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PRIME COLLATERALISED SECURITIES (PCS) EU SAS

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Individual(s) undertaking the assessment	Mark Lewis
Date of Verification	21 October 2021
The transaction to be verified (the “Transaction”)	RMBS PRADO IX
Issuer	Fondo de Titulización RMBS PRADO IX
Originator	UNIÓN DE CRÉDITOS INMOBILIARIOS, S.A., ESTABLECIMIENTO FINANCIERO DE CRÉDITO
Lead Manager(s)	BNP Paribas and Banco Santander
Transaction Legal Counsel	CUATRECASAS, GONÇALVES PEREIRA S.L.P.
Rating Agencies	DBRS, Fitch, Scope
Stock Exchange	AIAF Fixed-Income Market (AIAF Mercado de Renta Fija).
Closing Date	21 October 2021

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 of contents on the next page together with a reference to the respective article contents. To examine a specific article from the list below, please click on the article description to be taken directly to the relevant section of the checklist.

Within the checklist, the relevant legislative text is set out in blue introductory boxes with specific criteria for our verification listed underneath. For the full legislative text please refer back to the blue boxes.

The checklist contains links to relevant EBA guidelines set out in the back of this document.

Article	Summary of article contents	Checklist Points	
Article 20 – Simplicity			
20(1)	True sale	1, 2	✓
20(2)	Severe clawback (part a)	2a	✓
20(3)	Severe clawback (part b)	2b	✓
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, active portfolio management, and exposure transferred after closing	6 - 8	✓
20(8)	Homogeneity, enforceability, full recourse, periodic payment streams, no transferable securities	9 - 14	✓
20(9)	No securitisation positions	15	✓
20(10)	Origination, underwriting standards, unverified residential loans, assessment of creditworthiness, originator expertise	16 - 21	✓
20(11)	No undue delay after selection, no exposures in default or 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 and disclosure, no further derivatives and 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 acceleration notice: no cash trap, sequential amortisation, no reversal, 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)	Duties, responsibilities, and replacement of transaction parties	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 22 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, information disclosure before pricing and 15 days after closing	72 - 75	✓
7(1)	Transparency requirements: underlying loan data, documentation, priority of payments, transaction summary, STS notification, investor report, inside information, significant event report, simultaneous, without delay	76 - 101	✓
7(2)	Transparency requirements: securitisation repository, designation of responsible entity,	102, 103	✓

1	Legislative text – Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity	GO TO TABLE OF CONTENTS
	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.	
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	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>See Prospectus, SECURITIES NOTE FOR WHOLESALE NON-EQUITY SECURITIES (Annex 15 of the Prospectus Delegated Regulation)</p> <p>3. ESSENTIAL INFORMATION</p> <p>3.1.2 Unión de Créditos Inmobiliarios, S.A., Establecimiento Financiero de Crédito (“UCI” or the “Seller”) participates as:</p> <p>The Seller will assign to the Fund the title of the underlying Receivables by means of the assignment the MTCs and will be in charge of the management and administration of the underlying Receivables. Such assignment of the title to the Fund of the underlying Receivables shall not be subject to severe claw-back provisions in the event of the Seller's insolvency.</p> <p>3.3.2.6. Insolvency of the Seller</p> <p>The Seller may be declared insolvent and insolvency of the Seller could affect its contractual relationship with the Fund, in accordance with the provisions of the Insolvency Law.</p> <p>The assignment of the Receivables cannot be the subject of claw-back other than by an action brought by the Seller's receivers, in accordance with the provisions of the Insolvency Law and after proving the existence of fraud in the transaction, as set forth in article 16.4 of Law 5/2015. The Seller has its place of business office in Spain. Therefore, and unless proof in the contrary, it is presumed that the centre of main interests is Spain.</p> <p>In the event that the Seller is declared insolvent, in accordance with the Insolvency Law, the Fund, represented by the Management Company, shall have the right of separation with respect to the Receivables, on the terms provided in articles 80 and 81 of the Insolvency Law; consequently, the Fund shall be entitled to obtain from the insolvent Seller the resulting Receivables amounts from the date on which the insolvency is decreed, being those amounts considered Fund's property and must therefore be transferred to the Fund, represented by the Management Company.</p> <p>This right of separation would not necessarily extend to the cash received and kept by the insolvent Seller on behalf of the Fund before that date, given the essential fungible nature of money.</p> <p>Notwithstanding the above, both the Prospectus and the Deed of Incorporation provide for certain mechanism in order to mitigate the aforesaid effects in relation to cash due to its fungible nature as detailed in section 3.4.2.1 of the Additional Information.</p> <p><i>“True sale” is not a legal concept but a rating agency creation.</i></p> <p><i>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”.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p>	

	<p>All European jurisdictions, to PCS' knowledge, have rules allowing for clawbacks. Clawbacks are usually rules to avoid a company heading towards insolvency from "defrauding" its existing creditors either by selling assets at very low prices (to friends and relations) or unfairly preferring certain creditors over others.</p> <p>The Regulation (20.1) therefore does not require STS "true sales" to be 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.</p> <p>The Regulation (20.3) also explicitly excludes from the definition of "severe clawback" the traditional European basis for such devices which all come under the general category of "preferences".</p> <p>PCS further notes that the examples (20.2 and 20.3) refer to the insolvency law of a jurisdiction and therefore believes that clawback risk is to be assessed on a jurisdictional basis rather than on a transactional basis.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Based on the above considerations, PCS believes that transfers from jurisdiction meeting the following criteria – absent any other indications – shall not fall within the definition of "severe clawback":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>Since "severe clawback" is a jurisdictional concept, in analysing this issue PCS will therefore first seek to determine the Originator's jurisdiction for the purposes of insolvency law. This would be its centre of main interest ("COMI") or its "home member state".</p> <p>The second step would be to determine whether the relevant COMI and/or "home member state" contains severe claw back provisions in its insolvency legislation.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>In the case of the Transaction, however, the Originator, Unión de Créditos Inmobiliarios, S.A. Establecimiento Financiero de Crédito is a Spanish credit institution, and its "home member state" is the Kingdom of Spain. As stated in the Prospectus, the COMI is also the Kingdom of Spain. In this Transaction, Legal Opinions of Spanish law have been provided, and sufficient comfort is reached that the transfer would not be subject to a "severe clawback". Further, the legal opinion of Spanish law from CUATRECASAS, GONÇALVES PEREIRA S.L.P. confirms that the assignment of the Mortgage constitutes a valid and enforceable true sale of receivables made by the Originator to the Issuer and it is not capable of being declared void or re-characterised from a legal viewpoint, and neither any insolvency official, nor the Borrower or any other creditor of the Originator, namely if in the context of its insolvency, is able to set aside such transfer unless it can provide evidence as to the fact that the assignment was made in bad faith.</p>										
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	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		SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	Verified?	Yes	
	PCS Comment		
Neither provision applies. Legal opinions opine suitably.			

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	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		SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	Verified?	Yes	
	PCS Comment		
	See comment to point 1 above. The Kingdom of Spain does not have severe clawback provisions.		

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	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	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	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	
	2.2.8. Representations and collateral given to the issuer relating to the assets	
	2.2.8.2. In relation to the Mortgage Loans and the Receivables assigned to the Fund:	
	(y) The Mortgage Loans were originated in the ordinary course of business of the Seller, pursuant to underwriting standards in respect of the acceptance of Mortgages Loans that are no less stringent than those that the Seller applied at the time of origination to similar receivables that are not securitised.	

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	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	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	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	
	Not applicable.	
	See 3.3.1. Formalization of the assignment of the Receivables	
	3.3.1.1. Assignment of the Receivables.	
	The assignment of the Receivables represented by the MTCs by the Seller will be made e after selection without undue delay in the Deed of Incorporation by means of the issue by the Seller of the MTCs and the subscription/acquisition by the Fund and will be effective from the Date of Incorporation.	

The Borrowers will not be notified of the assignment of the Mortgage Loans to the Fund by the Seller except if required under the applicable laws.

Notwithstanding the above, in the event of insolvency proceedings, or indications of insolvency, or if the Management Company considers it to be reasonably justified, the Management Company may request the Servicer to notify the Borrowers and the guarantors and the insurance companies, of the transfer of the outstanding Mortgage Loans to the Fund, as well as the fact that the payments deriving from such Mortgage Loans will only release the debt if payment is made into the Cash Flow Account opened in the name of the Fund. However, if the Servicer has not given the notice to the Borrowers within five (5) Business Days of receipt of the request, or in the case of insolvency proceedings as regards the Servicer, the Management Company itself, either directly or through a new servicer it has designated, will notify the Borrowers and the guarantors and the insurance companies.

3.3.2.6 Insolvency of the Seller

The Seller may be declared insolvent and insolvency of the Seller could affect its contractual relationship with the Fund, in accordance with the provisions of the Insolvency Law.

The assignment of the Receivables cannot be the subject of claw-back other than by an action brought by the Seller's receivers, in accordance with the provisions of the Insolvency Law and after proving the existence of fraud in the transaction, as set forth in article 16.4 of Law 5/2015. The Seller has its place of business office in Spain. Therefore, and unless proof in the contrary, it is presumed that the centre of main interests is Spain.

In the event that the Seller is declared insolvent, in accordance with the Insolvency Law, the Fund, represented by the Management Company, shall have the right of separation with respect to the Receivables, on the terms provided in articles 239 and 240 of the Insolvency Law; consequently, the Fund shall be entitled to obtain from the insolvent Seller the resulting Receivables amounts from the date on which the insolvency is decreed, being those amounts considered Fund's property and must therefore be transferred to the Fund, represented by the Management Company.

3.3.2.7. Notification

Section 3.3.1 above provides that the Seller's assignment of the Receivables to the Fund shall not be notified to the Borrowers, except if required by law.

Notwithstanding the above, in the event of insolvency, liquidation, intervention by the Bank of Spain or substitution of the Seller, or in the event of insolvency or indications thereof, liquidation or the replacement of the Servicer, or if the Management Company considers it to be reasonably justified, the Management Company may request the Servicer to notify the Borrowers, the guarantors and the insurance companies of the assignment of the outstanding Receivables to the Fund and that the payments derived therefrom will only release the debt if payment is made into the Cash Flow Account opened in the name of the Fund. However, if the Servicer has not given the notice to the Borrowers within five (5) Business Days of receipt of the request by the Management Company, or in the case that the Servicer is in insolvency proceedings, the Management Company itself, either directly or through a new designated servicer or agent, may notify the Borrowers, the guarantors and the insurance companies.

3.7.1.13. Notices

The Management Company and the Seller have agreed to not notify the assignment of the Receivables to the relevant Borrowers except when required by law. As of the Date of Incorporation, the Seller must send the notice required by law to Borrowers in the Autonomous Community of Valencia, pursuant to Decree-Law 1/2019, of December 13, of the Consell, approving the consolidated version of the Statute of consumers and users of the Valencian Community, Andalucía, pursuant to Decree 175/2020, of 27 October, which regulates the right of information of consumer borrowers and guarantors in cases of issuance of mortgage shares or mortgage transfer certificates, as well as in cases of transfer, assignment or other legal acts that may result in the alteration of the ownership of the mortgage loans for housing, or the receivables derived therefrom. For these purposes, notice to the Borrowers is not a requirement for the validity of the issuance of the MTCs or for the validity of the assignment of the MTCs to the Fund.

However, the Seller will grant to the Management Company the broadest powers as are necessary under law so that it may, on behalf of the Fund, notify the Borrowers and the guarantors of the issuance or the assignment of the MTCs at the time it deems appropriate.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event of insolvency or indications thereof, liquidation or the replacement of the Servicer, or because the Management Company considers it to be reasonably justified, the Management Company may request the Servicer to notify the Borrowers of the transfer of the outstanding Mortgage Loans to the Fund, as well as of the fact that the payments deriving thereof will only act as a release if they are made into the Cash Flow Account opened in the name of the Fund. However, both in the case that the Servicer has not notified the Borrowers and the

guarantors within five (5) Business Days following receipt of the request, and in the case of insolvency of the Servicer, the Management Company itself, either directly or through a new servicer designated thereby, will notify the Borrowers and relevant guarantors and insurance providers.

Criterion 4 requires two steps:

- *To determine whether the transfer of the assets is by means of an unperfected assignment; and*
- *If it is, whether the transaction contains the requisite triggers.*

Notification is not required to perfect the transfer for this transaction.

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	20.6. The seller shall provide representations and warranties that, to the best of its knowledge, the underlying exposures included in the securitisation are not encumbered or otherwise in a condition that can be foreseen to adversely affect the enforceability of the true sale or assignment or transfer with the same legal effect.	
	STS criteria	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	5. The seller shall provide representations and warranties that, to the best of its knowledge, the underlying exposures included in the securitisation are not encumbered or otherwise in a condition that can be foreseen to adversely affect the enforceability of the true sale or assignment or transfer with the same legal effect.	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>2.2.8. Representations and collateral given to the issuer relating to the assets</p> <p>On the Date of Incorporation, the Seller, as the owner of the Mortgage Loans, will make the following representations and warranties to the Management Company acting on behalf of the Fund, in the Deed of Incorporation:</p> <p>2.2.8.2. In relation to the Mortgage Loans and the Receivables assigned to the Fund:</p> <p>(d)The Seller is the sole owner of the Mortgage Loans, which are free of liens and encumbrances and has no knowledge that any Borrower may raise any objections to the payment of any amount regarding the Mortgage Loans</p> <p>(j) The Mortgage Loans have not been subject to any change, amendment, modification or waiver of any kind which in any material way adversely affects the enforceability or collectability of all or a material portion of the Receivables being transferred.</p> <p>(k) As regards the Mortgage Loans, no person has a preferential right to the Fund.</p> <p>(t) The Seller is not aware of any Borrower holding any credit right against the Seller that may entitle them to exercise any set-off rights which may negatively affect the rights conferred by the MTCs.</p> <p>(v) Both the assignment of the Receivables and the issue of the MTCs, as well as any acts relating thereto, have been legally and validly performed or will be legally and validly performed based on usual market standards.</p> <p>(hh) The Mortgage Loans are secured by a first-priority real estate mortgage over the relevant properties (all of them over finished residences). Furthermore, the mortgaged properties (i) are not affected by prohibitions concerning their availability, cancellation or any other ownership limitation and (ii) are not subject to any charges, liens or encumbrances in force ranking ahead the mortgages securing the Mortgage Loans, save preferential statutory credit rights originated in the ordinary course of business.</p> <p>(oo) The Mortgage Loans are not subject to any issue of mortgage notes or mortgage transfer certificates other than the issuance of the MTCs.</p> <p>(tt) The Mortgage Loans are not subject to any contractual provisions preventing assignment of the Receivables or requiring the Borrower's consent for such assignment.</p>	

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	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	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
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	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>2.2.8. Representations and collateral given to the issuer relating to the assets</p> <p>On the Date of Incorporation, the Seller, as the owner of the Mortgage Loans, will make the following representations and warranties to the Management Company, acting on behalf of the Fund, in the Deed of Incorporation:</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p>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.</p>	
7	STS criteria	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	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	
	<p>2.3. Assets actively managed backing the issue</p> <p>The Management Company will not actively manage the assets backing the issue.</p> <p>3.3.2. Receivables assignment terms</p> <p>3.3.2.1. Scope of the assignment</p> <p>The Seller does not assume the risk of payment default of the Receivables and, therefore, does not assume any liability for the payment of any amounts under the Mortgage Loans, whether for principal, interest or any other amount due, nor does it assume liability for the effectiveness of the guarantees or security granted as security thereof, if any. Furthermore, the Seller will not in any other manner whatsoever guarantee directly or indirectly the success of the transaction, or give any security or Notes or enter into any repurchase or replacement agreements as regards the Receivables, except as described in section 2.2.9 of this Additional Information or, if applicable, a potential repurchase further to the exercise of the Optional Redemption set forth in section 4.9.4 of the Securities Note.</p>	

	<p>4.9.4. Optional Redemption</p> <p>The Seller will have the option (but not the obligation) to request the Management Company to redeem on any Payment Date occurring from the Step-Up Date (15th September 2025) (each an “Optional Redemption Date”) the Notes in whole (but not in part) at their Outstanding Principal Balance together with all accrued but unpaid interest thereon up to and including the relevant Payment Date in accordance with the Liquidation Priority of Payments set out in section 3.4.7.4 of the Additional Information (an “Optional Redemption”) and, consequently, repurchase all outstanding Receivables pooled in the Fund.</p> <p>See also 2.2.9 Substitution of the Securitised Assets</p> <p><i>Indeed, 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”.</i></p> <p>PCS has reviewed all the repurchase devices set out in the Prospectus and these are acceptable within the context of the EBA final guidelines.</p> <p>PCS also notes that there is an explicit affirmative statement in the Prospectus to the effect that no active management of the assets backing the Transaction applies.</p>
8	<p>STS criteria SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES</p>
	<p>8. Exposures transferred to the SSPE after the closing of the transaction shall meet the eligibility criteria applied to the initial underlying exposures.</p>
	<p>Verified? Yes</p>
	<p>PCS Comment</p>
	<p><i>The transaction is not revolving.</i></p> <p>2.2.9. Substitution of the securitised assets</p> <p>3.3.2.3. Prepayment</p> <p>No Receivables will be substituted in the event of full or partial prepayment of the corresponding Mortgage Loans.</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p>PCS has identified the existence of such a covenant in the Prospectus.</p>

