the underlying exposures at market value.

#### STS criteria

44. No provisions shall require automatic liquidation of the underlying exposures at market value.

Verified? Yes

## **PCS Comment**

See Prospectus, SUMMARY OF THE KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, Deed of Charge, Post Enforcement Priority of Payments

For purposes of Article 21(4)(d) of the Securitisation Regulation, no provision of the Deed of Charge requires automatic liquidation upon default of the Issuer.

PCS notes that there are no provisions that require automatic liquidation of the underlying exposures at market value and a respective statement is made in description of the Deed of Charge.

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5.3 Requirements in the event of enforcement or delivery of an acceleration notice (Article 21(4))

## Liquidation of the underlying exposures at market value

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.



## Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation

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.

#### STS criteria

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.

Verified? Yes

## **PCS Comment**

## See Prospectus, CASH FLOWS

The first step in analysing this criterion is to determine whether the transaction features non-sequential priorities of payment.

The Transaction does not have such non-sequential priorities.

If the Transaction does, then does it contain appropriate triggers.

The EBA Guidelines provide three examples of triggers that meet the requirement of "deterioration of the credit quality of the underlying exposures below a pre-determined threshold". Where a trigger is one of the EBA example, then the criterion is met. If not, then an analysis must be conducted to determine whether the trigger does meet the definition of the Regulation.

The transaction does not contemplate non-sequential payments of principal on the notes, so there are no non-sequential priorities of payment.

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## Non-sequential priority of payments (Article 21(5))

- 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.
- 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.

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## 5.4 Non-sequential priority of payments (Article 21(5))

#### Performance-related triggers

- 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:
- (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;
- (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;
- (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.



Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation

21.6. 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:

#### STS criteria

46. 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:

Verified? Yes

**PCS Comment** 

The Transaction does not have a revolving period.

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## Early amortisation provisions/triggers for termination of the revolving period (Article 21 (6))

- 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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## 5.5 Early amortisation provisions/triggers for termination of the revolving period (Article 21 (6))

## Insolvency-related event with regard to the servicer

- 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.



Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation

- 21.6. 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:
- (a) a deterioration in the credit quality of the underlying exposures to or below a pre-determined threshold;

## STS criteria

- 47. 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:
- (a) a deterioration in the credit quality of the underlying exposures to or below a pre-determined threshold;

Verified? Yes

**PCS Comment** 

The Transaction does not have a revolving period.

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## Early amortisation provisions/triggers for termination of the revolving period (Article 21(6))

- 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.



## Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation

- 21.6. 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:
- (a) a deterioration in the credit quality of the underlying exposures to or below a pre-determined threshold;
- (b) the occurrence of an insolvency-related event with regard to the originator or the servicer;

## STS criteria

- 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:
- (b) the occurrence of an insolvency-related event with regard to the originator or the servicer;

Verified? Yes

## **PCS Comment**

The Transaction does not have a revolving period.

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### Early amortisation provisions/triggers for termination of the revolving period (Article 21(6))

- 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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## 5.5 Early amortisation provisions/triggers for termination of the revolving period (Article 21(6))

## Insolvency-related event with regard to the servicer

- 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.



## Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation

- 21.6. 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:
- (a) a deterioration in the credit quality of the underlying exposures to or below a pre-determined threshold;
- (b) the occurrence of an insolvency-related event with regard to the originator or the servicer;
- (c) the value of the underlying exposures held by the SSPE falls below a pre-determined threshold (early amortisation event);

#### STS criteria

- 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:
- (c) the value of the underlying exposures held by the SSPE falls below a pre-determined threshold (early amortisation event);

Verified? Yes

## **PCS Comment**

The Transaction does not have a revolving period.

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

## Early amortisation provisions/triggers for termination of the revolving period (Article 21(6))

- 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.



# Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation

- 21.6. 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:
- (a) a deterioration in the credit quality of the underlying exposures to or below a pre-determined threshold;
- (b) the occurrence of an insolvency-related event with regard to the originator or the servicer;
- (c) the value of the underlying exposures held by the SSPE falls below a pre-determined threshold (early amortisation event);
- (d) a failure to generate sufficient new underlying exposures that meet the pre-determined credit quality (trigger for termination of the revolving period).

## STS criteria

- 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:
- (d) a failure to generate sufficient new underlying exposures that meet the pre-determined credit quality (trigger for termination of the revolving period).

Verified? Yes

**PCS Comment** 

The Transaction does not have a revolving period.

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# Early amortisation provisions/triggers for termination of the revolving period (Article 21(6))

- 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.



# Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation

- 21.7. The transaction documentation shall clearly specify:
- (a) the contractual obligations, duties and responsibilities of the servicer and the trustee, if any, and other ancillary service providers;

#### STS criteria

- 51. The transaction documentation shall clearly specify:
- (a) the contractual obligations, duties and responsibilities of the servicer and the trustee, if any, and other ancillary service providers;

Verified? Yes

## **PCS Comment**

## See Prospectus, SUMMARY OF THE KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS

The service providers are:

- (i) the servicer, who is appointed under the servicing agreement (see the section of the prospectus entitled "Summary of the Key Transaction Documents--Servicing Agreement");
- the corporate services provider, who is appointed under the corporate services agreement (see the section of the prospectus entitled "Summary of the Key Transaction Documents—The Corporate Services Agreement"):
- the cash manager, who is appointed under the cash management agreement (see the section of the prospectus entitled "Summary of the Key Transaction Documents--Cash Management Agreement"):
- (iv) the paying agents, agent bank and the registrar, who are appointed under the agency agreement (see the section of the prospectus entitled "Summary of the Key Transaction Documents--Agency Agreement");
- (v) the note trustee, who is appointed under the trust deed (see the section of the prospectus entitled "Summary of the Key Transaction Documents--Trust Deed");
- (vi) the security trustee, who is appointed under the deed of charge (see the section of the prospectus entitled "Summary of the Key Transaction Documents--Deed of Charge");
- (vii) the Account Bank, who is appointed under the Bank Account Agreement (see the section of the prospectus entitled "Summary of the Key Transaction Documents-- Bank Account Agreement":
- (viii) the Swap Provider, who is appointed under the terms of the Swap Agreement (see the section of the prospectus entitled "Credit Structure--Interest Rate Risk"). The contractual obligations of the service providers are specified in the relevant agreements and, as identified above with respect to certain providers, summarised in the prospectus.

The obligations of the service providers, including servicer and trustee, are detailed in the underlying transaction documentation.

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#### Transaction Documentation (Article 21 (7))

- 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.



# Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation

- 21.7. The transaction documentation shall clearly specify:
- (a) the contractual obligations, duties and responsibilities of the servicer and the trustee, if any, and other ancillary service providers;
- (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

## STS criteria

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

Verified? Yes

## **PCS Comment**

See Prospectus, SUMMARY OF THE KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, Servicing Agreement, Removal or Resignation of the Servicer.

See Prospectus, SUMMARY OF THE KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, Servicing Agreement, Back-Up Servicer Facilitator

The Issuer will appoint the Back-Up Servicer Facilitator in accordance with the Servicing Agreement. If the Servicer's appointment is terminated, the Back-Up Servicer Facilitator shall use best efforts to identify, on behalf of the Issuer, and assist the Issuer in the appointment of a suitable substitute servicer in accordance with the Servicing Agreement.

See also Servicing Agreement, Clause 19

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

## Transaction Documentation (Article 21 (7))

- 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.



# Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation

- 21.7. The transaction documentation shall clearly specify:
- (a) the contractual obligations, duties and responsibilities of the servicer and the trustee, if any, and other ancillary service providers;
- (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
- (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.

#### STS criteria

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.

Verified? Yes

#### **PCS Comment**

See Prospectus, SUMMARY OF THE KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, The Bank Account Agreement, Termination of Issuer Account Bank

For Bank Account Termination Events, please see Prospectus, Triggers Table, Rating Triggers Table. See also Deed of Charge, Termination of Issuer Account Bank

The Issuer may (with the prior written consent of the Security Trustee) terminate the Bank Account Agreement and close the Issuer Accounts in the event that the matters below occur, in each case by serving a written notice of termination on the Issuer Account Bank (with a copy to, as applicable, the Cash Manager, the Issuer and the Security Trustee) (such termination to be effective on the third Business Day following service of such notice subject as provided below) in any of the following circumstances:

- (i) default by the Issuer Account Bank in the performance of its obligations under the Bank Account Agreement which continues unremedied for a period of 20 Business Days after receiving notice or becoming aware of such default; or
- (ii) if the Issuer Account Bank materially breaches its obligations under the Bank Account Agreement, the Deed of Charge or any other Transaction Document to which the Issuer Account Bank is a party provided the Issuer acting reasonably and following receipt of a Rating Agency Confirmation from each Rating Agency determines that termination of this Agreement following such breach would not adversely affect the then applicable ratings of the Notes. See also Bank Account Agreement, Clause 9.1, Termination Events (ii), (iii), (iv), (v)

See also Prospectus, CREDIT STRUCTURE, The Swap Agreements

The Swap Transaction may be terminated in certain circumstances, including the following, each as more specifically defined in the Swap Agreement (an "Early Termination Event"):

- (a) if there is a failure by a party to pay amounts due under the Swap Agreement and any applicable grace period has expired;
- (b) if certain insolvency events occur with respect to the Swap Provider

The Issuer will use its reasonable endeavours, upon termination of the Swap Agreement, to find a replacement Swap Provider although no guarantees of such replacement can be given.

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## Transaction Documentation (Article 21 (7))

- 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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21.8. The servicer shall have expertise in servicing exposures of a similar nature to those securitised and shall have well documented and adequate policies, procedures and risk management controls relating to the servicing of exposures.

#### STS criteria

54. The servicer shall have expertise in servicing exposures of a similar nature to those securitised

Verified? Yes

#### **PCS Comment**

See Prospectus, THE SERVICER

CML is a private limited company incorporated in England on 14 November 2008 (registration number 6749495). CML is utilised by Charter Court Financial Services Group plc ("CCFSG") as a provider of non-bank wholesale funding by CCFSG and its subsidiaries and separately provides legal title holding services to third party owners of mortgage portfolios.

The consolidated group to which CML belongs for accounting or prudential purposes has included the servicing of exposures of a similar nature to those securitised for significantly more than five years

CML is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority under FRN 739516. CML has the relevant FCA permissions to carry out mortgage lending and servicing activities required under the FSMA and also holds and maintains applicable registrations under the Data Protection Act 2018.

CML is 100 per cent. owned by CCFSG. CCFSG is a public limited company originally established as a private limited company on 1 October 2008 under the laws of England (registration number 6712054), and re-registered as a public limited company on 27 September 2017.