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	<p>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.</p>	
	STS criteria	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	<p>9. The securitisation shall be backed by a pool of underlying exposures that are homogeneous in terms of asset type, taking into account the specific characteristics relating to the cash flows of the asset type including their contractual, credit risk and prepayment characteristics. A pool of underlying exposures shall only comprise one asset type.</p>	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>The MTCs are homogeneous in character according to 2.2.9</p> <p>2.2.8. Representations and collateral given to the issuer relating to the assets</p> <p>2.2.8.2. In relation to the Mortgage Loans and the Receivables assigned to the Fund:</p> <p>(b) The Mortgage Loans are homogeneous in terms of asset type, cash flow, credit risk, servicing and prepayment characteristics and contain obligation that are contractually binding and enforceable, with full recourse to borrowers, and where applicable, guarantors, within the meaning of article 20.8 of the EU Securitisation Regulation.</p> <p>(c) The Mortgage Loans comply with the homogeneity factors within the meaning of Articles 1 and 2 of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/1851 of 28 May 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to regulatory technical standards relating to the homogeneity of the underlying exposures in securitisations.</p> <p>Homogeneity factors, article 2:</p> <p>a) Ranking: 2.2.8.2</p> <p>(hh) The Mortgage Loans are secured by a first-priority real estate mortgage over the relevant properties (all of them over finished residences). Furthermore, the mortgaged properties (i) are not affected by prohibitions concerning their availability, cancellation or any other ownership limitation and (ii) are not subject to any charges, liens or encumbrances in force ranking ahead the mortgages securing the Mortgage Loans, save preferential statutory credit rights originated in the ordinary course of business.</p> <p>b) type of mortgage, 2.2.2 and 2.2.8</p> <p>c) definition of "Mortgage Loans" ("Préstamos Hipotecarios") means mortgage loans secured by first-priority property mortgages provided by the Seller to individuals to finance transactions (i) involving the acquisition of finished residences in Spain or (ii) the subrogation of individuals to the financing provided to developers for the construction of houses in Spain for sale. None of the Mortgage Loans have been granted to real estate developers or to finance renovation of houses. All Mortgage Loans are secured with finished residences.</p> <p>Homogeneity Article 1</p> <p>2.2.2. General characteristics of the Borrowers, the Receivables and the economic environment, as well as any global statistical data referred to the securitised assets</p> <p>100% of the Mortgage Loans are granted for the financing of primary residences.</p> <p>The Mortgage Loans:</p> <p>(i) are backed by first-priority mortgages over the relevant properties,</p> <p>(ii) have no grace period (neither for principal nor for interest); and</p> <p>(iii) are based on monthly instalments (principal and interest) and on the French amortisation system.</p> <p>Similar Underwriting / Origination:</p> <p>2.2.7. The method of origination or creation of assets, and for loans and credit agreements, the principal lending criteria and an indication of any loans which do not meet these criteria and any rights or obligations to make further advances</p> <p>2.2.8.2. (y) The Mortgage Loans were originated in the ordinary course of business of the Seller, pursuant to underwriting standards in respect of the acceptance of Mortgages Loans that are no less stringent than those that the Seller applied at the time of origination to similar receivables that are not securitised.</p>	

	<p>Similar Servicing:</p> <p>2.2.7.2. Collection and claims policy</p> <p>See also:</p> <p>3.7. Management, administration and representation of the Fund and of the Noteholders</p> <p>3.7.1. Servicer</p> <p>Homogeneity Factor:</p> <p>2.2.2. General characteristics of the Borrowers, the Receivables and the economic environment, as well as any global statistical data referred to the securitised assets</p> <p>The Borrowers under the Mortgage Loans are individuals who were resident in Spain at the time of execution of the relevant Mortgage Loan agreement who have been granted a Mortgage Loan for the acquisition of finished residences in Spain.</p> <p>None of the Mortgage Loans have been granted to real estate developers or to finance renovation of houses. All Mortgage Loans are secured with finished residences.</p> <p>100% of the Mortgage Loans are granted for the financing of primary residences.</p> <p><i>The definition of “homogeneity” in the Regulation is also the subject of a Regulatory Technical Standard (“RTS”). Being set out in an RTS, rather than a guideline or recommendation issued by the EBA, the definition of “homogeneity” will be legally binding on all regulatory authorities. Such RTS has been formally adopted by the European Commission on 28 May 2019.</i></p> <p><i>In interpreting the expression, PCS has based itself on the text of the Regulation, its knowledge of the intent of the legislators – including, crucially, the legislators belief that the STS Regulation was justified by the excellent performance of most “plain vanilla” European securitisations and the draft RTS adopted by the European Commission.</i></p> <p><i>Based on the above, it seems clear to PCS that the Regulation would not seek to exclude from the STS category securitisations that have performed extremely well and are universally considered “homogenous” by market participants. This does not exonerate any transaction from being analysed against this criterion but does set the background for such analysis.</i></p> <p><i>Turning, for guidance, to the RTS adopted by the European Commission, in principle, four elements require examination: (a) “similar underwriting standards”, (b) “similar servicing standards”, (c) “same asset class” and (d) “relevant risk factors”. Consumer loans are though considered sufficiently homogeneous and do not need to meet also a specific homogeneity factor.</i></p> <p><i>Following the guiding principles of the EBA, we note that “similar underwriting standards” must mean something like the same type of underwriting approach, looking at the same types of data points to calculate the same type of credit risk. It cannot mean “exactly the same underwriting criteria”, since this would make it impossible for any securitisation ever to have a “homogenous” pool.</i></p> <p><i>In the Transaction, the loans were underwritten on a similar basis, they are being serviced by the Servicers on the same platform, they are a single asset class – Residential Home Loans – and, based on the EBA’s suggested approach, the properties, on which the home loans are granted, are all located in the Kingdom of Spain.</i></p> <p><i>PCS also takes great comfort from the fact that transactions containing pools with similar characteristics have always been considered to be “homogeneous” by a wide consensus of market participants.</i></p>												
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	<p>(b) The Mortgage Loans are homogeneous in terms of asset type, cash flow, credit risk, servicing and prepayment characteristics and contain obligation that are contractually binding and enforceable, with full recourse to borrowers, and where applicable, guarantors, within the meaning of article 20.8 of the EU Securitisation Regulation</p> <p>(h) Each Mortgage Loan constitutes legal, valid, binding and enforceable contractual obligations with full recourse to the relevant Borrower and, where applicable, the guarantors and such obligations are enforceable in accordance with their respective terms.</p> <p>(pp) The Seller is not aware of the existence of any circumstance preventing the enforcement (ejecución) of the mortgages securing the Mortgage Loans.</p> <p>2.2.3 Legal nature of the assets</p> <p>The issuance of the MTCs will not act to transfer formal title to the mortgages and to any other security for the Mortgage Loans or accessory rights (including the insurances) relating to the relevant Mortgage Loans to the Fund (as holder of the MTCs). However, all rights to the proceeds of the enforcement of such mortgages and accessory rights will be transferred to the Issuer (as holder of the MTCs).</p>
11	<p>STS criteria SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES</p>
	<p>11. With full recourse to debtors and, where applicable, guarantors.</p>
	<p>Verified? Yes</p>
	<p>PCS Comment</p>
	<p>See criterion 10 above.</p>

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	20.8. 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.	
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	12. The underlying exposures shall have defined periodic payment streams, the instalments of which may differ in their amounts.	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>2.2.2. General characteristics of the Borrowers, the Receivables and the economic environment, as well as any global statistical data referred to the securitised assets</p> <p>The Mortgage Loans:</p> <p>(iii) are based on monthly instalments (principal and interest) and on the French amortisation system.</p> <p>2.2.8. Representations and collateral given to the issuer relating to the assets</p> <p>2.2.8.2. In relation to the Mortgage Loans and the Receivables assigned to the Fund:</p> <p>(cc) The Floating Mortgage Loans and the Mixed Mortgage Loans (after switching from a fixed-rate to a variable interest rate) will accrue a variable interest rate indexed to an official benchmark index (Euribor 12M and IRPH), and no maximum or minimum limit of the applicable interest rate is agreed, other than those that have the CPI limitation option.</p> <p>(dd) The option of restricting the annual increase of the instalments in the event of increases in their interest rates up to a maximum amount equal to 200.00% or 100.00% of the CPI is not available for 94.5% of the Mortgage Loans and, as of May 2024, none of the Mortgage Loans will have the option to limit instalments based on the CPI.</p> <p>See also Definitions:</p> <p>"Fixed Mortgage Loan" ("Préstamo Hipotecario a Tipo Fijo") means the Mortgage Loans with a fixed interest rate.</p> <p>"Fixed and Mixed Mortgage Loans" ("Préstamos Hipotecarios a Tipo Fijo y Mixto") means the Fixed Mortgage Loans and the Mixed Mortgage Loans in their initial fixed rate period only.</p> <p>"Floating Mortgage Loans" ("Préstamos a Tipo Variable") means the Mortgage Loans with a variable interest rate, referenced to either 12-month EURIBOR or IRPH.</p> <p>"IRPH" means the reference rate for the determination of the applicable reference interest rate of mortgage loans for a maturity period longer than three years, granted by the aggregate of credit entities in Spain.</p>	
13	STS criteria	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	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	
	<p>See criterion 12 above.</p> <p>The Mortgage loans are secured over the relevant properties... "Mortgage Loans" ("Préstamos Hipotecarios") means mortgage loans secured by first-priority property mortgages provided by the Seller to individuals to finance transactions</p>	

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	20.8. 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		SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
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	Verified?		Yes
	PCS Comment		
2.2.14. Where the assets comprise obligations that are not traded on a regulated or equivalent third country market or SME Growth Market, a description of the principal terms and conditions in relation to the obligations			
Not applicable. The Receivables do not include transferable securities, as defined in point (44) of article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU nor any securitization position, whether traded or not.			

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	20.9. The underlying exposures shall not include any securitisation position.		
	STS criteria		SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
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	Verified?	Yes	
	PCS Comment		
2.2.14. Where the assets comprise obligations that are not traded on a regulated or equivalent third country market or SME Growth Market, a description of the principal terms and conditions in relation to the obligations			
Not applicable. The Receivables do not include transferable securities, as defined in point (44) of article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU nor any securitization position, whether traded or not.			

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	20.10. The underlying exposures shall be originated in the ordinary course of the originator's or original lender's business pursuant to underwriting standards that are no less stringent than those that the originator or original lender applied at the time of origination to similar exposures that are not securitised.	
	STS criteria	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	16. The underlying exposures shall be originated in the ordinary course of the originator's or original lender's business.	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>2.2.8. Representations and collateral given to the issuer relating to the assets</p> <p>On the Date of Incorporation, the Seller, as the owner of the Mortgage Loans, will make the following representations and warranties to the Management Company, acting on behalf of the Fund, in the Deed of Incorporation</p> <p>2.2.8.2. In relation to the Mortgage Loans and the Receivables assigned to the Fund:</p> <p>(y) The Mortgage Loans were originated in the ordinary course of business of the Seller, pursuant to underwriting standards in respect of the acceptance of Mortgages Loans that are no less stringent than those that the Seller applied at the time of origination to similar receivables that are not securitised</p>	
17	STS criteria	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	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	
	<p>2.2.8. Representations and collateral given to the issuer relating to the assets</p> <p>On the Date of Incorporation, the Seller, as the owner of the Mortgage Loans, will make the following representations and warranties to the Management Company, acting on behalf of the Fund, in the Deed of Incorporation:...</p> <p>2.2.8.2. In relation to the Mortgage Loans and the Receivables assigned to the Fund:</p> <p>(y) The Mortgage Loans were originated in the ordinary course of business of the Seller, pursuant to underwriting standards in respect of the acceptance of Mortgages Loans that are no less stringent than those that the Seller applied at the time of origination to similar receivables that are not securitised.</p>	

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20.10. 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		SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
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Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>See section 2.2.7, 2.2.7.1 to 2.2.7.5 for the description of the underwriting standards.</p> <p>2.2.7.1</p> <p>UCI's acceptance basic policy for Loans originated after 2009 requires a major initial down payment from the debtor based on the lower level of entrenchment, rootedness, or usefulness of the financed asset (in terms of satisfaction of the debtor's basic needs). In addition, it adapts the need for contribution to the customer's professional partner profile.</p> <p>Furthermore, a cautious relationship is foreseen between the amount of the loan and the value of the guarantee, without taking into consideration possible revaluations of the latter. Moreover, the risks that are appreciated in the guarantees such as the type of property, its purpose or use, as well as its possible depreciation or the geographical area where it is located, are factored.</p> <p>A fundamental requirement of this policy is the evaluation of the borrower's capacity to comply in a timely manner with the financial obligations assumed, considering only the usual income of the borrower, without relying on guarantors, sureties or assets offered in guarantee.</p> <p>See section 2.2.7, last paragraph: "UCI undertakes to disclose to the Management Company, who in turn will disclose to potential investors, without delay any material change in the Origination Policy."</p>		

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20.10. 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		SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
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Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>2.2.8. Representations and collateral given to the issuer relating to the assets</p> <p>On the Date of Incorporation, the Seller, as the owner of the Mortgage Loans, will make the following representations and warranties to the Management Company, acting on behalf of the Fund, in the Deed of Incorporation:</p> <p>2.2.8.2. In relation to the Mortgage Loans and the Receivables assigned to the Fund:</p> <p>(q) None of the Mortgage Loans includes Self-Certified Mortgage Loans or Equity Release Mortgage Loans. For these purposes, (i) "Self-Certified Mortgage Loans" ("Préstamos Hipotecarios Certificados") means mortgage loans sold and underwritten on the basis that the applicants and/or intermediaries representing them were made aware before the start of the lender's assessment that income could be self-certified; and (ii) "Equity Release Mortgage Loans" ("Préstamo Hipotecario con Liberación de Capital") means residential mortgage loans where borrowers have monetised their properties for either a lump sum of cash or regular periodic income.</p>		

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	20.10. 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		SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	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		
	2.2.8. Representations and collateral given to the issuer relating to the assets 2.2.8.2. In relation to the Mortgage Loans and the Receivables assigned to the Fund: (fff) The assessment of the Borrower's creditworthiness meets the requirements as set out in article 8 of Directive 2008/48/EC.		

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	20.10. The originator or original lender shall have expertise in originating exposures of a similar nature to those securitised.		
	STS criteria		SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	21. The originator or original lender shall have expertise in originating exposures of a similar nature to those securitised.		
	Verified?		Yes
	PCS Comment		
3.5. Name, address and significant business activities of the Seller			
UCI as Seller and as Servicer has the relevant expertise as an entity in the origination and servicing of mortgage loans for over 30 years and as servicer of mortgage receivables securitisation for over 25 years.			