On 4 October 2019, CCFSG was acquired by OneSavings Bank plc, effected by way of a courtsanctioned scheme of arrangement filed at Companies House on 9 October 2019.

CCFSG and its affiliated group companies specialise in mortgage origination, mortgage servicing and retail savings deposits.

PCS notes that the Servicing Expertise of the entity CML belongs to for accounting or prudential purposes, has significantly more than five years of experience, as required according to EBA's guideline 69 (a) quoted below.

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## Expertise of the Servicer (Article 21 (8))

- 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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5.8 Expertise of the servicer (Article 21 (8))

Criteria for determining the expertise of the servicer



- 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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21.8. The servicer shall have expertise in servicing exposures of a similar nature to those securitised and shall have well documented and adequate policies, procedures and risk management controls relating to the servicing of exposures.

#### STS criteria

55. And shall have well documented and adequate policies, procedures and risk management controls relating to the servicing of exposures.

Verified? Yes

#### PCS Comment

See Prospectus, SUMMARY OF KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, Servicing Agreement

The policies of the Servicer in respect of delinquency and default of debtors, debt restructuring, debt forgiveness, forbearance, losses, collections, recoveries and other asset performance remedies as at the date of this Prospectus are scheduled to the Servicing Agreement.

See Prospectus, THE LOANS, Servicing of the Portfolio

PCS has been provided with proof of existence of well documented and adequate policies and risk management controls, having received the Servicer's presentation to the credit rating agencies in November 2019 and copies of the Servicing Policies Manual, which is also attached to the Servicing Agreement.

The EBA Guidelines specify that this criterion should be considered to have the requisite elements of the criterion if it is a prudentially regulated financial institution. If it is not though, a full analysis of its procedures would need to be conducted. CML itself is not a prudentially regulated Bank, although the Originator CCFS is prudentially regulated.

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## Expertise of the Servicer (Article 21 (8))

- 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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#### Expertise of the Servicer (Article 21 (8))

## Well-documented and adequate policies, procedures and risk management controls

- 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:
- (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;
- (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.



Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation

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.

#### STS criteria

56. The transaction documentation shall set out in clear and consistent terms definitions

Verified? Yes

## PCS Comment

See Prospectus, SUMMARY OF THE KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, Servicing Agreement

## See Servicing Agreement

PCS has reviewed the relevant documents to satisfy itself that these criteria are met.

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# Remedies and actions related to delinquency and default of debtor (Article 21 (9))

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.

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## 5.7 Remedies and actions related to delinquency and default of debtor (Article 21 (9))

#### Clear and consistent terms

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.



# Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation

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.

#### STS criteria

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.

Verified? Yes

#### **PCS Comment**

See Prospectus, SUMMARY OF THE KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, Servicing Agreement, Enforcement Procedures, sections (a), (b) and (c)

The policies of the Servicer in respect of delinquency and default of debtors, debt restructuring, debt forgiveness, forbearance, losses, collections, recoveries and other asset performance remedies as at the date of this Prospectus are scheduled to the Servicing Agreement.

See also Servicing Agreement and Schedule 2 thereto.

Default of Debtors: 4.3 Enforcement of Mortgages

PCS has reviewed the relevant documents to satisfy itself that these criteria are met.

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## Remedies and actions related to delinquency and default of debtor (Article 21 (9))

- 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.
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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 prospectus, CASH FLOWS

Pre-Enforcement Revenue Priority of Payments, Pre Enforcement Redemption Priority of Payments, Post Enforcement Priority of Payments

See also Deed of Charge and Cash Management Agreement.

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STS criteria

59. The transaction documentation shall clearly specify the events which trigger changes in such priorities of payment.

Verified? Yes

PCS Comment

See Prospectus, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES, Condition 11

The Events that trigger an enforcement notice are described in Condition 11 (Events of Default)

PCS notes that the events are clearly specified.

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## STS criteria

60. The transaction documentation shall clearly specify the obligation to report such events.

Verified? Yes

# **PCS Comment**

See Prospectus, CASHFLOWS, Disclosure of modifications to the priorities of payments

Any events which trigger changes in the Priorities of Payment and any change in the Priorities of Payments which will materially adversely affect the repayment of the Notes shall be disclosed without undue delay to the extent required under Article 21(9) of the Securitisation Regulation.

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## STS criteria

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.

Verified? Yes

## PCS Comment

See Prospectus, CASHFLOWS, Disclosure of modifications to the priorities of payments

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#### Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation

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.

#### STS criteria

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

Verified? Yes

#### **PCS Comment**

See prospectus, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES, 13. MEETINGS OF NOTEHOLDERS, MODIFICATION, WAIVER AND SUBSTITUTION

For details, see Trust Deed, SCHEDULE 5, Provisions for Meetings of Noteholders and Certificate holders

- (a) the method for calling meetings or arranging conference calls (CONVENING OF MEETING 4. and 5.)
- (b) the maximum timeframe for setting up a meeting or conference call; (CONVENING OF MEETING 5. and 6.)
- (c) the required quorum; (QUORUM 8.,9.10.,11.,12., ADJOURNED MEETING 13., 14)
- (d) the minimum threshold of votes to validate such a decision, with clear differentiation between the minimum thresholds for each type of decision; (CONDUCT OF BUSINESS AT MEETINGS 16.-24.)
- (e) where applicable, a location for the meetings which should be in the Union

For compliance with (e) see Prospectus, Transaction Overview Rights of Noteholders and Certificateholders and Relationship with Other Secured Creditors,

#### TIME AND PLACE

Every such meeting shall be held at such time and place as the Note Trustee may appoint or approve, provided that the place shall be a location in the United Kingdom (or, if applicable, the European Union).

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.

PCS notes that the Prospectus covers the five provisions detailed in the EBA Guidelines.

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

#### Resolution of conflicts between different classes of investors

- 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.

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

# 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.



Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation

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.

#### STS criteria

63. and the responsibilities of the trustee and other entities with fiduciary duties to investors shall be clearly identified.

Verified? Yes

## **PCS Comment**

See Prospectus, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES, 13.

See Trust Deed, Schedule 5

See also Deed of Charge.

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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.



## Article 22 - Requirements relating to transparency

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.

#### STS criteria

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,

Verified? Yes

#### **PCS Comment**

See Prospectus, CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE MARKET, Information in relation to Loans originated by the Legal Title Holder

Static and dynamic historical performance data in relation to loans originated by the Legal Title Holder was made available prior to pricing on the website of European DataWarehouse at <a href="https://editor.eurodw.eu/home">https://editor.eurodw.eu/home</a>. Such information will cover the period from Q2-2013 to S2-2019. The loans which are included in such data are originated under and serviced in accordance with the same policies and procedures as the loans comprising the Portfolio and, as such, it is expected that the performance of such loans, over a period of 5 years, would not be significantly different to the performance of the loans in the Portfolio.

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#### Data on historical default and loss performance (Article 22(1))

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'.

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

## 6.1 Data on historical default and loss performance (Article 22(1))

#### Data

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.

## Substantially similar exposures

- 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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#### STS criteria

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Verified? Yes

#### PCS Comment

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#### STS criteria

66. Those data shall cover a period no shorter than five years.

Verified? Yes

## **PCS Comment**

See above.

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- 73. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be further clarified:
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- 77. The substantially similar exposures should not be limited to exposures held on the balance sheet of the originator.



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#### Article 22 - Requirements relating to transparency

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.

#### STS criteria

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,

Verified? Yes

## PCS Comment

# See Prospectus, CERTAIN REGULATORY DISCLOSURES, Verification of data

CCFS has caused a sample of the Loans (including the data disclosed in respect of those Loans) to be externally verified by one or more appropriate and independent third parties. The initial provisional portfolio (the "Initial Provisional Portfolio") extracted from the systems of the Original Seller as of 31 October 2019 has been subject to an agreed upon procedures review (to review amongst other things, conformity with certain eligibility criteria, where applicable) on a sample of loans selected from the Initial Portfolio conducted by a third-party and completed on or about November 2019 with respect to the Initial Provisional Portfolio in existence as of 31 October 2019 and no significant adverse findings have been found. This independent third party has also performed agreed upon procedures in order to verify that the stratification tables and historical performance data disclosed in respect of the underlying exposures are accurate. The third party has verified that the tables disclosed under the section "Characteristics of the Provisional Portfolio" of this Prospectus in respect of the underlying exposures are accurate. CCFS has reviewed such reports and is of the opinion that there were no significant adverse findings in such reports.

PCS has reviewed the report on "agreed upon procedures" (AUP) commonly known as a "pool audit". PCS can confirm that this was done by an auditing firm of international repute.

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

## Verification of a sample of the underlying exposures (Article 22 (2)

- 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.
- 75. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be clarified:
- (a) requirements on the sample of the underlying exposures subject to external verification;
- (b) requirements on the party executing the verification;
- (c) scope of the verification;
- (d) requirement on the confirmation of the verification.

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

## 6.2 Verification of a sample of the underlying exposures (Article 22 (2))

#### Sample of the underlying exposures subject to external verification

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.

## Party executing the verification

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:



- (a) it has the experience and capability to carry out the verification;
- (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.



# Article 22 - Requirements relating to transparency

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.

#### STS criteria

68. Including verification that the data disclosed in respect of the underlying exposures is accurate.

Verified? Yes

#### **PCS Comment**

# See Prospectus, CERTAIN REGULATORY DISCLOSURES, Verification of data

CCFS has caused a sample of the Loans (including the data disclosed in respect of those Loans) to be externally verified by one or more appropriate and independent third parties. The initial provisional portfolio (the "Initial Provisional Portfolio") extracted from the systems of the Original Seller as of 31 October 2019 has been subject to an agreed upon procedures review (to review amongst other things, conformity with certain eligibility criteria, where applicable) on a sample of loans selected from the Initial Portfolio conducted by a third-party and completed on or about November 2019 with respect to the Initial Provisional Portfolio in existence as of 31 October 2019 and no significant adverse findings have been found. This independent third party has also performed agreed upon procedures in order to verify that the stratification tables and historical performance data disclosed in respect of the underlying exposures are accurate. The third party has verified that the tables disclosed under the section "Characteristics of the Provisional Portfolio" of this Prospectus in respect of the underlying exposures are accurate. CCFS has reviewed such reports and is of the opinion that there were no significant adverse findings in such reports.

PCS can confirm that verification that the data disclosed in respect to the underlying exposures has been conducted by an auditing firm of international repute.

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

## Verification of a sample of the underlying exposures (Article 22 (2))

- 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.
- 75. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be clarified:
- (a) requirements on the sample of the underlying exposures subject to external verification;
- (b) requirements on the party executing the verification;
- (c) scope of the verification:
- (d) requirement on the confirmation of the verification.

## EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines

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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.