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	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	
	<p>2.2. Assets backing the issue</p> <p>The Fund will pool in its assets certain Receivables arising from Mortgage Loans granted by the Seller to individuals who were resident in Spain at the time of execution of the relevant Mortgage Loan agreement for (i) the acquisition of finished residences in Spain or (ii) the subrogation in the financing provided to developers for the construction of residences in Spain for sale ; or (iii) the re-mortgaging of mortgage loans from other institutions (the "Mortgage Loans").</p> <p>3.3.1. Formalization of the assignment of the Receivables, 3.3.1.1. Assignment of the Receivables.</p> <p>The assignment of the Receivables represented by the MTCs will be made after selection without undue delay in the Deed of Incorporation by means of the issue by the Seller of the MTCs and the subscription/acquisition by the Fund, which will be effective from the Date of Incorporation.</p> <p>2.2.5 Amount of the Receivables</p> <p>The selected Mortgage Loan portfolio, from which the Receivables represented by the MTCs to be assigned to the Fund on the Date of Incorporation will be extracted, is made up of 3537 Mortgage Loans, the Outstanding Balance of which amounts to € 492,558,751.47 as of 20 September 2021. Receivables arising from MTCs representing the economic rights in Mortgage Loans with amounts in arrears will not be assigned to the Fund.</p> <p>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.</p>	
23	STS criteria	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	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	
	<p>2.2.8. Representations and collateral given to the issuer relating to the assets</p> <p>On the Date of Incorporation, the Seller, as the owner of the Mortgage Loans, will make the following representations and warranties to the Management Company, acting on behalf of the Fund, in the Deed of Incorporation:</p> <p>2.2.8.2. In relation to the Mortgage Loans and the Receivables assigned to the Fund:</p> <p>(vv) None of the Receivables qualifies as exposures in default within the meaning of article 178, paragraph 1, of Regulation (EU) no. 575/2013 pursuant to article 20(11) of the EU Securitisation Regulation;</p>	

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	<p>20.11. The underlying exposures shall be transferred to the SSPE after selection without undue delay and shall not include, at the time of selection, exposures in default within the meaning of Article 178(1) of Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 or exposures to a credit-impaired debtor or guarantor, who, to the best of the originator's or original lender's knowledge:</p> <p>(a) has been declared insolvent or had a court grant his creditors a final non-appealable right of enforcement or material damages as a result of a missed payment within three years prior to the date of origination or has undergone a debt-restructuring process with regard to his non-performing exposures within three years prior to the date of transfer or assignment of the underlying exposures to the SSPE, except if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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; <p>(b) was, at the time of origination, where applicable, on a public credit registry of persons with adverse credit history or, where there is no such public credit registry, another credit registry that is available to the originator or original lender; or</p> <p>(c) has a credit assessment or a credit score indicating that the risk of contractually agreed payments not be made is significantly higher than for comparable exposures held by the originator which are not securitised.</p>	
	STS criteria	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	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	
	<p>2.2.8. Representations and collateral given to the issuer relating to the assets</p> <p>On the Date of Incorporation, the Seller, as the owner of the Mortgage Loans, will make the following representations and warranties to the Management Company, acting on behalf of the Fund, in the Deed of Incorporation</p> <p>2.2.8.2. In relation to the Mortgage Loans and the Receivables assigned to the Fund:</p> <p>(xx) for the purposes of article 20(11) of the EU Securitisation Regulation, none of the Borrowers or the guarantors under the Mortgage Loans is a credit-impaired Debtor, who, to the best of the Seller's knowledge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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 3 (three) years prior to the date of origination or has undergone a debt-restructuring process with regard to his non-performing exposures; or (ii) was, at the time of origination, where applicable, on a public credit registry of persons with adverse credit history; or (iii) has a credit assessment or a credit score indicating that the risk of contractually agreed payments not being made is significantly higher than the ones of comparable exposures held by the relevant Seller which have not been assigned to the Fund under the Transaction. <p>See also</p> <p>(ss) No Receivable has had a Restructuring after 31 August 2017</p> <p><i>The note below applies to points from 24 to 30.</i></p> <p><i>Although the text of the STS Regulation is quite vague, the EBA guidelines on defining "credit impaired" debtors are very helpful.</i></p> <p><i>For PCS, the key points of the EBA guidelines on this issue are:</i></p> <p>a. <i>First that the three listed conditions of credit impaired status (set out in article 20.11 (a) to (c) of the Regulation) amount to a full definition of what it means to be "credit impaired". So that it is not necessary to reflect at what the term "credit impaired" could mean above and beyond those three items.</i></p>	

	<p>b. Secondly, in relation to entries in a credit registry, the EBA is very clear that the criterion should not be interpreted as excluding debtors with any entry on a credit registry. Providing further guidance, the example given in the EBA Guidelines of a credit registry entry that would not be indicative of a “credit impaired” debtor is the example of a failure to pay that can “reasonably be ignored” for the purposes of credit assessment.</p> <p>Therefore, the criterion, to be met, does not require the elimination from the pool of all debtors with any negative entry in a credit registry but only those whose entries it would not be reasonable to ignore for the purposes of credit assessments.</p> <p>Absent any further clarification from the EBA or a national competent authority regarding what it is reasonable to ignore, a judgement would still be necessary in cases where the originator does include in the pool some debtors with some negative entries in a credit registry.</p> <p>In making this judgement, PCS takes comfort from the intent of the legislators – including, crucially, the legislators’ belief that the STS Regulation was justified by the excellent performance of most “plain vanilla” European securitisation. It is clear to PCS that the “credit impaired” prohibition is driven by the desire of legislators to exclude from the STS category deals generally coming under the definition of “sub-prime”. Therefore, it is unreasonable to refuse STS status to a transaction considered by universal consensus to be a “prime/plain vanilla” transaction with no “sub-prime” aspects. Indeed, this approach seems to be the rationale behind the EBA Guidelines on this matter.</p> <p>To determine whether this requirement is met, PCS has discussed this matter with the Seller and uses its knowledge of the market and market stakeholders as well as the explicit statements made in the prospectus and transaction documentation.</p> <p>c. Thirdly, the EBA Guidelines on guaranteed obligations make it clear that the criterion is met so long as either the debtor or the guarantor are not “credit impaired”.</p>	
25	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 criterion 24 above.	
26	STS criteria	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	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 criterion 24 above.	
27	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	
	Not applicable, see criterion 24 above.	

28	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	
	Not applicable, see criterion 24 above.	
29	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 criterion 24 above.	
30	STS criteria	
	30. (c) has a credit assessment or 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.	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	See criterion 24 above.	

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	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	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	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	
	<p>2.2.8. Representations and collateral given to the issuer relating to the assets</p> <p>On the Date of Incorporation, the Seller, as the owner of the Mortgage Loans, will make the following representations and warranties to the Management Company, acting on behalf of the Fund, in the Deed of Incorporation:</p> <p>(s) Each Borrower has made at least one scheduled payment under the relevant Mortgage Loan agreement.</p>	

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	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	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	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	
	<p>2.2.2. General characteristics of the Borrowers, the Receivables and the economic environment, as well as any global statistical data referred to the securitised assets</p> <p>The Mortgage Loans:</p> <p>(iii) are based on monthly instalments (principal and interest) and on the French amortisation system.</p> <p>Accordingly, none of the assets in the pool display any predominant reliance on the sale of the assets as cleared up by the EBA Guidelines specific statement.</p>	

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	21.1. The originator, sponsor or original lender shall satisfy the risk retention requirement in accordance with Article 6.	
	STS criteria	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	33.The originator, sponsor or original lender shall satisfy the risk retention requirement in accordance with Article 6.	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>3.4.3. Risk retention requirement</p> <p>3.4.3.1. EU Retention Requirement</p> <p>The Seller, as originator, will undertake in the Deed of Incorporation to retain (the “Retention”), on an ongoing basis, a material net economic interest of at least 5 (five) per cent. in the securitisation transaction described in this Prospectus in accordance with article 6(3)(d) of the EU Securitisation Regulation (by means of the retention of the Class B and the Class C Notes, as referred in section 2.2.8.1 (f) of the Additional Information) and article 8 of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 625/2014 of 13 March 2014 supplementing CRR by way of regulatory technical standards specifying the requirements for investors, sponsors, original lenders and originator institutions relating to exposures to transferred credit risk (the “Delegated Regulation 625/2014”), applicable until the new regulatory technical standards to be adopted by the Commission apply, pursuant to article 43(7) of the EU Securitisation Regulation. In addition, the Seller has undertaken that the material net economic interest held by it shall not be split amongst different types of retainers and shall not be subject to any credit-risk mitigation or hedging, in accordance with article 6(1) of the EU Securitisation Regulation.</p>	

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	21.2. The interest rate and currency risks arising from the securitisation shall be appropriately mitigated and any measures taken to that effect shall be disclosed.	
	STS criteria	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	34. The interest rate...risks arising from the securitisation shall be appropriately mitigated.	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>Table in 2.2.2.1 shows the interest rate distribution in the portfolio.</p> <p>The reference interest rate for Floating Mortgage Loans and the Mixed Mortgage Loans (after switching from a fixed-rate to a variable interest rate) representing a 76.27% of the Outstanding Balance of the Receivables is 1-year EURIBOR. The reference interest rate for Floating Mortgage Loans representing a 10.27% of the Outstanding Balance of the Receivables is IRPH.</p> <p>The 35.60% of Outstanding Balance of the Receivables linked to a floating rate is formed by (i) a 10.27% of the Outstanding Balance of the Receivables linked to IRPH, and (ii) a 25.32% of the Outstanding Balance of the Receivables linked to Euribor 12M.</p> <p>The remaining 13.46% Outstanding Balance of the Receivables are fixed rate for life.</p> <p>See also table: Distribution of the Mortgage Loans according to the interest type</p> <p>See Risk Factors, 1.1.7. Interest rate risk and hedging instruments</p> <p>3.4.2. Information on any credit enhancements, an indication of where potentially material liquidity shortfalls may occur, and the availability of any liquidity supports and indication of provisions designed to cover interest/principal shortfall risks.</p> <p>3.4.2.1 Credit enhancements</p> <p>In order to (i) strengthen the financial structure of the Fund, to increase the security or the regularity in the payments of the Notes, (ii) to cover any temporary mismatches of the schedule of flows of principal and interest on the Mortgage Loans and the Notes, or, (iii) in general, to transform the financial characteristics of the Mortgage Loans and the Notes, and to ensure the proper operation of the Fund and performance of its obligations in the terms and conditions set out in the applicable laws from time to time, the Management Company, on behalf of the Fund, will enter into the Transaction Documents described below in accordance with the Deed of Incorporation and all applicable legal provisions.</p> <p>(a) Reserve Fund</p> <p>The Reserve Fund mitigates the credit risk, interest rate risk and the liquidity or commingling risk of the Mortgage Loans.</p> <p>The Reserve Fund will be initially funded on the Disbursement Date with part of the proceeds of the Subordinated Loan, as specified in section 3.4.2.2 below.</p> <p>On the Date of Incorporation, the Reserve Fund will be equal to 2.00% of the Outstanding Balance of the Receivables.</p> <p>(b) Swap Agreement</p> <p>“According to article 21 (2) of the EU Securitisation Regulation, the Fund will only enter into a Swap Agreement to mitigate the interest rate risk that occurs due to the existence of Receivables arising from Fixed Mortgage Loans and Mixed Mortgage Loans and the Notes. The main terms and conditions of the Swap Agreement are described in section 3.4.8.1 of this Additional Information.”</p> <p>3.4.8. Details of other agreements conditioning the payment of interest and principal of Noteholders</p> <p>3.4.8.1. Swap Agreement</p> <p>PCS has reviewed the Swap Agreement and confirms that the risks are appropriately mitigated.</p>	

35	STS criteria	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	35. Currency risks arising from the securitisation shall be appropriately mitigated.	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>3.4.2.1 Credit Enhancements</p> <p>(b) Swap Agreement</p> <p>Additionally, there is no currency risk given that both the Receivables and the Notes are denominated in the same currency (€).</p> <p><i>There is no currency risk as the assets and liabilities are both denominated in Euros.</i></p>	
36	STS criteria	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	36. Any measures taken to that effect shall be disclosed.	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>See Risk Factors, 1.1.7. Interest rate risk and hedging instruments</p> <p>"[...] As explained in section 3.4.8.1 of the Additional Information, the term of the Swap Agreement will be limited until the earlier of (i) the Step-up Date (included) (given that after the Step-up Date (excluded), the EURIBOR payable to the Class A Notes will be capped) and (ii) the date on which the Class A Notes are fully redeemed, unless it is terminated early by one of the parties thereto in accordance with the terms of the Swap Agreement. After its termination, the Fund will not have an active credit enhancement to mitigate the interest rate risk.</p> <p>In addition, although the transaction benefits from the Reserve Fund and the credit enhancement provided by the Class B Notes and the Class C Notes, there is a basis risk as (i) the Notes are indexed to a 3-month EURIBOR and (ii) Floating Mortgage Loans are indexed to 12-month EURIBOR or IRPH, as applicable. This basis risk remains unhedged."</p> <p>See also Additional Information, 3.4.2.1. (b) Swap Agreement</p> <p>"According to article 21 (2) of the EU Securitisation Regulation, the Fund will only enter into a Swap Agreement to mitigate the interest rate risk that occurs due to the existence of the Fixed Mortgage Loans and Mixed Mortgage Loans Receivables and the Notes. The main terms and conditions of the SWAP Agreement are described in section 3.4.8.1 of this Additional Information."</p> <p>3.4.8. Details of other agreements conditioning the payment of interest and principal of Noteholders</p> <p>3.4.8.1. The Swap Agreement</p>	

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	<p>21.2. 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.</p> <p>Those derivatives shall be underwritten and documented according to common standards in international finance.</p>	
	STS criteria	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	<p>37. Except for the purpose of hedging currency risk or interest rate risk, the SSPE shall not enter into derivative contracts and...</p>	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>See also Additional Information, 3.4.2.1. The Swap Agreement</p> <p>According to article 21 (2) of the EU Securitisation Regulation, the Fund will only enter into a Swap Agreement to mitigate the interest rate risk that occurs due to the existence of the Fixed Mortgage Loans and Mixed Mortgage Loans Receivables and the Notes. The main terms and conditions of the Swap Agreement are described in section 3.4.8.1 of this Additional Information.</p>	
38	STS criteria	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	<p>38. ...Shall ensure that the pool of underlying exposures does not include derivatives.</p>	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>2.2.8. Representations and collateral given to the issuer relating to the assets</p> <p>On the Date of Incorporation, the Seller, as the owner of the Mortgage Loans, will make the following representations and warranties to the Management Company, acting on behalf of the Fund, in the Deed of Incorporation:</p> <p>2.2.8.2. In relation to the Mortgage Loans and the Receivables assigned to the Fund:</p> <p>(ww) None of the Receivables is a derivative, pursuant to article 21(2) of the EU Securitisation Regulation</p> <p>See also 3.4.2.1 Credit enhancements</p> <p>(b) Swap Agreement</p> <p>See 3.4.5.1. "and further provided that in no case shall such investment be made, in whole or in part, actually or potentially, in (a) tranches of other asset-backed securities; or (b) credit-linked notes, swaps or other derivative instruments, or synthetic securities;"</p> <p>The Receivables do not include derivatives.</p>	
39	STS criteria	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	<p>39. Those derivatives shall be underwritten and documented according to common standards in international finance.</p>	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>3.4.8.1. Swap Agreement, General</p> <p>On or about the Date of Incorporation, the Management Company, on behalf of the Fund, shall enter into the Swap Agreement, in the form of an International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA) 2002 Master Agreement, together with the relevant Schedule, Credit Support Annex and confirmation hereunder, with the Swap Counterparty with the ratings set out in the Swap Agreement, in order to hedge the potential interest rate exposure of the Fund in relation to its floating rate interest obligations under the Notes.</p> <p>PCS notes that the Swap Agreement has been documented according to common standards in international finance.</p>	

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	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	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	40. Any referenced interest payments under the securitisation assets and liabilities shall be based on generally used market interest rates, or generally used sectoral rates reflective of the cost of funds and shall not reference complex formulae or derivatives.	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>For Assets: see 2.2.2.1. Distribution of the Mortgage Loans according to the interest type</p> <p>The Preliminary Portfolio is comprised of fixed, mixed and variable interest rate Mortgage Loans which are revised annually or semi-annually, and with no distinguishing feature or peculiarity other than the CPI limitation option described in above section.</p> <p>See table in 2.2.2.1 showing the distribution and showing the variable rates as 12M Euribor.</p> <p>The reference interest rate for Floating Mortgage Loans and the Mixed Mortgage Loans (after switching from a fixed-rate to a variable interest rate) representing a 76.27% of the Outstanding Balance of the Receivables is 1-year EURIBOR. The reference interest rate for Floating Mortgage Loans representing a 10.27% of the Outstanding Balance of the Receivables is IRPH</p> <p>For Liabilities: see Cover Page - Euribor 3M + a margin for the Class A, B and C Notes.</p> <p>3.4.4.1. Subordinated Loan Agreement, Interest</p> <p>The Subordinated Loan will accrue a nominal annual interest, calculated each quarter for each Interest Accrual Period, which will be 2.00% per annum until (and including) the maturity date set at the Legal Maturity Date.</p>	

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	<p>21.4. Where an enforcement or an acceleration notice has been delivered:</p> <p>(a) no amount of cash shall be trapped in the SSPE beyond what is necessary to ensure the operational functioning of the SSPE or the orderly repayment of investors in accordance with the contractual terms of the securitisation, unless exceptional circumstances require that amount is trapped in order to be used, in the best interests of investors, for expenses in order to avoid the deterioration in the credit quality of the underlying exposures;</p> <p>(b) Principal receipts from the underlying exposures shall be passed to investors via sequential amortisation of the securitisation positions, as determined by the seniority of the securitisation position;</p> <p>(c) Repayment of the securitisation positions shall not be reversed with regard to their seniority; and</p> <p>(d) No provisions shall require automatic liquidation of the underlying exposures at market value.</p>	
	STS criteria	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	<p>41. Where an enforcement or an acceleration notice has been delivered:</p> <p>(a) no amount of cash shall be trapped in the SSPE beyond what is necessary to ensure the operational functioning of the SSPE or the orderly repayment of investors in accordance with the contractual terms of the securitisation, unless exceptional circumstances require that amount is trapped in order to be used, in the best interests of investors, for expenses in order to avoid the deterioration in the credit quality of the underlying exposures;</p>	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>3.4.7. Source and application of Funds</p> <p>3.4.7.4. Liquidation Priority of Payments, Source</p> <p>The Management Company will liquidate the Fund on the Legal Maturity Date or on the Early Liquidation date according to sections 4.4.3 and 4.4.4 of the Registration Document, by applying the following available funds (the “Available Funds for Liquidation”):</p> <p>(a) any Available Funds, as referred in section 3.4.7.2</p> <p>(b) any purchase price paid by the Seller in case of exercise of the Optional Redemption; and</p> <p>(c) any amounts obtained by the Fund from the sale of the MTCs and any other remaining assets.</p> <p>Application</p> <p>The Available Funds for Liquidation will be applied on the Legal Maturity Date or on the Early Liquidation date in the following priority of payment order (the “Liquidation Priority of Payments”) described below and in the Deed of Incorporation...</p> <p><i>There is no cash trapping.</i></p>	
42	STS criteria	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	<p>42. (b) Principal receipts from the underlying exposures shall be passed to investors via sequential amortisation of the securitisation positions, as determined by the seniority of the securitisation position;</p>	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	