# Party executing the verification

- 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:
- (a) it has the experience and capability to carry out the verification;
- (b) it is none of the following:



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# 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.



## Article 22 - Requirements relating to transparency

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.

#### STS criteria

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.

Verified? Yes

#### PCS Comment

# See Prospectus, SUMMARY OF THE KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, Servicing Agreement, Cashflow model

CCFS will procure that the Servicer will make available to the holders of the Notes a cash flow model, either directly or indirectly through one or more entities which provide such cash flow models to investors generally. CCFS shall procure that such Cash Flow Model precisely represents the contractual relationship between the Loans and the payments flowing between the Seller, investors in the Notes, other third parties and the Issuer. The Cash Flow Model shall be made available (via the website of Moody's Analytics (https://boeportal.co.uk/GlobalPortal/Account/login.aspx) (i) prior to pricing of the Notes to potential investors and (ii) on an ongoing basis to investors in the Notes and potential investors upon request.

#### See Prospectus, Provision of Information to the Noteholders and Certificateholders

CCFS as Originator shall make available or procure on demand, from the Closing Date until the date the last Note is redeemed in full, a liability cashflow model (the "Cash Flow Model"") to investors, either directly or indirectly through one or more entities which provide such Cash Flow Models, which precisely represents the contractual relationship between the Loans and the payments flowing between the Seller, investors in the Notes, other third parties and the Issuer. The Cash Flow Model shall be made available (i) prior to pricing of the Notes to potential investors, and (ii) on an ongoing basis and to investors in the Notes and to potential investors in the Notes upon request on Moody's Analytics website at https://boeportal.co.uk/GlobalPortal/Account/login.aspx.

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## Liability cashflow model (Article 22(3))

- 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.
- 77. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be clarified:
- (a) interpretation of the term 'precise' representation of the contractual relationships;
- (b) implications when the model is provided by third parties.

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

## 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.



#### Article 22 - Requirements relating to transparency

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.

#### STS criteria

70. And shall, after pricing, make that model available to investors on an ongoing basis and to potential investors upon request.

Verified? Yes

## **PCS Comment**

#### See point 69 above.

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 Originator 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.

However, PCS will nevertheless look to see if there is a covenant on the part of the originator to comply in the future with this requirement whilst noting, at the same time, that the absence of any such covenant – although possibly unsettling for some investors - would not invalidate the STS status of the transaction at closing.

## PCS notes the existence of such covenant in the Prospectus.

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## Liability cashflow model (Article 22(3))

- 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.
- 77. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be clarified:
- (a) interpretation of the term 'precise' representation of the contractual relationships;
- (b) implications when the model is provided by third parties.

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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.



## Article 22 - Requirements relating to transparency

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).

#### STS criteria

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).

Verified? Yes

## **PCS Comment**

See Prospectus, CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE MARKET, Environmental Performance

As at the Cut-Off Date, the administrative records of CCFS do not contain any information related to the environmental performance of the property securing the Loans.

If CCFS does collect such information related to any of the Loans in the Portfolio it will procure that such information is made available in accordance with Article 7(1)(a) of the Securitisation Regulation.

This environmental impact criterion only applies to mortgages and car loan securitisations. The EBA Guidelines though make it clear that an originator is only required to disclose information that is in its possession and captured in its internal data base or IT systems. PCS notes the statement made in the prospectus by the originator that it does not possess such information in its internal data base or IT systems.

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## Environmental performance of assets (Article 22(4))

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.

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## **Environmental performance of assets (Article 22(4))**

#### Available information related to the environmental performance

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.



# Article 22 - Requirements relating to transparency

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

72. The originator and the sponsor shall be responsible for compliance with Article 7 of this Regulation.

Verified? Yes

#### PCS Comment

See Prospectus, PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO THE NOTEHOLDERS AND CERTIFICATEHOLDERS.

For the purposes of Article 7(2) of the Securitisation Regulation, CCFS is responsible for compliance with the requirements of Article 7 and will either fulfil such requirements itself or shall procure that such requirements are complied with on its behalf.

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## Compliance with transparency requirements

- 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.



Article 22 - Requirements relating to transparency

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 Prospectus, CERTAIN REGULATORY DISCLOSURES

CCFS confirms that it has made available, prior to pricing, information required by Article 7(1)(a) of the Securitisation Regulation to the extent such information has been requested by a potential investor.

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Article 22 - Requirements relating to transparency

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

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.

Verified? Yes

PCS Comment

See Prospectus, GENERAL INFORMATION, 13.

13. Information required to be made available prior to pricing to potential investors in the Notes pursuant to Article 7 of the Securitisation Regulation, including for the purposes of Article 22(5) of the Securitisation Regulation, was made available by means of the website of European DataWarehouse at <a href="https://editor.eurodw.eu/home">https://editor.eurodw.eu/home</a>

See Prospectus, GENERAL INFORMATION, 14.

14. CCFS has procured that on or about the date of this Prospectus an STS Notification shall be submitted to ESMA, in accordance with Article 27 of the Securitisation Regulation, and to the FCA, confirming that the STS Requirements have been satisfied with respect to the Notes. It is expected that the STS Notification will be available on the website of European DataWarehouse at https://editor.eurodw.eu/home. For the avoidance of doubt, this website and the contents thereof do not form part of this Prospectus. A draft version of the STS notification was made available prior to pricing to potential investors in the Notes by way of the website of European DataWarehouse at https://editor.eurodw.eu/home.