	<p>See 3.4.2.3 Subordination of the Notes</p> <p>Class B Notes and Class C Notes are subordinated to the Class A Notes. Therefore, the payment of interest and the reimbursement of principal for Class B Notes and Class C Notes are subordinated to those for the Class A Notes.</p> <p>Class C Notes are subordinated to the Class A Notes and Class B Notes. Therefore, the payment of interest and the reimbursement of principal for Class C Notes are subordinated to those for Class A Notes and Class B Notes.</p> <p>In addition, on the Early Liquidation Date or the Legal Maturity Date, Class A Notes, Class B Notes and Class C Notes will be redeemed sequentially in accordance with the Liquidation Priority of Payments set forth in section 3.4.7.4 of the Additional Information so that (i) the Class B Notes will not be further redeemed for so long as the Class A Notes have not been redeemed in full; and (ii) subsequently, the Class C Notes will not be further redeemed for so long as the Class B Notes have not been redeemed in full.</p> <p>3.4.7. Source and application of Funds</p> <p>3.4.7.4. Liquidation Priority of Payments</p> <p>Source</p> <p>The Management Company will liquidate the Fund on the Legal Maturity Date or on the Early Liquidation date according to sections 4.4.3 and 4.4.4 of the Registration Document, by applying the following available funds (the “Available Funds for Liquidation”):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) any Available Funds, as referred in section 3.4.7.2, (b) any purchase price paid by the Seller in case of exercise of the Optional Redemption; and (c) any amounts obtained by the Fund from the sale of the MTCs and any other remaining assets <p>Application</p> <p>The Available Funds for Liquidation will be applied on the Legal Maturity Date or on the Early Liquidation date in the following priority of payment order (the “Liquidation Priority of Payments”) described below and in the Deed of Incorporation:</p> <p><i>Payments are made on a sequential basis, the class A notes are repaid first followed by the class B and class C notes.</i></p>
43	<p>STS criteria</p>
	<p>43. (c) Repayment of the securitisation positions shall not be reversed with regard to their seniority; and</p>
	<p>Verified?</p>
	<p>PCS Comment</p>
	<p>See 3.4.2.3 Subordination of the Notes</p> <p>Class B Notes and Class C Notes are subordinated to the Class A Notes. Therefore, the payment of interest and the reimbursement of principal for Class B Notes and Class C Notes are subordinated to those for the Class A Notes.</p> <p>Class C Notes are subordinated to the Class A Notes and Class B Notes. Therefore, the payment of interest and the reimbursement of principal for Class C Notes are subordinated to those for Class A Notes and Class B Notes.</p> <p>In addition, on the Early Liquidation Date or the Legal Maturity Date, Class A Notes, Class B Notes and Class C Notes will be redeemed sequentially in accordance with the Liquidation Priority of Payments set forth in section 3.4.7.4 of the Additional Information so that (i) the Class B Notes will not be further redeemed for so long as the Class A Notes have not been redeemed in full; and (ii) subsequently, the Class C Notes will not be further redeemed for so long as the Class B Notes have not been redeemed in full.</p>

	<p>3.4.7. Source and application of Funds</p> <p>3.4.7.4. Liquidation Priority of Payments, Source</p> <p>The Management Company will liquidate the Fund on the Legal Maturity Date or on the Early Liquidation date according to sections 4.4.3 and 4.4.4 of the Registration Document, by applying the following available funds (the "Available Funds for Liquidation"):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) any Available Funds, as referred in section 3.4.7.2, (b) any purchase price paid by the Seller in case of exercise of the Optional Redemption; and (c) any amounts obtained by the Fund from the sale of the MTCs and any other remaining assets <p>Application: The Available Funds for Liquidation will be applied on the Legal Maturity Date or on the Early Liquidation date in the following priority of payment order (the "Liquidation Priority of Payments") described below and in the Deed of Incorporation:</p> <p><i>There is no reversal of repayment with regard to seniority. The Class A notes rank senior to the class B and other notes accordingly, and are repaid sequentially, in case of a Turbo Amortisation event or enforcement event. In the pre-enforcement waterfall repayment is also sequential.</i></p>										
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- (iii) on the Payment Date preceding at least six (6) months in advance of the Legal Maturity Date of the Fund, or if such date is not a Business Day, the Business Day immediately thereafter;
- (iv) if the Meeting of Creditors approves the Early Liquidation of the Fund with the relevant majority; or
- (v) when it is or will become unlawful for the Fund to perform or comply with any of its obligations under or in respect of the Notes.

The Early Liquidation of the Fund in the case described in paragraph (a) (ii) above, will be effective in accordance with the provisions of section 4.9.4 of the Securities Note.

In order for the Management Company to carry out the Early Liquidation of the Fund and therefore the Early Redemption of the Notes in those cases described in paragraphs (a) (i) or (b) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) or (v) above, the Management Company shall sell the Receivables and any remaining assets of the Fund in accordance with the provisions below.

In this regard, the Seller shall have a pre-emptive right to acquire such Receivables at a price equal to the Outstanding Balance of the Non-Defaulted Receivables plus any accrued interests (for these purposes the Defaulted Receivables will be given a zero (0) value). Therefore, the Seller will have priority over third parties to acquire the Receivables. In order to exercise its pre-emptive right, the Management Company shall notify the Seller the relevant proposed terms of the sale of the Receivables (price, form of payment, etc.).

Upon receiving such notification, the Seller will have a period of five (5) Business Days to communicate to the Management Company its decision to repurchase or not the Receivables at the price mentioned above. In addition, the transfer of the Receivables to the Seller must be completed within fifteen (15) Business Days from the date on which the Seller communicates its decision to repurchase the Receivables. Under no circumstances will the Seller's pre-emptive right entails an undertaking or otherwise impose an obligation on the Seller to repurchase the Receivables.

In case that the Seller decides not to exercise its pre-emptive right, the Management Company shall request legally binding bids from at least three (3) third-party entities at its sole discretion among those active in the purchase and sale of similar assets. In order to assess the value of the Receivables, the Management Company shall be entitled to obtain any appraisal report it deems necessary from third-party entities.

The Management Company shall accept the highest binding bid received from the third-party entities, which will determine the value of the Receivables. The Seller shall be entitled, during a period of fifteen (15) Business Days to match the highest bid made by the third-party and repurchase the Receivables even if it has not initially exercised its pre-emptive right.

In relation to any other remaining assets of the Fund, the Management Company will request the Seller to sell them for a price equal to or higher than the market price. In this regard, the Management Company may obtain the valuation reports it deems necessary from one or several entities specialized in the valuation or marketing of similar assets to those whose sale is sought. The Seller will sell the relevant assets based on the procedure that allows to obtain the higher price.

Other than in case of the Clean-Up Call Event and the Optional Redemption, the Management Company shall be entitled to sell the Receivables even if the holders of any of the Classes of Notes suffer a loss.

For the above purposes, the payment obligations under the Notes on the date in which the liquidation actions take place (the "Early Liquidation Date") shall mean the Outstanding Principal Balance of the Notes on that date plus the unpaid accrued interest to that date, amounts that to all legal effects will be deemed past due and payable on the Early Liquidation Date.

The above procedure does not entitle the automatic liquidation of the underlying receivables for the purposes of Article 21.4 of the EU Securitisation Regulation. Notice of the liquidation of the Fund will be provided to the CNMV by publishing the appropriate privileged information (información privilegiada) or other material event (información relevante), as applicable, and to the Noteholders in the manner established in section 4 of the Additional Information, at least thirty (30) Business Days in advance of the date on which the Early Redemption is to take place.

PCS notes that no provisions allow for liquidation at market value.

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	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.	
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	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>See Turbo Amortisation Event</p> <p>For these purposes, “Turbo Amortisation Event” (“Evento de Amortización Acelerada de los Bonos”) means:</p> <p>(a) the Determination Date preceding any Payment Date, including the Determination Date preceding the First Payment Date, on which the Cumulative Default Ratio is equal to or higher than the following percentages:</p> <p>(1) Until the Determination Date (inclusive) immediately preceding the Payment Date falling 1 year after the Date of Incorporation: 1.00%;</p> <p>(2) Until the Determination Date (inclusive) immediately preceding the Payment Date falling 2 years after the Date of Incorporation: 2.00%;</p> <p>(3) Until the Determination Date (inclusive) immediately preceding the Payment Date falling 3 years after the Date of Incorporation: 3.00%;</p> <p>(4) Until the Determination Date (inclusive) immediately preceding the Payment Date falling 4 years after the Date of Incorporation: 4.00%;</p> <p>(5) Until Determination Date (inclusive) immediately preceding the Payment Date falling 5 years after the Date of Incorporation: 5.00%;</p> <p>The definition of Class A Target Amortisation Amount is:</p> <p>“Class A Target Amortisation Amount” (“Importe Objetivo de Amortización de los Bonos de la Clase A”) means an amount equal to the positive difference on that Payment Date between (i) the Outstanding Principal Balance of the Class A Notes, Class B Notes and Class C Notes and (ii) the aggregate of the Outstanding Balance of the Non-Defaulted Receivables on the last date of the Determination Period immediately prior to the Payment Date.</p> <p>“Class B Target Amortisation Amount” (“Importe Objetivo de Amortización de los Bonos de la Clase B”) means, once the Class A Notes have been redeemed in full, an amount equal to the positive difference on that Payment Date between (i) the Outstanding Principal Balance of the Class B Notes and Class C Notes and (ii) the aggregate of the Outstanding Balance of the Non-Defaulted Receivables on the last date of the Determination Period immediately prior to the Payment Date.</p> <p>“Class C Target Amortisation Amount” (“Importe Objetivo de Amortización de los Bonos de la Clase C”) means, once the Class A Notes and the Class B Notes have been redeemed in full, an amount equal to the positive difference on that Payment Date between (i) the Outstanding Principal Balance of the Class C Notes and (ii) the aggregate of the Outstanding Balance of the Non-Defaulted Receivables on the last date of the Determination Period immediately prior to the Payment Date.</p> <p>PCS notes that the Transaction amortises sequentially</p>	

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	<p>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:</p> <p>(a) a deterioration in the credit quality of the underlying exposures to or below a pre-determined threshold;</p> <p>(b) the occurrence of an insolvency-related event with regard to the originator or the servicer;</p> <p>(c) the value of the underlying exposures held by the SSPE falls below a pre-determined threshold (early amortisation event);</p> <p>(d) a failure to generate sufficient new underlying exposures that meet the pre-determined credit quality (trigger for termination of the revolving period).</p>	
	STS criteria	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
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	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>There is no revolving period.</p>	
47	STS criteria	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	<p>47. (a) a deterioration in the credit quality of the underlying exposures to or below a pre-determined threshold;</p>	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>There is no revolving period.</p>	
48	STS criteria	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	<p>48. (b) the occurrence of an insolvency-related event with regard to the originator or the servicer;</p>	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>There is no revolving period.</p>	
49	STS criteria	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	<p>49. (c) the value of the underlying exposures held by the SSPE falls below a pre-determined threshold (early amortisation event);</p>	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>There is no revolving period.</p>	
50	STS criteria	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	<p>50. (d) a failure to generate sufficient new underlying exposures that meet the pre-determined credit quality (trigger for termination of the revolving period).</p>	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>There is no revolving period.</p>	

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	<p>21.7. The transaction documentation shall clearly specify:</p> <p>(a) the contractual obligations, duties and responsibilities of the servicer and the trustee, if any, and other ancillary service providers;</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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.</p>	
	STS criteria	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
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	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>For Servicer - 3.7.1. Servicer</p> <p>Management Company - 3.7.2. Management Company</p> <p>Paying Agent - 3.4.8.2. Payment Agency Agreement</p>	
52	STS criteria	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	<p>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</p>	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>3.7. Management, administration and representation of the Fund and of the Noteholders</p> <p>3.7.1. Servicer</p> <p>3.7.1.1. Term and replacement of the Servicer</p>	
53	STS criteria	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	<p>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.</p>	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>See Risk Factors, 1.1.7 Interest rate risk and hedging instruments</p> <p>In the event of early termination of the Swap Agreement, including any termination upon failure by the Swap Counterparty to perform its obligations, the Fund will endeavour but cannot guarantee to find a replacement Swap Counterparty. However, in such case, there is no assurance that the Fund will be able to meet its payment obligations under the Notes in full or even in part.</p> <p>See 3.4.8.1 The Swap Agreement</p> <p>The Fund will endeavour but cannot guarantee to find a replacement Swap Counterparty upon early termination of the Swap Agreement.</p>	

	3.4.8.	Details of other agreements conditioning the payment of interest and principal of Noteholders
	3.4.8.1.	The Swap Agreement
	3.4.8.2.	Payment Agency Agreement
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	3.4.5.1.	Fund Accounts, Termination by Management Company
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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	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
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	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>3.5. Name, address and significant business activities of the Seller</p> <p>(c) UCI as Seller and as Servicer has the relevant expertise as an entity in the origination and servicing of mortgage loans market for over 30 years and as servicer of mortgage receivables securitisation for over 25 years.</p>	
55	STS criteria	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	55. And shall have well documented and adequate policies, procedures and risk management controls relating to the servicing of exposures.	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>2.2.7. The method of origination or creation of assets, and for loans and credit agreements, the principal lending criteria and an indication of any loans which do not meet these criteria and any rights or obligations to make further advances</p> <p>UCI is a financial credit entity, authorised and supervised by the Bank of Spain. UCI is an entity which is subject to prudential, capital and liquidity regulation in Spain and it has regulatory authorisation and permissions which are relevant to the provision of servicing in relation to the loans comprising the Mortgage Loan portfolio and other loans originated by UCI which are not sold to the Issuer. The Servicer has significantly more than 30 years of experience in servicing of loans similar to those included in the Mortgage Loan portfolio. The Servicer's risk management policies, procedures and controls relating to the servicing of the Mortgage Loan portfolio have been assessed by the risk management department of Banco Santander, S.A., and validated by the Executive Auditing Committee, which includes members from both Banco Santander, S.A. and BNP Paribas, S.A. Additionally, UCI reports results on a periodic basis to Banco Santander S.A.'s risk management department and to the Executive Auditing Committee.</p> <p><i>The EBA Guidelines specify that a servicer should be considered to meet this criterion if it is a prudentially regulated financial institution. This requirement is met by the Servicer.</i></p>	

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	21.9. The transaction documentation shall set out in clear and consistent terms definitions, remedies and actions relating to delinquency and default of debtors, debt restructuring, debt forgiveness, forbearance, payment holidays, losses, charge offs, recoveries and other asset performance remedies.		
	STS criteria		SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
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	Verified?	Yes	
	PCS Comment		
57	2.2.7.2. Collection and claims policy and 2.2.7.3. Code of Good Practice.		
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	Verified?	Yes	
	PCS Comment		
	See criterion 56 above.		

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	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	
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	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>4.6. The relative seniority of the securities in the issuer's capital structure in the event of insolvency, including, where applicable, information on the level of subordination of the securities and the potential impact on the investment in the event of a resolution under BRRD</p> <p>4.6.1. Order of priority of securities and extent of subordination</p> <p>In accordance with the Pre-Enforcement Priority of Payments described in section 3.4.7.2 of the Additional Information and in the Deed of Incorporation:</p> <p>4.6.2. Summary of the priority of the payment of interest on the Notes in the priority of payments of the Fund</p> <p>4.6.3. Summary of the priority of the payments of principal on the Notes in the priority of payments of the Fund</p> <p>4.9.3. Redemption of the Notes</p> <p>The Liquidation Priority of Payments is set out in section 3.7.4.4</p> <p>See 3.4.7.3 where the Servicer fee moves from 14th to 1st in Pre-Enforcement Priority of payments based on a replacement of the Servicer.</p>	
59	STS criteria	
	59. The transaction documentation shall clearly specify the events which trigger changes in such priorities of payment.	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>See Definitions for the “Class B Interest Deferral Trigger Event”, “Turbo Amortisation Event” and “Early Liquidation”.</p> <p>See also Term and replacement of the Servicer.</p> <p>PCS notes that the priorities of payments change in case one of the above triggers occur.</p>	
60	STS criteria	
	60. The transaction documentation shall clearly specify the obligation to report such events.	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>See 4.1.2. Information referred to EU Securitisation Regulation</p> <p>(c) publish without delay any significant event including any significant events described in article 7(1)(g) of the EU Securitisation Regulation; and</p>	

	<p>[...]</p> <p>The Seller shall be responsible for compliance with article 7, in accordance with article 22.5 of the EU Securitisation Regulation and has been designated the "Reporting Entity" for the purposes of article 7.2 of the EU Securitisation Regulation.</p> <p>See also 4.4.3. Early Liquidation of the Fund</p> <p>The above procedure does not entitle the automatic liquidation of the underlying receivables for the purposes of Article 21.4 of the EU Securitisation Regulation. Notice of the liquidation of the Fund will be provided to the CNMV by publishing the appropriate privileged information (<i>información privilegiada</i>) or other material event (<i>información relevante</i>), as applicable, and to the Noteholders in the manner established in section 4 of the Additional Information, at least thirty (30) Business Days in advance of the date on which the Early Redemption is to take place.</p> <p>4.2.3. Extraordinary notices</p> <p>Pursuant to Article 36 of Law 5/2015, the Management Company must give immediate notice to the CNMV and to its creditors of any material event specifically relevant to the situation or development of the Fund. Material facts specifically relevant to the Fund will be those that could have a significant impact on the Notes issued or on the Receivables.</p> <p>In particular, material facts will include any relevant modification to the assets or liabilities of the Fund, any amendment to the Deed of Incorporation, and, if applicable, the resolution on the setting-up of the Fund or any eventual decision regarding the Early Liquidation of the Fund and Early Liquidation of the Notes for any of the causes established in this Prospectus. In the case of the latter, the Management will also submit to the CNMV the certificate executed before a public notary evidencing the winding-up of the Fund and subsequent liquidation procedure described in section 4.4.3 of the Registration Document.</p> <p>Notice of any change to the Deed of Incorporation must be provided by the Management Company to the Rating Agencies and will be published by the Management Company in the regular public information on the Fund, and must also be published on the website of the Management Company.</p> <p>This section also includes, inter alia, changes in the ratings of the Rated Notes and the steps to be taken if triggers are activated due to a downgrade in the rating of the counterparty to the financial agreements or due to any other cause.</p>		
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Verified?	Yes		

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	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	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	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	
	<p>4.11. Representation of the security holders</p> <p>Pursuant to Article 26 of Law 5/2015, the Management Company will act with utmost diligence and transparency in defence of the best interests of the Noteholders and the other creditors of the Fund. Additionally, the Meeting of Creditors will be established upon and by virtue of the Deed of Incorporation and will remain in force and in effect until repayment of the Notes in full or cancellation of the Fund. The provisions relating to the Meeting of Creditors are contained in the RULES FOR THE MEETING OF CREDITORS</p> <p>PCS has reviewed the underlying documents to ascertain that all the five requirements below are indeed present.</p> <p>(a) <i>the method for calling meetings; as for method:</i> Article 4 and 5: “Meetings convened by Noteholders and Other Creditors” and “Convening of Meeting”</p> <p>(b) <i>the maximum timeframe for setting up a meeting:</i> Article 6 – “Notice”</p> <p>(c) <i>the required quorum:</i> Article 7, “Quorums at Initial Meeting and Adjourned Meetings”</p> <p>(d) <i>the minimum threshold of votes to validate such a decision, with clear differentiation between the minimum thresholds for each type of decision: extraordinary:</i> Article 8, “Required Majority”</p> <p>(e) <i>where applicable, a location for the meetings which should be in the EU:</i> Article 13, “Domicile”</p>	

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	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	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	63. and the responsibilities of the trustee and other entities with fiduciary duties to investors shall be clearly identified.	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>4.11. Representation of the security holders</p> <p>Pursuant to Article 26 of Law 5/2015, the Management Company will act with utmost diligence and transparency in defence of the best interests of the Noteholders and the other creditors of the Fund.</p>	

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	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	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	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	
	4. ISSUANCE REPORTING 4.1.2. Information referred to EU Securitisation Regulation Furthermore, in accordance with article 22 of the EU Securitisation Regulation, the Seller, as originator, (or any agent on its behalf) will make available (or has made available in https://uci.com/ and/or the EU Securitisation Repository) to potential investors, before pricing, the following information: (a) delinquency and default data, for substantially similar exposures to those being securitised, and the sources of those data and the basis for claiming similarity, for a period no shorter than 5 years; See ADDITIONAL INFORMATION 2.2.7.4 Payments in arrears PCS notes that the historical cumulative loss data in the prospectus represents a period of more than five years and complies with the requirement. The Originator has confirmed to PCS that detailed dynamic delinquency data has been provided to investors and uploaded into EDW.	
65	STS criteria	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	65. and the sources of those data and the basis for claiming similarity, to potential investors before pricing.	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	See 64 above.	
66	STS criteria	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	66. Those data shall cover a period no shorter than five years.	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	4. ISSUANCE REPORTING, 4.1.2. Information referred to EU Securitisation Regulation Furthermore, in accordance with article 22 of the EU Securitisation Regulation, the Seller, as originator, (or any agent on its behalf) will make available (or has made available in https://uci.com/ and/or the EU Securitisation Repository) to potential investors, before pricing, the following information: (a) delinquency and default data, for substantially similar exposures to those being securitised, and the sources of those data and the basis for claiming similarity, for a period no shorter than 5 years; See also 2.2.7.4 Payments in arrears	

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	22.2. A sample of the underlying exposures shall be subject to external verification prior to issuance of the securities resulting from the securitisation by an appropriate and independent party, including verification that the data disclosed in respect of the underlying exposures is accurate.	
	STS criteria	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	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	
	<p>2.2.2. General characteristics of the Borrowers, the Receivables and the economic environment, as well as any global statistical data referred to the securitised assets</p> <p>Review of the selected assets securitised through the Fund upon being established</p> <p>For the purposes of compliance with Article 22(2) of the EU Securitisation Regulation, the Seller has caused the sample of loans selected from the Preliminary Portfolio (and certain eligibility criteria to be checked against the Preliminary Portfolio) to be externally verified by an appropriate and independent third party. Such verification was completed to a confidence level of at least 99% (ninety-nine per cent.). The Preliminary Portfolio has been subject to an agreed upon procedures review (to review, amongst other things, conformity with the Mortgage Loans representations and warranties (where applicable)) of the Preliminary Portfolio conducted by DELOITTE, S.L and completed on or about 20 September 2021. No significant adverse findings arose from such review. This independent third party has also performed agreed upon procedures in order to verify that the stratification tables disclosed in respect of the underlying exposures are accurate.</p> <p>See section, 3. ESSENTIAL INFORMATION</p> <p>3.1.12. DELOITTE S.L. participates as:</p> <p>(a) independent company for the verification of a series of attributes of a sample of Mortgage Loans selected from the Preliminary Portfolio, for the purposes of complying with article 22(2) of the EU Securitisation Regulation; and</p> <p>(b) in addition, has verified the accuracy of the data disclosed in the stratification tables included in section 2.2.2.1 of the Additional Information, and the CPR (constant prepayment rates) tables included in section 4.10 of the Securities Notes (altogether with (a) the “Special Securitisation Reports on the Preliminary Portfolio”).</p> <p>See ADDITIONAL INFORMATION 7.</p> <p>7.1. DELOITTE S.L. has issued the Special Securitisation Report on the Preliminary Portfolio for the purposes of (a) complying with the provisions of article 22 of the EU Securitisation Regulation. In addition, and (b) verification of the accuracy of the data disclosed in the stratification tables included in section 2.2.2.1 of the Additional Information, and the CPR tables included in section 4.10 of this Securities Notes.</p> <p>See also DEFINITIONS</p> <p>“Special Securitisation Reports on the Preliminary Portfolio” (“Informes de Especial de Titulización sobre la Cartera Preliminar”) means the report issued by DELOITTE S.L. for the purposes of (a) complying with article 22 of the EU Securitisation Regulation on certain features and attributes of a sample of the 533 selected loans, and (b) verification of (i) the accuracy of the data disclosed in the stratification tables included in section 2.2.2.1 of the Additional Information, and (ii) the CPR tables included in section 4.10 of the Securities Notes.</p> <p>PCS has been provided with the Audit Report and confirms it meets the criteria of the Regulation.</p>	
68	STS criteria	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	68. Including verification that the data disclosed in respect of the underlying exposures is accurate.	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	See criterion 67 above.	

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	22.3. The originator or the sponsor shall, before the pricing of the securitisation, make available to potential investors a liability cash flow model which precisely represents the contractual relationship between the underlying exposures and the payments flowing between the originator, sponsor, investors, other third parties and the SSPE, and shall, after pricing, make that model available to investors on an ongoing basis and to potential investors upon request.	
	STS criteria	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	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	
	<p>Furthermore, in accordance with article 22 of the EU Securitisation Regulation, the Seller, as originator, (or any agent on its behalf) will make available (or has made available in https://uci.com/ and/or the EU Securitisation Repository) to potential investors, before pricing, the following information:</p> <p>(b) a liability cash flow model, elaborated and published by INTEX and/or Bloomberg, which precisely represents the contractual relationship of the Receivables and the payments flowing between the Originator, the Fund and the Noteholders, (and shall, after pricing, make that model available to Noteholders on an ongoing basis and to potential investors upon request);</p> <p>3. ESSENTIAL INFORMATION</p> <p>3.1. Interest of the natural and legal persons involved in the issue</p> <p>3.1.15. INTEX SOLUTIONS, Inc. ("INTEX"), on behalf of the Originator, shall provide a cash flow model in compliance with article 22.3 of the EU Securitisation Regulation.</p> <p>3.1.16. Bloomberg Finance LP ("Bloomberg") on behalf of the Originator, shall provide a cash flow model in compliance with article 22.3 of the EU Securitisation Regulation.</p> <p>3.2. Description of the entities participating in the issue and description of the functions to be performed by them in addition to information on the direct and indirect ownership or control between those entities</p> <p>3.2.9. Both INTEX Solutions Inc. and Bloomberg Finance LP</p> <p>Shall provide, on behalf of the Originator, a cash flow model in compliance with article 22.3 of the EU Securitisation Regulation.</p> <p>4.1.1. For so long as the Notes remain outstanding, at least two (2) Business Days in advance of each Payment Date, the Management Company will inform the Noteholders of the following:</p> <p>(h) A cash flow model setting out the transaction cash flows assuming zero losses.</p> <p><i>The liability cash flow model has been shown to PCS in the context of PCS' due diligence.</i></p>	
70	STS criteria	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	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 criterion 69 above	

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	<p>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).</p> <p>By way of derogation from the first subparagraph, originators may, from 1 June 2021, decide to publish the available information related to the principal adverse impacts of the assets financed by underlying exposures on sustainability factors</p> <p>22.6 By 10 July 2021, the ESAs shall develop, through the Joint Committee of the European Supervisory Authorities, draft regulatory technical standards in accordance with Articles 10 to 14 of Regulations (EU) No 1093/2010, (EU) No 1094/2010 and (EU) No 1095/2010 on the content, methodologies and presentation of information referred to in the second subparagraph of paragraph 4 of this Article, in respect of the sustainability indicators in relation to adverse impacts on the climate and other environmental, social and governance-related adverse impacts.</p>	
	STS criteria	SEE RELATED EBA GUIDELINES
	<p>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).</p>	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>2.2.2.3. Environmental performance of the Mortgage Loans</p> <p>UCI collects information relating to the environmental performance of the Mortgage Loans in the mortgage asset portfolio at origination of each Mortgage Loan, loads such information into its reporting systems and monitors this information on an ongoing basis thereafter in accordance with Article 22(4) of the EU Securitisation Regulation. Such information will be made available by the Reporting Entity in the correct format to fulfil the reporting requirements of Article 7 of the EU Securitisation Regulation.</p> <p>3.7.1.5.</p> <p>In particular, the Servicer shall provide in a timely manner to the Seller, as Reporting Entity, any reports, data and other information in the correct format to fulfil the reporting requirements of article 7 of the EU Securitisation Regulation (including, inter alia, the information, if available related to the environmental performance of the Assets).</p>	

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	<p>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.</p>	
	STS criteria	
	<p>72. The originator and the sponsor shall be responsible for compliance with Article 7 of this Regulation.</p>	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>4.1.2. Information referred to EU Securitisation Regulation</p> <p>The Seller shall be responsible for compliance with article 7, in accordance with article 22.5 of the EU Securitisation Regulation and has been designated the “Reporting Entity” for the purposes of article 7.2 of the EU Securitisation Regulation.</p>	

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	22.5. The originator and the sponsor shall be responsible for compliance with Article 7 of this Regulation. The information required by point (a) of the first subparagraph of Article 7(1) shall be made available to potential investors before pricing upon request. The information required by points (b) to (d) of the first subparagraph of Article 7(1) shall be made available before pricing at least in draft or initial form.	
	STS criteria	
	73. The information required by point (a) the first subparagraph of Article 7(1) shall be made available to potential investors before pricing upon request.	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>4.1.2. Information referred to EU Securitisation Regulation</p> <p>Furthermore, in accordance with article 22 of the EU Securitisation Regulation, the Seller, as originator, (or any agent on its behalf) will make available (or has made available in https://uci.com/ and/or the EU Securitisation Repository) to potential investors, before pricing, the following information:</p> <p>(c) upon request, the loan-by-loan information (including, inter alia, the information, if available related to the environmental performance of the assets) required by point (a) of the first subparagraph of article 7(1) of the EU Securitisation Regulation;</p>	
74	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	
	<p>4.1.2. Information referred to EU Securitisation Regulation</p> <p>Furthermore, in accordance with article 22 of the EU Securitisation Regulation, the Seller, as originator, (or any agent on its behalf) will make available (or has made available in https://uci.com/ and/or the EU Securitisation Repository) to potential investors, before pricing, the following information:</p> <p>(d) draft versions of the Transaction Documents and the STS Notification;</p> <p>"Transaction Documents" means the following documents: (i) Deed of Incorporation of the Fund; (ii) the Management, Placement and Subscription Agreement; (iii) the Subordinated Loan Agreement; (iv) the Swap Agreement (v) the Reinvestment Agreement; (vi) the Payment Agency Agreement; and (vii) any other documents executed from time to time after the Date of Incorporation in connection with the Fund and designated as such by the relevant parties.</p>	

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	22.5. The final documentation shall be made available to investors at the latest 15 days after closing of the transaction.	
	STS criteria	
	75. The final documentation shall be made available to investors at the latest 15 days after closing of the transaction.	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>4.1.2. Information referred to EU Securitisation Regulation</p> <p>The Reporting Entity, directly or delegating to any other agent on its behalf, will:</p> <p>(d) make available in accordance with the article 7(1)(b) and article 22.5 of the EU Securitisation Regulation, in any case within fifteen (15) calendar days of the Date of Incorporation, copies of the relevant Transaction Documents and this Prospectus.</p> <p>"Transaction Documents" ("Documentos de la Operación") means the Deed of Incorporation of the Fund; Subordinated Loan Agreement, the Reinvestment Agreement, the Management, Placement and Subscription Agreement; the; (iv) the Swap Agreement; the Payment Agency Agreement; and any other documents executed from time to time after the Date of Incorporation in connection with the Fund and designated as such by the relevant parties.</p>	

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	<p>7.1. The originator, sponsor and SSPE of a securitisation shall, in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article, make at least the following information available to holders of a securitisation position, to the competent authorities referred to in Article 29 and, upon request, to potential investors:</p> <p>(a) information on the underlying exposures on a quarterly basis, or, in the case of ABCP, information on the underlying receivables or credit claims on a monthly basis;</p>	
	STS criteria	
	<p>76. The originator, sponsor and SSPE of a securitisation shall, in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article, make at least the following information available to holders of a securitisation position, to the competent authorities referred to in Article 29 and, upon request, to potential investors:</p> <p>(a) information on the underlying exposures on a quarterly basis,</p>	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>4.1.2. Information referred to EU Securitisation Regulation</p> <p>Pursuant to the obligations set forth in article 7(2) of the EU Securitisation Regulation, the originator and the securitisation special purpose entity (SSPE) of a securitisation shall designate amongst themselves one entity to submit the information set out in points (a), (b), (d), (e), (f) and (g) of article 7(1) to a registered securitisation repository of the EU Securitisation Regulation. The disclosure requirements of article 7 of the EU Securitisation Regulation apply in respect of the Notes.</p> <p>The EU Disclosure RTS set out the information and the details to be made available by the originator, sponsor and SSPE of a securitisation and the EU Disclosure ITS set out the format and standardised templates for making available the information and details of a securitisation.</p> <p>Article 7, in accordance with article 22.5 of the EU Securitisation Regulation</p> <p>The Reporting Entity, directly or delegating to any other agent on its behalf, will:</p> <p>(a) following the Date of Incorporation:</p> <p>(i) publish a quarterly investor report in respect of each Interest Accrual Period, as required by and in accordance with article 7(1)(e) of the EU Securitisation Regulation the EU Disclosure RTS and the EU Disclosure ITS, no later than one (1) month after the relevant Payment Date;</p>	