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The final documentation shall be made available to investors at the latest 15 days after closing of the transaction.

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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 Prospectus, SUMMARY OF THE KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, Servicing Agreement, Securitisation Regulation Reporting

The Servicer, on behalf of the Issuer and CCFS as originator, will:

- (a) publish the Quarterly Report;
- (b) prepare and publish (simultaneously with the report referred to in paragraph (a) above) on a quarterly basis certain loan-by-loan information in relation to the Portfolio in respect of the relevant Collection Period as required by and in accordance with Article 7(1)(a) of the Securitisation Regulation (the "Loan Level Information");
- (c) publish without delay the SR Inside Information and Significant Event Report; and
- (d) within 15 days of the issuance of the Notes, make available via the website of European DataWarehouse at <a href="https://editor.eurodw.eu/home">https://editor.eurodw.eu/home</a> copies of the Transaction Documents and this Prospectus.

Such reports and information shall be published by means of a securitisation repository or (where no securitisation repository is registered in accordance with Article 10 of the Securitisation Regulation) on the website of European DataWarehouse at <a href="https://editor.eurodw.eu/home">https://editor.eurodw.eu/home</a>, being a website which conforms with the requirements set out in Article 7(2) of the Securitisation Regulation and each such report shall be made available no later than one month following the Interest Payment Date following the Calculation Period to which it relates. For the avoidance of doubt, this website and the contents thereof do not form part of this Prospectus. To the extent any technical standards prepared under the Securitisation Regulation come into effect after the date of this Prospectus and require such reports to be published in a different manner or on a different website, CCFS shall comply or shall procure compliance with the requirements of such technical standards when such reports are published. The Servicer will make the information referred to in this section available to the holders of any of the Notes, relevant competent authorities and to potential investors in the Notes.

This criterion speaks to document disclosure within 15 days of closing and therefore is a future event criterion. In other words, it cannot be either met or failed at the outset of the transaction. But if it is not met within the specified 15-day period, then the Originator 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. However, PCS will nevertheless look to see if there is a covenant on the part of the originator to comply in the future with this requirement whilst noting at the same time that the absence of any such covenant – although possibly unsettling for some investors – would not invalidate the STS status of the transaction at closing.

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## Article 22 - Requirements relating to transparency

- 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:
- (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;

#### STS criteria

- 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:
- (a) information on the underlying exposures on a quarterly basis,

Verified? Yes

## **PCS Comment**

See (b) in point 75, above.

See also Prospectus, CREDIT STRUCTURE, Provision of Information to the Noteholders and Certificateholders:

For so long as the Notes are outstanding, the Servicer on behalf of the Issuer and CCFS will:

- (a) publish the Investor Report and, following the relevant technical standards being prepared under the Securitisation Regulation coming into effect, the SR Investor Report on the European DataWarehouse website at https://editor.eurodw.eu/home; and
- (b) prepare and publish on a monthly basis certain loan-by-loan information in relation to the Portfolio in respect of the relevant Collection Period as required by and in accordance with Article 7(1)(a) of the Securitisation Regulation (the "Loan Level Information"), simultaneously (to the extent required under Article 7(1) of the Securitisation Regulation) with the Investor Report or SR Investor Report, as applicable on the European DataWarehouse website at https://editor.eurodw.eu/home; and
- (c) publish without delay the SR Inside Information and Significant Event Report on the European DataWarehouse website at https://editor.eurodw.eu/home; and
- (d) within 15 days of the issuance of the Notes, make available via the website of European DataWarehouse at https://editor.eurodw.eu/home copies of the Transaction Documents and this Prospectus.

The Servicer will make such information available to the holders of any of the Notes, relevant competent authorities and to potential investors in the Notes.

All the criteria from 76 onwards are future event criteria, as to which we refer you to PCS' comment under Criterion 75 above.

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Article 22 - Requirements relating to transparency

- 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:
- (b) all underlying documentation that is essential for the understanding of the transaction, including but not limited to, where applicable, the following documents:
  - (i) the final offering document or the prospectus together with the closing transaction documents, excluding legal opinions;

## STS criteria

- 77. All underlying documentation that is essential for the understanding of the transaction, including but not limited to, where applicable, the following documents:
- (i) the final offering document or the prospectus together with the closing transaction documents, excluding legal opinions;

Verified? Yes

## PCS Comment

See (d) in point 75, above.

All the criteria from 76 onwards are future event criteria, as to which we refer you to PCS' comment under Criterion 75 above.

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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 75 above

See also Prospectus, MASTER DEFINITION AND CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE (MICS), definition of "Transaction Documents"

Transaction Documents means the Servicing Agreement, the Agency Agreement, the Bank Account Agreement, the Non DD Collection Account Declaration of Trust, the Non DD Collection Account Agreement, the Deed Poll, the Deed of Charge, each Scottish Supplemental Charge, the Swap Agreement, the Share Trust Deed, the Issuer Power of Attorney, this Master Definitions and Construction Schedule, the Mortgage Sale Agreement, each Scottish Declaration of Trust, the Legal Title Holder Power of Attorney, the Cross-collateral Mortgage Rights Deed, the Cross-collateral Mortgage Rights Deed Accession Deed, the Trust Deed and such other related documents which are referred to in the terms of the above documents or which relate to the issue of the Notes and/or the Residual Certificates;

All the criteria from 76 onwards are future event criteria, as to which we refer you to PCS' comment under Criterion 75 above.