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	<p>7.1. The originator, sponsor and SSPE of a securitisation shall, in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article, make at least the following information available to holders of a securitisation position, to the competent authorities referred to in Article 29 and, upon request, to potential investors:</p> <p>(b) all underlying documentation that is essential for the understanding of the transaction, including but not limited to, where applicable, the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the final offering document or the prospectus together with the closing transaction documents, excluding legal opinions; (ii) for traditional securitisation the asset sale agreement, assignment, novation or transfer agreement and any relevant declaration of trust; (iii) the derivatives and guarantees agreements as well as any relevant documents on collateralisation arrangements where the exposures being securitised remain exposures of the originator; (iv) the servicing, back-up servicing, administration and cash management agreements; (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; (vi) any relevant inter-creditor agreements, derivatives documentation, subordinated loan agreements, start-up loan agreements and liquidity facility agreements; 	
	STS criteria	
	<p>77. (b) all underlying documentation that is essential for the understanding of the transaction, including but not limited to, where applicable, the following documents:</p> <p>(i) the final offering document or the prospectus together with the closing transaction documents, excluding legal opinions;</p>	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>4.1.2. Information referred to EU Securitisation Regulation</p> <p>(d) make available in accordance with the article 7(1)(b) and article 22.5 of the EU Securitisation Regulation, in any case within fifteen (15) calendar days of the Date of Incorporation, copies of the relevant Transaction Documents and this Prospectus.</p> <p>“Transaction Documents” means the following documents: (i) Deed of Incorporation of the Fund; (ii) the Management, Placement and Subscription Agreement; (iii) the Subordinated Loan Agreement; (iv) the Swap Agreement (v) the Reinvestment Agreement; (vi) the Payment Agency Agreement; and (vii) any other documents executed from time to time after the Date of Incorporation in connection with the Fund and designated as such by the relevant parties.</p>	
78	STS criteria	
	<p>78. (ii) for traditional securitisation the asset sale agreement, assignment, novation or transfer agreement and any relevant declaration of trust;</p>	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>See criterion 77 above.</p>	
79	STS criteria	
	<p>79. (iii) the derivatives and guarantees agreements as well as any relevant documents on collateralisation arrangements where the exposures being securitised remain exposures of the originator;</p>	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	

	See criterion 77 above	
80	STS criteria	
	80. (iv) the servicing, back-up servicing, administration and cash management agreements;	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	See criterion 77 above	
81	STS criteria	
	81. (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;	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	See criterion 77 above	
82	STS criteria	
	82. (vi) any relevant inter-creditor agreements, derivatives documentation, subordinated loan agreements, start-up loan agreements and liquidity facility agreements;	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	See criterion 77 above	

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	7.1. 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 sections 3.4.7.2, 3.4.7.3 and 3.4.7.4 of the Additional Information for the priority of payments citing the Deed of Incorporation.		

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	<p>7.1. The originator, sponsor and SSPE of a securitisation shall, in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article, make at least the following information available to holders of a securitisation position, to the competent authorities referred to in Article 29 and, upon request, to potential investors:</p> <p>(c) where a prospectus has not been drawn up in compliance with Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, a transaction summary or overview of the main features of the securitisation, including, where applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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; (iii) details regarding the voting rights of the holders of a securitisation position and their relationship to other secured creditors; (iv) a list of all triggers and events referred to in the documents provided in accordance with point (b) that could have a material impact on the performance of the securitisation position; 	
	STS criteria	
	<p>84. (c) where a prospectus has not been drawn up in compliance with Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, a transaction summary or overview of the main features of the securitisation, including, where applicable:</p> <p>(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;</p>	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	Not applicable.	
85	STS criteria	
	<p>85. (ii) details regarding the exposure characteristics, cash flows, loss waterfall, credit enhancement and liquidity support features;</p>	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	Not applicable.	
86	STS criteria	
	<p>86. (iii) details regarding the voting rights of the holders of a securitisation position and their relationship to other secured creditors;</p>	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	Not applicable.	
87	STS criteria	
	<p>87. (iv) a list of all triggers and events referred to in the documents provided in accordance with point (b) that could have a material impact on the performance of the securitisation position;</p>	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	Not applicable.	

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	<p>7.1. The originator, sponsor and SSPE of a securitisation shall, in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article, make at least the following information available to holders of a securitisation position, to the competent authorities referred to in Article 29 and, upon request, to potential investors:</p> <p>(d) in the case of STS securitisations, the STS notification referred to in Article 27;</p>	
	STS criteria	
	<p>88. (d) in the case of STS securitisations, the STS notification referred to in Article 27;</p>	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>4.1.2. Information referred to EU Securitisation Regulation</p> <p>The final STS Notification will be made available to Noteholders on or about the Date of Incorporation or the Disbursement Date and the competent authorities referred to in Article 29 of the Securitisation Regulation and, upon request, to potential investors.</p>	

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	<p>7.1. The originator, sponsor and SSPE of a securitisation shall, in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article, make at least the following information available to holders of a securitisation position, to the competent authorities referred to in Article 29 and, upon request, to potential investors:</p> <p>(e) quarterly investor reports, or, in the case of ABCP, monthly investor reports, containing the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) all materially relevant data on the credit quality and performance of underlying exposures; (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; (iii) information about the risk retained, including information on which of the modalities provided for in Article 6(3) has been applied, in accordance with Article 6. 	
	STS criteria	
	<p>89. (e) quarterly investor reports, or, in the case of ABCP, monthly investor reports, containing the following:</p>	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>4.1.2. Information referred to EU Securitisation Regulation</p> <p>(a) following the Date of Incorporation:</p> <p>(1) publish a quarterly investor report in respect of each Interest Accrual Period, as required by and in accordance with article 7(1)(e) of the EU Securitisation Regulation the EU Disclosure RTS and the EU Disclosure ITS, no later than one (1) month after the relevant Payment Date;</p> <p>(2) publish on a quarterly basis certain loan-by-loan information in relation to the Receivables in respect of each Interest Accrual Period, as required by and in accordance with article 7(1)(a) of the EU Securitisation Regulation, the EU Disclosure RTS and the EU Disclosure ITS, no later than one (1) month after the relevant Payment Date, and simultaneously with the quarterly investor report;</p>	
90	STS criteria	
	<p>90. (i) all materially relevant data on the credit quality and performance of underlying exposures;</p>	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>See criterion 89 above.</p>	
91	STS criteria	
	<p>91. (ii) information on events which trigger changes in the priority of payments or the replacement of any counterparties,</p>	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>See criterion 89 above.</p>	
92	STS criteria	

	92. (ii)...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 criterion 89 above.	
93	STS criteria	
	93. (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.	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>4.1.2. Information referred to EU Securitisation Regulation</p> <p>The Reporting Entity (or any agent on its behalf) will make the information referred to above available to the Noteholders, relevant competent authorities referred to in article 29 of the EU Securitisation Regulation and, upon request, to potential investors in the Notes. In addition, the Reporting Entity undertakes to provide information to and to comply with written confirmation requests of the EU Securitisation Repository, a required Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1229 including any relevant guidance and policy statements relating to the application thereof. [...]</p> <p>The quarterly investor reports shall include, in accordance with article 7(1), subparagraph (e)(iii) of the EU Securitisation Regulation, information about the risk retention, including information on which of the modalities provided for in article 6(3) has been applied, in accordance with article 6 of the EU Securitisation Regulation.</p>	

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	<p>7.1. The originator, sponsor and SSPE of a securitisation shall, in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article, make at least the following information available to holders of a securitisation position, to the competent authorities referred to in Article 29 and, upon request, to potential investors:</p> <p>(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;</p>	
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	94. (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;	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>4.1.2. Information referred to EU Securitisation Regulation</p> <p>(b) publish, in accordance with article 7(1)(f) of the EU Securitisation Regulation, without delay any inside information made 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;</p>	

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	<p>7.1. The originator, sponsor and SSPE of a securitisation shall, in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article, make at least the following information available to holders of a securitisation position, to the competent authorities referred to in Article 29 and, upon request, to potential investors:</p> <p>(g) where point (f) does not apply, any significant event such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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; (ii) a change in the structural features that can materially impact the performance of the securitisation; (iii) a change in the risk characteristics of the securitisation or of the underlying exposures that can materially impact the performance of the securitisation; (iv) in the case of STS securitisations, where the securitisation ceases to meet the STS requirements or where competent authorities have taken remedial or administrative actions; (v) any material amendment to transaction documents. 	
	STS criteria	
	<p>95. (g) where point (f) does not apply, any significant event such as:</p> <p>(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;</p>	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>4.1.2. Information referred to EU Securitisation Regulation</p>	
	<p>(c) publish without delay any significant event including any significant events described in article 7(1)(g) of the EU Securitisation Regulation; and</p>	
96	STS criteria	
	<p>96. (ii) a change in the structural features that can materially impact the performance of the securitisation;</p>	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>See criterion 95 above.</p>	
97	STS criteria	
	<p>97. (iii) a change in the risk characteristics of the securitisation or of the underlying exposures that can materially impact the performance of the securitisation;</p>	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>See criterion 95 above.</p>	
98	STS criteria	
	<p>98. (iv) in the case of STS securitisations, where the securitisation ceases to meet the STS requirements or where competent authorities have taken remedial or administrative actions;</p>	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	

	See criterion 95 above.	
99	STS criteria	
	99. (v) any material amendment to transaction documents.	
	Verified?	Yes
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	See criterion 95 above.	

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	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		
	4.1.2. Information referred to EU Securitisation Regulation		
	(a) following the Date of Incorporation:		
(1) publish a quarterly investor report in respect of each Interest Accrual Period, as required by and in accordance with article 7(1)(e) of the EU Securitisation Regulation the EU Disclosure RTS and the EU Disclosure ITS, no later than one (1) month after the relevant Payment Date;			
(i2) publish on a quarterly basis certain loan-by-loan information in relation to the Receivables in respect of each Interest Accrual Period, as required by and in accordance with article 7(1) (a) of the EU Securitisation Regulation, the EU Disclosure RTS and the EU Disclosure ITS, no later than one (1) month after the relevant Payment Date, and simultaneously with the quarterly investor report;			

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<div>7.1. 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</div> <div>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.</div> <div>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.</div> <div>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.</div>		
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?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<div>4.1.2. Information referred to EU Securitisation Regulation</div> <div>(b) publish, in accordance with article 7(1)(f) of the EU Securitisation Regulation, without delay any inside information made 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;</div> <div>(c) publish without delay any significant event including any significant events described in article 7(1)(g) of the EU Securitisation Regulation; and</div>		

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	<p>7.2. The originator, sponsor and SSPE of a securitisation shall designate amongst themselves one entity to fulfil the information requirements pursuant to points (a), (b), (d), (e), (f) and (g) of the first subparagraph of paragraph 1.</p> <p>The entity designated in accordance with the first subparagraph shall make the information for a securitisation transaction available by means of a securitisation repository.</p> <p>Or</p> <p>The obligations referred to in the second and fourth subparagraphs shall not apply to securitisations where no prospectus has to be drawn up in compliance with Directive 2003/71/EC.</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Where no securitisation repository is registered in accordance with Article 10, the entity designated to fulfil the requirements set out in paragraph 1 of this Article shall make the information available by means of a website that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. 	
	STS criteria	
	<p>102. The originator, sponsor and SSPE of a securitisation shall designate amongst themselves one entity to fulfil the information requirements pursuant to points (a), (b), (d), (e), (f) and (g) of the first subparagraph of paragraph 1.</p> <p>The entity designated in accordance with the first subparagraph shall make the information for a securitisation transaction available by means of a securitisation repository.</p> <p>Where no securitisation repository is registered in accordance with Article 10, the entity designated to fulfil the requirements set out in paragraph 1 of this Article shall make the information available by means of a website that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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	
	<p>4.1.2. Information referred to EU Securitisation Regulation</p> <p>The Reporting Entity, directly or delegating to any other agent on its behalf, will publish or make otherwise available the reports and information referred to above as required under article 7 and article 22 of the EU Securitisation Regulation by means of the EU Securitisation Repository.</p>	

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	<p>7.2. The originator, sponsor and SSPE of a securitisation shall designate amongst themselves one entity to fulfil the information requirements pursuant to points (a), (b), (d), (c), (e), (f) and (g) of the first subparagraph of paragraph 1.</p> <p>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.</p>	
	STS criteria	
	<p>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.</p>	
	Verified?	Yes
	PCS Comment	
	<p>The Seller shall be responsible for compliance with article 7, in accordance with article 22.5 of the EU Securitisation Regulation and has been designated as the “Reporting Entity” for the purposes of article 7.2 of the EU Securitisation Regulation.</p>	
	<p>“EU Securitisation Repository” means European Datawarehouse GmbH appointed by the Management Company, on behalf of the Fund, as ESMA-registered securitisation repository, or its substitute, successor or replacement that is registered with ESMA under the EU Securitisation Regulation.</p>	

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.

“Prospectus Regulation”: Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2017 on the prospectus to be published when securities are offered to the public or admitted to trading on a regulated market, and repealing Directive 2003/71/EC.

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

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	<p>True sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect, representations and warranties (Article 20(1)-(6))</p> <p>16. The criterion specified in Article 20(1) aims to ensure that the underlying exposures are beyond the reach of, and are effectively ring-fenced and segregated from, the seller, its creditors and its liquidators, including in the event of the seller's insolvency, enabling an effective recourse to the ultimate claims for the underlying exposures.</p> <p>22. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be clarified:</p> <p>(a) how to substantiate the confidence of third parties with respect to compliance with Article 20(1): it is understood that this should be achieved by providing a legal opinion. While the guidance does not explicitly require the provision of a legal opinion in all cases, the guidance expects a legal opinion to be provided as a general rule, and omission to be an exception;</p> <p>(b) the triggers to effect the perfection of the transfer if assignments are perfected at a later stage than at the closing of the transaction.</p>	
	EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines	
	<p>4.1 True sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect, representations and warranties (Article 20(1)-(6))</p> <p>True sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect</p> <p>10. For the purposes of Article 20(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 and in order to substantiate the confidence of third parties, including third parties verifying simple, transparent and standardised (STS) compliance in accordance with Article 28 of that Regulation and competent authorities meeting the requirements specified therein, all of the following should be provided:</p> <p>(a) confirmation of the true sale or confirmation that, under the applicable national framework, the assignment or transfer segregate the underlying exposures from the seller, its creditors and its liquidators, including in the event of the seller's insolvency, with the same legal effect as that achieved by means of true sale;</p> <p>(b) confirmation of the enforceability of the true sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect referred to in point (a) against the seller or any other third party, under the applicable national legal framework;</p> <p>(c) assessment of clawback risks and re-characterisation risks</p> <p>11. The confirmation of the aspects referred to in paragraph 10 should be achieved by the provision of a legal opinion provided by qualified external legal counsel, except in the case of repeat issuances in standalone securitisation structures or master trusts that use the same legal mechanism for the transfer, including instances in which the legal framework is the same.</p> <p>12. The legal opinion referred to in paragraph 11 should be accessible and made available to any relevant third party verifying STS compliance in accordance with Article 28 of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 and any relevant competent authority from among those referred to in Article 29 of that regulation.</p>	

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	<p>True sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect, representations and warranties (Article 20(1)-(6))</p> <p>17. The criterion in Article 20(2) is designed to ensure the enforceability of the transfer of legal title in the event of the seller's insolvency. More specifically, if the underlying exposures sold to the SSPE could be reclaimed for the sole reason that their transfer was effected within a certain period before the seller's insolvency, or if the SSPE could prevent the reclaim only by proving that it was unaware of the seller's insolvency at the time of transfer, such clauses would expose investors to a high risk that the underlying exposures would not effectively back their contractual claims. For this reason, Article 20(2) specifies that such clauses constitute severe clawback provisions, which may not be contained in STS securitisation.</p>	
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	<p>4.1 True sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect, representations and warranties (Article 20(1)-(6))</p> <p>True sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect</p> <p>10. For the purposes of Article 20(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 and in order to substantiate the confidence of third parties, including third parties verifying simple, transparent and standardised (STS) compliance in accordance with Article 28 of that Regulation and competent authorities meeting the requirements specified therein, all of the following should be provided:</p> <p>(a) confirmation of the true sale or confirmation that, under the applicable national framework, the assignment or transfer segregate the underlying exposures from the seller, its creditors and its liquidators, including in the event of the seller's insolvency, with the same legal effect as that achieved by means of true sale;</p> <p>(b) confirmation of the enforceability of the true sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect referred to in point (a) against the seller or any other third party, under the applicable national legal framework;</p> <p>(c) assessment of clawback risks and re-characterisation risks.</p> <p>11. The confirmation of the aspects referred to in paragraph 10 should be achieved by the provision of a legal opinion provided by qualified external legal counsel, except in the case of repeat issuances in standalone securitisation structures or master trusts that use the same legal mechanism for the transfer, including instances in which the legal framework is the same.</p> <p>12. The legal opinion referred to in paragraph 11 should be accessible and made available to any relevant third party verifying STS compliance in accordance with Article 28 of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 and any relevant competent authority from among those referred to in Article 29 of that regulation.</p>	

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	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).	
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	4.1 True sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect, representations and warranties (Article 20(1)-(6))	
	<i>True sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect</i>	
	10. For the purposes of Article 20(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 and in order to substantiate the confidence of third parties, including third parties verifying simple, transparent and standardised (STS) compliance in accordance with Article 28 of that Regulation and competent authorities meeting the requirements specified therein, all of the following should be provided:	
	(a) confirmation of the true sale or confirmation that, under the applicable national framework, the assignment or transfer segregate the underlying exposures from the seller, its creditors and its liquidators, including in the event of the seller's insolvency, with the same legal effect as that achieved by means of true sale;	
	(b) confirmation of the enforceability of the true sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect referred to in point (a) against the seller or any other third party, under the applicable national legal framework;	
	(c) assessment of clawback risks and re-characterisation risks.	
	11. The confirmation of the aspects referred to in paragraph 10 should be achieved by the provision of a legal opinion provided by qualified external legal counsel, except in the case of repeat issuances in standalone securitisation structures or master trusts that use the same legal mechanism for the transfer, including instances in which the legal framework is the same.	
	12. The legal opinion referred to in paragraph 11 should be accessible and made available to any relevant third party verifying STS compliance in accordance with Article 28 of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 and any relevant competent authority from among those referred to in Article 29 of that regulation.	

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	<p>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.</p>	
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	4.1 True sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect, representations and warranties (Article 20(1)-(6))	
	True sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect	
	<p>10. For the purposes of Article 20(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 and in order to substantiate the confidence of third parties, including third parties verifying simple, transparent and standardised (STS) compliance in accordance with Article 28 of that Regulation and competent authorities meeting the requirements specified therein, all of the following should be provided:</p>	
	<p>(a) confirmation of the true sale or confirmation that, under the applicable national framework, the assignment or transfer segregate the underlying exposures from the seller, its creditors and its liquidators, including in the event of the seller's insolvency, with the same legal effect as that achieved by means of true sale;</p>	
	<p>(b) confirmation of the enforceability of the true sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect referred to in point (a) against the seller or any other third party, under the applicable national legal framework;</p>	
	<p>(c) assessment of clawback risks and re-characterisation risks.</p>	
	<p>11. The confirmation of the aspects referred to in paragraph 10 should be achieved by the provision of a legal opinion provided by qualified external legal counsel, except in the case of repeat issuances in standalone securitisation structures or master trusts that use the same legal mechanism for the transfer, including instances in which the legal framework is the same.</p>	
	<p>12. The legal opinion referred to in paragraph 11 should be accessible and made available to any relevant third party verifying STS compliance in accordance with Article 28 of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 and any relevant competent authority from among those referred to in Article 29 of that regulation.</p>	

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	True sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect, representations and warranties (Article 20(1)-(6))	
	<p>20. The objective of the criterion in Article 20(5) is to minimise legal risks related to unperfected transfers in the context of an assignment of the underlying exposures, by specifying a minimum set of events subsequent to closing that should trigger the perfection of the transfer of the underlying exposures.</p>	
	<p>22. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be clarified:</p>	
	<p>(a) how to substantiate the confidence of third parties with respect to compliance with Article 20(1): it is understood that this should be achieved by providing a legal opinion. While the guidance does not explicitly require the provision of a legal opinion in all cases, the guidance expects a legal opinion to be provided as a general rule, and omission to be an exception;</p>	
	<p>(b) the triggers to effect the perfection of the transfer if assignments are perfected at a later stage than at the closing of the transaction.</p>	
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	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	
	<p>13. For the purposes of Article 20(5) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the transaction documentation should identify, with regard to the trigger of 'severe deterioration in the seller credit quality standing', credit quality thresholds that are objectively observable and related to the financial health of the seller.</p>	
	Insolvency of the seller	
	<p>14. For the purposes of Article 20(5) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the trigger of 'insolvency of the seller' should refer, at least, to events of legal insolvency as defined in national legal frameworks.</p>	

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	21. The objective of the criterion in Article 20(6), which requires the seller to provide the representations and warranties confirming to the seller's best knowledge that the transferred exposures are neither encumbered nor otherwise in a condition that could potentially adversely affect the enforceability of the transfer of title, is to ensure that the underlying exposures are not only beyond the reach not only of the seller but equally of its creditors, and to allocate the commercial risk of the encumbrance of the underlying exposures to the seller.	
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	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.	
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	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.	

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	<p>Eligibility criteria for the underlying exposures, active portfolio management (Article 20(7))</p> <p>24. Consistently with this objective, the active portfolio management of the exposures in the securitisation should be prohibited, given that it adds a layer of complexity and increases the agency risk arising in the securitisation by making the securitisation's performance dependent on both the performance of the underlying exposures and the performance of the management of the transaction. The payments of STS securitisations should depend exclusively on the performance of the underlying exposures.</p>	
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	<p>4.2 Eligibility criteria for the underlying exposures, active portfolio management (Article 20(7))</p> <p>Active portfolio management</p> <p>15. For the purposes of Article 20(7) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, active portfolio management should be understood as portfolio management to which either of the following applies:</p> <p>(a) the portfolio management makes the performance of the securitisation dependent both on the performance of the underlying exposures and on the performance of the portfolio management of the securitisation, thereby preventing the investor from modelling the credit risk of the underlying exposures without considering the portfolio management strategy of the portfolio manager;</p> <p>(b) the portfolio management is performed for speculative purposes aiming to achieve better performance, increased yield, overall financial returns or other purely financial or economic benefit.</p> <p>16. The techniques of portfolio management that should not be considered active portfolio management include:</p> <p>(a) substitution or repurchase of underlying exposures due to the breach of representations or warranties;</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(c) replenishment of underlying exposures by adding underlying exposures as substitutes for amortised or defaulted exposures during the revolving period;</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(f) repurchase of defaulted exposures to facilitate the recovery and liquidation process with respect to those exposures;</p> <p>(g) repurchase of underlying exposures under the repurchase obligation in accordance with Article 20(13) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402.</p>	

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	<p>Eligibility criteria for the underlying exposures, active portfolio management (Article 20(7))</p> <p>25. Revolving periods and other structural mechanisms resulting in the inclusion of exposures in the securitisation after the closing of the transaction may introduce the risk that exposures of lesser quality can be transferred into the pool. For this reason, it should be ensured that any exposure transferred into the securitisation after the closing meets the eligibility criteria, which are no less strict than those used to structure the initial pool of the securitisation.</p> <p>26. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be clarified:</p> <p>(a) the purpose of the requirement on the portfolio management, and the provision of examples of techniques which should not be regarded as active portfolio management: this criterion should be considered without prejudice to the existing requirements with respect to the similarity of the underwriting standards in the Delegated Regulation further specifying which underlying exposures are deemed to be homogeneous in accordance with Articles 20(8) and 24(15) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, which requires that all the underlying exposures in a securitisation be underwritten according to similar underwriting standards;</p> <p>(b) interpretation of the term 'clear' eligibility criteria;</p> <p>(c) clarification with respect to the eligibility criteria that need to be met with respect to the exposures transferred to the SSPE after the closing.</p>	
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	<p>4.2 Eligibility criteria for the underlying exposures, active portfolio management (Article 20(7))</p> <p><i>Eligibility criteria to be met for exposures transferred to the SSPE after the closing of the transaction</i></p> <p>18. For the purposes of Article 20(7) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, 'meeting the eligibility criteria applied to the initial underlying exposures' should be understood to mean eligibility criteria that comply with either of the following:</p> <p>(a) with regard to normal securitisations, they are no less strict than the eligibility criteria applied to the initial underlying exposures at the closing of the transaction;</p> <p>(b) with regard to securitisations that issue multiple series of securities including master trusts, they are no less strict than the eligibility criteria applied to the initial underlying exposures at the most recent issuance, with the results that the eligibility criteria may vary from closing to closing, with the agreement of securitisation parties and in accordance with the transaction documentation.</p> <p>19. Eligibility criteria to be applied to the underlying exposures in accordance with paragraph 18 should be specified in the transaction documentation and should refer to eligibility criteria applied at exposure level.</p>	
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	<p>Homogeneity, obligations of the underlying exposures, periodic payment streams, no transferable securities (Article 20(8))</p> <p>27. The criterion on the homogeneity as specified in the first subparagraph of Article 20(8) has been further clarified in the Delegated Regulation further specifying which underlying exposures are deemed to be homogeneous in accordance with Articles 20(8) and 24(15) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402.</p>	
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	<p>Homogeneity, obligations of the underlying exposures, periodic payment streams, no transferable securities (Article 20(8))</p> <p>28. The objective of the criterion specified in the third sentence in the first subparagraph and in the second subparagraph of Article 20(8) is to ensure that the underlying exposures contain valid and binding obligations of the debtor/guarantor, including rights to payments or to any other income from assets supporting such payments that result in a periodic and well-defined stream of payments to the investors.</p> <p>30. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, a clarification should be provided with respect to:</p> <p>(a) interpretation of the term 'contractually binding and enforceable obligations';</p>	
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	<p>4.3 Homogeneity, obligations of the underlying exposures, periodic payment streams, no transferable securities (Article 20(8))</p> <p><i>Contractually binding and enforceable obligations</i></p> <p>20. For the purposes of Article 20(8) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, 'obligations that are contractually binding and enforceable, with full recourse to debtors and, where applicable, guarantors' should be understood to refer to all obligations contained in the contractual specification of the underlying exposures that are relevant to investors because they affect any obligations by the debtor and, where applicable, the guarantor to make payments or provide security.</p>	
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	<p>Homogeneity, obligations of the underlying exposures, periodic payment streams, no transferable securities (Article 20(8))</p> <p>30 (b) a non-exhaustive list of examples of exposures types that should be considered to have defined periodic payment streams. The individual examples are without prejudice to applicable requirements, such as the requirement with respect to the defaulted exposures in accordance with Article 20(11) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 and the requirement with respect to the residual value in accordance with Article 20(13) of that regulation.</p>	
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	<p>4.3 Homogeneity, obligations of the underlying exposures, periodic payment streams, no transferable securities (Article 20(8))</p> <p><i>Exposures with periodic payment streams</i></p> <p>21. For the purposes of Article 20(8) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, exposures with defined periodic payment streams should include:</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(b) exposures related to credit card facilities;</p> <p>(c) exposures with instalments consisting of interest and where the principal is repaid at the maturity, including interest-only mortgages;</p> <p>(d) exposures with instalments consisting of interest and repayment of a portion of the principal, where either of the following conditions is met:</p> <p>(i) the remaining principal is repaid at the maturity;</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(e) exposures with temporary payment holidays as contractually agreed between the debtor and the lender.</p>	

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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.	
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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.	
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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.	
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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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	<i>No less stringent underwriting standards</i>	
	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.	

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	<p>37 (c) clarification of the requirement to disclose material changes from prior underwriting standards to potential investors without undue delay: the guidance clarifies that this requirement should be forward-looking only, referring to material changes to the underwriting standards after the closing of the securitisation. The guidance clarifies the interactions with the requirement for similarity of the underwriting standards set out in the Delegated Regulation further specifying which underlying exposures are deemed to be homogeneous in accordance with Articles 20(8) and 24(15) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, which requires that all the underlying exposures in securitisation be underwritten according to similar underwriting standards;</p>	
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	<i>Disclosure of material changes from prior underwriting standards</i>	
	<p>25. For the purposes of Article 20(10) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, material changes to the underwriting standards that are required to be fully disclosed should be understood to be those material changes to the underwriting standards that are applied to the exposures that are transferred to, or assigned by, the SSPE after the closing of the securitisation in the context of portfolio management as referred to in paragraphs 15 and 16.</p>	
	<p>26. Changes to such underwriting standards should be deemed material where they refer to either of the following types of changes to the underwriting standards:</p>	
	<p>(a) changes which affect the requirement of the similarity of the underwriting standards further specified in the Delegated Regulation further specifying which underlying exposures are deemed to be homogeneous in accordance with Articles 20(8) and 24(15) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402;</p>	
	<p>(b) changes which materially affect the overall credit risk or expected average performance of the portfolio of underlying exposures without resulting in substantially different approaches to the assessment of the credit risk associated with the underlying exposures.</p>	
	<p>27. The disclosure of all changes to underwriting standards should include an explanation of the purpose of such changes.</p>	
	<p>28. With regard to trade receivables that are not originated in the form of a loan, reference to underwriting standards in Article 20(10) should be understood to refer to credit standards applied by the seller to short-term credit generally of the type giving rise to the securitised exposures and proposed to its customers in relation to the sales of its products and services.</p>	

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	<p>34. The objective of the criterion specified in the second subparagraph of Article 20(10) is to prohibit the securitisation of self-certified mortgages for STS purposes, given the moral hazard that is inherent in granting such types of loans.</p>	
	<p>37 (d) the scope of the criterion with respect to the specific types of residential loans as referred to in the second subparagraph of Article 20(10) and to the nature of the information that should be captured by this criterion;</p>	
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	Residential loans	
	<p>29. For the purposes of Article 20(10) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the pool of underlying exposures should not include residential loans that were both marketed and underwritten on the premise that the loan applicant or intermediaries were made aware that the information provided might not be verified by the lender.</p>	
	<p>30. Residential loans that were underwritten but were not marketed on the premise that the loan applicant or intermediaries were made aware that the information provided might not be verified by the lender, or become aware after the loan was underwritten, are not captured by this requirement.</p>	
	<p>31. For the purposes of Article 20(10) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the 'information' provided should be considered to be only relevant information. The relevance of the information should be based on whether the information is a relevant underwriting metric, such as information considered relevant for assessing the creditworthiness of a borrower, for assessing access to collateral and for reducing the risk of fraud.</p>	
	<p>32. Relevant information for general non-income-generating residential mortgages should normally be considered to constitute income, and relevant information for income-generating residential mortgages should normally be considered to constitute rental income. Information that is not useful as an underwriting metric, such as mobile phone numbers, should not be considered relevant information.</p>	
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	Underwriting standards (Article 20(10))	
	<p>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.</p>	
	<p>37. (e) clarification of the criterion with respect to the assessment of a borrower's creditworthiness based on equivalent requirements in third countries;</p>	
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	<p>Underwriting standards (Article 20(10))</p> <p>36. The objective of the criterion specified in the fourth subparagraph of Article 20(10) is for the originator or original lender to have an established performance history of credit claims or receivables similar to those being securitised, and for an appropriately long period of time.</p> <p>37. (f) identification of criteria on which the expertise of the originator or the original lender should be determined:</p> <p>(i) when assessing if the originator or the original lender has the required expertise, some general principles should be set out against which the expertise should be assessed. The general principles have been designed to allow a robust qualitative assessment of the expertise. One of these principles is the regulatory authorisation: this is to allow for more flexibility in such qualitative assessments of the expertise if the originator or the original lender is a prudentially regulated institution which holds regulatory authorisations or permissions that are relevant with respect to origination of similar exposures. The regulatory authorisation in itself should, however, not be a guarantee that the originator or original lender has the required expertise;</p> <p>(ii) irrespective of such general principles, specific criteria should be developed, based on specifying a minimum period for an entity to perform the business of originating similar exposures, compliance with which would enable the entity to be considered to have a sufficient expertise. Such expertise should be assessed at the group level, so that possible restructuring at the entity level would not automatically lead to non-compliance with the expertise criterion. It is not the intention of such specific criteria to form an impediment to the entry of new participants to the market. Such entities should also be eligible for compliance with the expertise criterion, as long as their management body and senior staff with managerial responsibility for origination of similar exposures, have sufficient experience over a minimum specified period.</p> <p>38. It is expected that information on the assessment of the expertise is provided in sufficient detail in the STS notification.</p>	
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	<p>4.4 Underwriting standards, originator's expertise (Article 20(10))</p> <p>Similar exposures</p> <p>22. For the purposes of Article 20(10) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, exposures should be considered to be similar when one of the following conditions is met:</p> <p>(a) the exposures belong to one of the following asset categories referred to in the Delegated Regulation further specifying which underlying exposures are deemed to be homogeneous in accordance with Articles 20(8) and 24(15) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 20(1) of Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 qualifying for credit quality step 2 or above as set out in Part Three, Title II, Chapter 2 of that regulation; (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; <p>(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;</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>Criteria for determining the expertise of the originator or original lender</p> <p>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:</p>	

- (a) the members of the management body of the originator or original lender and the senior staff, other than the members of the management body, responsible for managing the originating of exposures of a similar nature to those securitised should have adequate knowledge and skills in the origination of exposures of a similar nature to those securitised;
- (b) any of the following principles on the quality of the expertise should be taken into account:
- (i) the role and duties of the members of the management body and the senior staff and the required capabilities should be adequate;
 - (ii) the experience of the members of the management body and the senior staff gained in previous positions, education and training should be sufficient;
 - (iii) the involvement of the members of the management body and the senior staff within the governance structure of the function of originating the exposures should be appropriate;
 - (iv) in the case of a prudentially regulated entity, the regulatory authorisations or permissions held by the entity should be deemed relevant to origination of exposures of a similar nature to those securitised.
35. An originator or original lender should be deemed to have the required expertise when either of the following applies:
- (a) the business of the entity, or of the consolidated group to which the entity belongs for accounting or prudential purposes, has included the originating of exposures similar to those securitised, for at least five years;
- (b) where the requirement referred to in point (a) is not met, the originator or original lender should be deemed to have the required expertise where they comply with both of the following:
- (i) at least two of the members of the management body have relevant professional experience in the origination of exposures similar to those securitised, at a personal level, of at least five years;
 - (ii) senior staff, other than members of the management body, who are responsible for managing the entity's originating of exposures similar to those securitised, have relevant professional experience in the origination of exposures of a similar nature to those securitised, at a personal level, of at least five years.
36. For the purposes of demonstrating the number of years of professional experience, the relevant expertise should be disclosed in sufficient detail and in accordance with the applicable confidentiality requirements to permit investors to carry out their obligations under Article 5(3)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402.