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(iv) the servicing, back-up servicing, administration and cash management agreements;	
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80. The servicing, back-up servicing, administration and cash management agreements;	
Verified?	Yes
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See 75 and 78 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 75 and 78 above.

All the criteria from 76 onwards are future event criteria, as to which we refer you to PCS' comment under Criterion 75 above.

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That underlying documentation shall include a detailed description of the priority of payments of the securitisation;

STS criteria

83. That underlying documentation shall include a detailed description of the priority of payments of the securitisation;

Verified? Yes

PCS Comment

See Prospectus, CASH FLOWS

Pre-Enforcement Revenue Priority of Payments, Pre Enforcement Redemption Priority of Payments, Post Enforcement Priority of Payments

See also Cash Management Agreement, SCHEDULE 2, 9. and 10. for Pre-Enforcement Priorities of Payment

See also Deed of Charge, 7. PAYMENTS OUT OF THE ISSUER ACCOUNTS UPON ENFORCEMENT for the Post-Enforcement Priorities of Payment.

All the criteria from 76 onwards are future event criteria, as to which we refer you to PCS' comment under Criterion 75 above.

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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?

PCS Comment

Not applicable.

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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 Prospectus, CREDIT STRUCTURE, Provision of Information to the Noteholders and Certificateholders:

For so long as the Notes are outstanding, the Servicer on behalf of the Issuer and CCFS will:

- (a) publish the Investor Report and, following the relevant technical standards being prepared under the Securitisation Regulation coming into effect, the SR Investor Report on the European DataWarehouse website at https://editor.eurodw.eu/home; and
- (b) prepare and publish on a monthly basis certain loan-by-loan information in relation to the Portfolio in respect of the relevant Collection Period as required by and in accordance with Article 7(1)(a) of the Securitisation Regulation (the "Loan Level Information"), simultaneously (to the extent required under Article 7(1) of the Securitisation Regulation) with the Investor Report or SR Investor Report, as applicable on the European DataWarehouse website at https://editor.eurodw.eu/home; and
- (c) publish without delay the SR Inside Information and Significant Event Report on the European DataWarehouse website at https://editor.eurodw.eu/home; and
- (d) within 15 days of the issuance of the Notes, make available via the website of European DataWarehouse at https://editor.eurodw.eu/home copies of the Transaction Documents and this Prospectus.

The Servicer will make such information available to the holders of any of the Notes, relevant competent authorities and to potential investors in the Notes. See Prospectus, SUMMARY OF THE KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, Servicing Agreement, Securitisation Regulation Reporting

The Servicer, on behalf of the Issuer and CCFS, will:

- (a) publish the Investor Report and, following the relevant technical standards being prepared under the Securitisation Regulation coming into effect, the SR Investor Report on the European DataWarehouse website at https://editor.eurodw.eu/home;
- (b) prepare and publish (simultaneously with the reports referred to in paragraph (a) above) on a monthly basis certain loan-by-loan information in relation to the Portfolio in respect of the relevant Collection Period as required by and in accordance with Article 7(1)(a) of the Securitisation Regulation (the "Loan Level Information") on the European DataWarehouse website at https://editor.eurodw.eu/home:
- (c) publish without delay the SR Inside Information and Significant Event Report on the European DataWarehouse website at https://editor.eurodw.eu/home; and
- (a) within 15 days of the issuance of the Notes, make available via the website of European DataWarehouse at https://editor.eurodw.eu/home copies of the Transaction Documents and this Prospectus. Such reports and information shall be published by means of a securitisation repository or (where no securitisation repository is registered in accordance with Article 10 of the Securitisation Regulation) on the website of European DataWarehouse at https://editor.eurodw.eu/home, being a website which conforms with the requirements set out in Article 7(2) of the Securitisation Regulation and each such report shall be made available no later than one month following the Interest Payment Date following the Calculation Period to which it relates. For the avoidance of doubt, this website and the contents thereof do not form part of this Prospectus. To the extent any technical standards prepared under the Securitisation Regulation come into effect after the date of this Prospectus and require such reports to be published in a different manner or on a different website, CCFS shall comply or shall procure compliance with the requirements of such technical standards when such reports are published. The Servicer will make the information referred to in this section available to the holders of any of the Notes, relevant competent authorities and to potential investors in the Notes.



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	(i) all materially relevant data on the credit quality and performance of underlying exposures;				
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(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

91. Information on events which trigger changes in the priority of payments or the replacement of any counterparties,

Verified? Yes

# **PCS Comment**

See 90 (a), above.

See also Prospectus, CASH FLOWS, Disclosure of modifications to the Priority of Payments

Any events which trigger changes in the Priorities of Payment and any change in the Priorities of Payments which will materially adversely affect the repayment of the Notes shall be disclosed without undue delay to the extent required under Article 21(9) of the Securitisation Regulation.

All the criteria from 76 onwards are future event criteria, as to which we refer you to PCS' comment under Criterion 75 above.

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(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 Prospectus, TRANSCATION OVERVIEW, Portfolio and Servicing

CCFS as Originator shall make available or procure on demand, from the Closing Date until the date the last Note is redeemed in full, a liability cashflow model (the Cash Flow Model) to investors, either directly or indirectly through one or more entities which provide such Cash Flow Models, which precisely represents the contractual relationship between the Loans and the payments flowing between the Seller, investors in the Notes, other third parties and the Issuer. The Cash Flow Model shall be made available (i) prior to pricing of the Notes to potential investors, and (ii) on an ongoing basis and to investors in the Notes and to potential investors in the Notes upon request on Moody's Analytics website at https://boeportal.co.uk/GlobalPortal/Account/login.aspx.

Each Investor Report, SR Investor Report, Loan Level Information and SR Inside Information and Significant Event Report will be published by means of a securitisation repository or (where no securitisation repository is registered in accordance with Article 10 of the Securitisation Regulation) by means of the website of European DataWarehouse at <a href="https://editor.eurodw.eu/home">https://editor.eurodw.eu/home</a>, being a website which conforms to the requirements set out in Article 7(2) of the Securitisation Regulation, or any other website which may be notified by the Issuer from time to time provided that such replacement or additional website conforms to the requirements set out in Article 7(2) of the Securitisation Regulation and the Cash Flow Model will be published through the Moody's Analytics website at <a href="https://sfportal.com">https://sfportal.com</a>. None of the reports or the website or the contents thereof form part of this Prospectus.

All the criteria from 76 onwards are future event criteria, as to which we refer you to PCS' comment under Criterion 75 above.

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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.

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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 Prospectus, CERTAIN REGULATORY DISCLOSURES

CCFS has provided a corresponding undertaking with respect to: (i) the provision of such investor information and compliance with the requirements of Article 7(1)(e)(iii) of the Securitisation Regulation by confirming the risk retention of CCFS as contemplated by Article 6(1) of the Securitisation Regulation as specified in the paragraph above; and (ii) the interest to be retained by CCFS as specified in the introductory paragraph above.

All the criteria from 76 onwards are future event criteria, as to which we refer you to PCS' comment under Criterion 75 above.

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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;

## STS criteria

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Verified? Yes

# **PCS Comment**

See 90 (c), above.

All the criteria from 76 onwards are future event criteria, as to which we refer you to PCS' comment under Criterion 75 above.

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(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;

## STS criteria

95. (g) where point (f) does not apply, any significant event such as:

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Verified? Yes

# **PCS Comment**

See 90 (c), above.

See also Prospectus, SUMMARY OF THE KEY TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, Cash Management Agreement, Securitisation Regulation Reporting

The Cash Manager, on behalf of the Issuer and CCFS as originator will:

(b) prepare any information required to be reported pursuant to Article 7(1)(f) or 7(1)(g) (as applicable) of the Securitisation Regulation without delay (upon the instructions of the Issuer (or the Servicer on its behalf)) and deliver such information to the Servicer (the "SR Inside Information and Significant Event Report"). Such information will also be delivered to the Note Trustee in PDF form by electronic mail by the Cash Manager and be made available by CCFS, on request, to potential holders of the Notes;

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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 90(b) above.

All the criteria from 76 onwards are future event criteria, as to which we refer you to PCS' comment under Criterion 75 above.

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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

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.

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.

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.

STS criteria

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

Verified?

PCS Comment

See 95 (b) above.

All the criteria from 76 onwards are future event criteria, as to which we refer you to PCS' comment under Criterion 75 above.

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### Article 22 - Requirements relating to transparency

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.

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.

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:

- (a) includes a well-functioning data quality control system:
- (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:
- (c) is subject to appropriate systems, controls and procedures that identify all relevant sources of operational risk;
- (d) includes systems that ensure the protection and integrity of the information received and the promot recording of the information; and
- (e) makes it possible to keep record of the information for at least five years after the maturity date of the securitisation.

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- 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:
- (a) includes a well-functioning data quality control system:
- (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;
- (c) is subject to appropriate systems, controls and procedures that identify all relevant sources of operational risk;
- (d) includes systems that ensure the protection and integrity of the information received and the prompt recording of the information; and
- (e) makes it possible to keep record of the information for at least five years after the maturity date of the securitisation

Verified? Yes

## PCS Comment

See Prospectus, TRANSACTION OVERVIEW - SUMMARY OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES

Provision of Information to the Noteholders and Certificateholders

Each Investor Report, SR Investor Report, Loan Level Information and SR Inside Information and Significant Event Report will be published by the Servicer by means of a securitisation repository or (where no securitisation repository is registered in accordance with Article 10 of the Securitisation Regulation) by means of the website of European DataWarehouse at https://editor.eurodw.eu/home. being a website which conforms to the requirements set out in Article 7(2) of the Securitisation Regulation, or any other website which may be notified by the Issuer from time to time provided that such replacement or additional website conforms to the requirements set out in Article 7(2) of the Securitisation Regulation and the Cash Flow Model will be published through the Moody's Analytics website at https://sfportal.com.

All the criteria from 76 onwards are future event criteria, as to which we refer you to PCS' comment under Criterion 75 above.

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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.

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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 Prospectus, CERTAIN REGULATORY DISCLOSURES

For the purposes of Article 7(2) of the Securitisation Regulation, CCFS, being the entity responsible for reporting the information will either fulfil such requirements itself or shall procure that such requirements are complied with on its behalf, provided that CCFS will not be in breach of such undertaking if CCFS fails to so comply due to events, actions or circumstances beyond CCFS' control. CCFS will be responsible for compliance with Article 7 of the Securitisation Regulation for the purposes of Article 22(5) of the Securitisation Regulation. *The securitisation repository is the European DataWarehouse, which is quoted in the Prospectus, see also 102, above.* 

All the criteria from 76 onwards are future event criteria, as to which we refer you to PCS' comment under Criterion 75 above.

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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.

"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.