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	<p>No exposures in default and to credit-impaired debtors/guarantors (Article 20(11))</p> <p>39. The objective of the criterion in Article 20(11) is to ensure that STS securitisations are not characterised by underlying exposures whose credit risk has already been affected by certain negative events such as disputes with credit-impaired debtors or guarantors, debt restructuring processes or default events as identified by the EU prudential regulation. Risk analysis and due diligence assessments by investors become more complex whenever the securitisation includes exposures subject to certain ongoing negative credit risk developments. For the same reasons, STS securitisations should not include underlying exposures to credit-impaired debtors or guarantors that have an adverse credit history. In addition, significant risk of default normally rises as rating grades or other scores are assigned that indicate highly speculative credit quality and high likelihood of default, i.e. the possibility that the debtor or guarantor is not able to meet its obligations becomes a real possibility. Such exposures to credit-impaired debtors or guarantors should therefore also not be eligible for STS purposes.</p> <p>40. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be further clarified:</p> <p>(a) Interpretation of the term ‘exposures in default’: given the differences in interpretation of the term ‘default’, the interpretation of this criterion should refer to additional guidance on this term provided in the existing delegated regulations and guidelines developed by the EBA, while taking into account the limitation of scope of that additional guidance to certain types of institutions;</p>	
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	<p>4.5 No exposures in default and to credit-impaired debtors/guarantors (Article 20(11))</p> <p>Exposures in default</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	

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<p>4.5 No exposures in default and to credit-impaired debtors/guarantors (Article 20(11))</p> <p>Exposures to a credit-impaired debtor or guarantor</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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:</p> <p>(a) exposures to a credit-impaired debtor, when there is no guarantor for the full securitised exposure amount;</p> <p>(b) exposures to a credit-impaired debtor who has a credit-impaired guarantor.</p> <p>To the best of the originator’s or original lender’s knowledge</p> <p>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:</p> <p>(a) debtors on origination of the exposures;</p> <p>(b) the originator in the course of its servicing of the exposures or in the course of its risk management procedures;</p> <p>(c) notifications to the originator by a third party;</p> <p>(d) publicly available information or information on any entries in one or more credit registries of persons with adverse credit history at the time of origination of an underlying exposure, only to the extent that this information had already been taken into account in the context of (a), (b) and (c), and in accordance with the applicable regulatory and supervisory requirements, including with respect</p>		

	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.
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	<p>40. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be further clarified:</p> <p>(d) Interpretation of the criterion with respect to the debtors and guarantors found on the credit registry: it is important to interpret this requirement in a narrow sense to ensure that the existence of a debtor or guarantor on the credit registry of persons with adverse credit history should not automatically exclude the exposure to that debtor/guarantor from compliance with this criterion. It is understood that this criterion should relate only to debtors and guarantors that are, at the time of origination of the exposure, considered entities with adverse credit history. Existence on a credit registry at the time of origination of the exposure for reasons that can be reasonably ignored for the purposes of the credit risk assessment (for example due to missed payments which have been resolved in the next two payment periods) should not be captured by this requirement. Therefore, this criterion should not automatically exclude from the STS framework exposures to all entities that are on the credit registries, taking into account that this would unintentionally exclude a significant number of entities given that different practices exist across EU jurisdictions with respect to entry requirements of such credit registries, and the fact that credit registries in some jurisdictions may contain both positive and negative information about the clients;</p>	
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	<p>4.5 No exposures in default and to credit-impaired debtors/guarantors (Article 20(11))</p> <p><i>Exposures to credit-impaired debtors or guarantors that have undergone a debt-restructuring process</i></p> <p>42. For the purposes of Article 20(11)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the requirement to exclude exposures to credit-impaired debtors or guarantors who have undergone a debt-restructuring process with regard to their non-performing exposures should be understood to refer to both the restructured exposures of the respective debtor or guarantor and those of its exposures that were not themselves subject to restructuring. For the purposes of this Article, restructured exposures which meet the conditions of points (i) and (ii) of that Article should not result in a debtor or guarantor becoming designated as credit-impaired.</p>	

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	<p>No exposures in default and to credit-impaired debtors/guarantors (Article 20(11))</p> <p>40. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be further clarified:</p> <p>(d) Interpretation of the criterion with respect to the debtors and guarantors found on the credit registry: it is important to interpret this requirement in a narrow sense to ensure that the existence of a debtor or guarantor on the credit registry of persons with adverse credit history should not automatically exclude the exposure to that debtor/guarantor from compliance with this criterion. It is understood that this criterion should relate only to debtors and guarantors that are, at the time of origination of the exposure, considered entities with adverse credit history. Existence on a credit registry at the time of origination of the exposure for reasons that can be reasonably ignored for the purposes of the credit risk assessment (for example due to missed payments which have been resolved in the next two payment periods) should not be captured by this requirement. Therefore, this criterion should not automatically exclude from the STS framework exposures to all entities that are on the credit registries, taking into account that this would unintentionally exclude a significant number of entities given that different practices exist across EU jurisdictions with respect to entry requirements of such credit registries, and the fact that credit registries in some jurisdictions may contain both positive and negative information about the clients;</p>	
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	<p>4.5 No exposures in default and to credit-impaired debtors/guarantors (Article 20(11))</p> <p>Credit registry</p> <p>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:</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(b) the debtor or guarantor is on the credit registry for reasons that are relevant to the purposes of the credit risk assessment.</p>	

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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) 2017/2402, given that in both cases the requirement (i) aims to prevent adverse selection of underlying exposures and (ii) relates to the comparison of the credit quality of exposures transferred to the SSPE and comparable exposures that remain on the originator's balance sheet. To facilitate the interpretation, a list is given of examples of how to achieve compliance with the requirement.	
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	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.	

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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.	

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	No predominant dependence on the sale of assets (Article 20(13))	
	<p>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.</p>	
	<p>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.</p>	
	<p>45. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be further clarified:</p>	
	<p>(a) the term 'predominant dependence' on the sale of assets securing the underlying exposures should be further interpreted:</p>	
	<p>(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.</p>	
	<p>(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.</p>	
	<p>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.</p>	
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	4.7 No Predominant dependence on the sale of assets	
	<i>Predominant dependence on the sale of assets</i>	
	<p>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:</p>	
	<p>(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;</p>	
	<p>(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;</p>	
	<p>(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.</p>	
	<p>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.</p>	
	<i>Exemption provided in the second subparagraph of Article 20(13) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402</i>	
	<p>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:</p>	
	<p>(a) they are not insolvent;</p>	
	<p>(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.</p>	

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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.	
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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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	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.
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5.1 Appropriate mitigation of interest-rate and currency risks (Article 21(2))		
Derivatives		
<p>55. For the purpose of Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, exposures in the pool of underlying exposures that merely contain a derivative component exclusively serving the purpose of directly hedging the interest-rate or currency risk of the respective underlying exposure itself, which are not themselves derivatives, should not be understood to be prohibited.</p>		

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	<p>5.1 Appropriate mitigation of interest-rate and currency risks (Article 21(2))</p> <p>Common standards in international finance</p> <p>56. For the purposes of Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, common standards in international finance should include ISDA or similar established national documentation standards.</p>	

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	Referenced interest payments (Article 21(3))	
	<p>53. The objective of this criterion is to prevent securitisations from making reference to interest rates that cannot be observed in the commonly accepted market practice. The credit risk and cash flow analysis that investors must be able to carry out should not involve atypical, complex or complicated rates or variables that cannot be modelled on the basis of market experience and practice.</p>	
	<p>54. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be further clarified:</p>	
	<p>(a) the scope of the criterion (by specifying the common types and examples of interest rates captured by this criterion);</p>	
	<p>(b) the term 'complex formulae or derivatives'.</p>	
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	5.2 Referenced interest payments (Article 21(3))	
	Referenced rates	
	<p>57. For the purposes of Article 21(3) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, interest rates that should be considered to be an adequate reference basis for referenced interest payments should include all of the following:</p>	
	<p>(a) interbank rates including the Libor, Euribor and other recognised benchmarks;</p>	
	<p>(b) rates set by monetary policy authorities, including FED funds rates and central banks' discount rates;</p>	
	<p>(c) sectoral rates reflective of a lender's cost of funds, including standard variable rates and internal interest rates that directly reflect the market costs of funding of a bank or a subset of institutions, to the extent that sufficient data are provided to investors to allow them to assess the relation of the sectoral rates to other market rates.</p>	
	Complex formulae or derivatives	
	<p>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.</p>	

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	<p>Requirements in case of enforcement or delivery of an acceleration notice (Article 21(4))</p> <p>55. The objective of this criterion is to prevent investors from being subjected to unexpected repayment profiles and to provide appropriate legal comfort regarding their enforceability, for instances where an enforcement or an acceleration notice has been delivered.</p> <p>56. STS securitisations should be such that the required investor's risk analysis and due diligence do not have to factor in complex structures of the payment priority that are difficult to model, nor should the investor be exposed to complex changes in such structures throughout the life of the transaction. Therefore, it should be ensured that junior noteholders do not have inappropriate payment preference over senior noteholders that are due and payable.</p> <p>57. In addition, taking into account that market risk on the underlying collateral constitutes an element of complexity in the risk and due diligence analysis to be carried out by investors, the objective is also to ensure that the performance of STS securitisations does not rely, due to contractual triggers, on the automatic liquidation at market price of the underlying collateral.</p> <p>58. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the scope and operational functioning of conditions specified under letters (a), (b) and (d) of Article 21(4) should be specified further.</p>	
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	<p>5.3 Requirements in the event of enforcement or delivery of an acceleration notice (Article 21(4))</p> <p><i>Exceptional circumstances</i></p> <p>59. For the purposes of Article 21(4)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, a list of 'exceptional circumstances' should, to the extent possible, be included in the transaction documentation.</p> <p>60. Given the nature of 'exceptional circumstances' and in order to allow some flexibility with respect to potential unusual circumstances requiring that cash be trapped in the SSPE in the best interests of investors, where a list of 'exceptional circumstances' is included in the transaction documentation in accordance with paragraph 59, such a list should be non-exhaustive.</p> <p><i>Amount trapped in the SSPE in the best interests of investors</i></p> <p>61. For the purposes of Article 21(4)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the amount of cash to be considered as trapped in the SSPE should be that agreed by the trustee or other representative of the investors who is legally required to act in the best interests of the investors, or by the investors in accordance with the voting provisions set out in the transaction documentation.</p> <p>62. For the purposes of Article 21(4)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, it should be permissible to trap the cash in the SSPE in the form of a reserve fund for future use, as long as the use of the reserve fund is exclusively limited to the purposes set out in Article 21(4)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 or to orderly repayment to the investors.</p>	

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	EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines 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.	

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	EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines 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.	

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	Non-sequential priority of payments (Article 21(5))	
	<p>59. The objective of this criterion is to ensure that non-sequential (pro rata) amortisation should be used only in conjunction with clearly specified contractual triggers that determine the switch of the amortisation scheme to a sequential priority, safeguarding the transaction from the possibility that credit enhancement is too quickly amortised as the credit quality of the transaction deteriorates, thereby exposing senior investors to a decreasing amount of credit enhancement.</p> <p>60. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, a non-exhaustive list of examples of performance-related triggers that may be included is provided in the guidance.</p>	
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	5.4 Non-sequential priority of payments (Article 21(5))	
	Performance-related triggers	
	<p>66. For the purposes of Article 21(5) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the triggers related to the deterioration in the credit quality of the underlying exposures may include the following:</p>	
	<p>(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;</p>	
	<p>(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;</p>	
	<p>(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.</p>	

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	Early amortisation provisions/triggers for termination of the revolving period (Article 21(6))	
	<p>61. The objective of this criterion is to ensure that, in the presence of a revolving period mechanism, investors are sufficiently protected from the risk that principal amounts may not be fully repaid. In all such transactions, irrespective of the nature of the revolving mechanism, investors should be protected by a minimum set of early amortisation triggers or triggers for the termination of the revolving period that should be included in the transaction documentation.</p> <p>62. In order to facilitate the consistent interpretation of this criterion, interactions of this criterion with the criterion under Article 21(7)(b) with respect to the insolvency-related event with respect to the servicer should be further clarified.</p>	
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5.5 Early amortisation provisions/triggers for termination of the revolving period (Article 21(6))		
<i>Insolvency-related event with regard to the servicer</i>		
<p>67. For the purposes of Article 21(6)(b) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, an insolvency-related event with respect to the servicer should lead to both of the following:</p> <p>(a) it should enable the replacement of the servicer in order to ensure continuation of the servicing;</p> <p>(b) it should trigger the termination of the revolving period.</p>		

51, 52, 53	Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation	BACK TO CHECKLIST
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	Transaction Documentation (Article 21(7))	
	<p>63. The objective of this criterion is to help provide full transparency to investors, assist investors in the conduct of their due diligence and prevent investors from being subject to unexpected disruptions in cash flow collections and servicing, as well as to provide investors with certainty about the replacement of counterparties involved in the securitisation transaction.</p> <p>64. This criterion is considered sufficiently clear and no further guidance is considered necessary.</p>	
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54	Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation	BACK TO CHECKLIST
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	Expertise of the Servicer (Article 21(8))	
	<p>65. The objective of this criterion is to ensure that all the conditions are in place for the proper functioning of the servicing function, taking into account the crucial importance of servicing in securitisation and the central nature of this function within any securitisation transaction.</p>	
	<p>66. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be further clarified:</p>	
	<p>(a) criteria for determining the expertise of the servicer;</p>	
	<p>(b) criteria for determining well-documented and adequate policies, procedures and risk management controls of the servicer.</p>	
	<p>67. The criteria for the expertise of the servicer should correspond to those for the expertise of the originator or the original lender. Newly established entities should be allowed to perform the tasks of servicing, as long as the back-up servicer has the appropriate experience. It is expected that information on the assessment of the expertise is provided in sufficient detail in the STS notification.</p>	
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	5.8 Expertise of the servicer (Article 21(8))	
	<i>Criteria for determining the expertise of the servicer</i>	
	<p>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:</p>	
	<p>(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;</p>	
	<p>(b) any of the following principles on the quality of the expertise should be taken into account in the determination of the expertise:</p>	
	<p>(i) the role and duties of the members of the management body and the senior staff and the required capabilities should be adequate;</p>	
	<p>(ii) the experience of the members of the management body and the senior staff gained in previous positions, education and training should be sufficient;</p>	
	<p>(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;</p>	
	<p>(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.</p>	
	<p>69. A servicer should be deemed to have the required expertise where either of the following applies:</p>	
	<p>(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;</p>	
	<p>(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:</p>	
	<p>(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;</p>	
	<p>(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;</p>	
	<p>(iii) the servicing function of the entity is backed by the back-up servicer compliant with point (a).</p>	
	<p>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.</p>	
	<p><i>Exposures of similar nature</i></p>	
	<p>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.</p>	

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

56,	Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation	BACK TO CHECKLIST
57	EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on <i>background and rationale</i>	
	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))	
	<i>Clear and consistent terms</i>	
	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.	

62,	Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation	BACK TO CHECKLIST
63	EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on <i>background and rationale</i>	
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.		
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5.8 Resolution of conflicts between different classes of investors (Article 20(10))		
Clear provisions facilitating the timely resolution of conflicts between different classes of investors		
73. For the purposes of Article 21(10) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, provisions of the transaction documentation that ‘facilitate the timely resolution of conflicts between different classes of investors’, should include provisions with respect to all of the following:		
(a) the method for calling meetings or arranging conference calls;		
(b) the maximum timeframe for setting up a meeting or conference call;		
(c) the required quorum;		
(d) the minimum threshold of votes to validate such a decision, with clear differentiation between the minimum thresholds for each type of decision;		
(e) where applicable, a location for the meetings which should be in the Union.		
74. For the purposes of Article 21(10) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, where mandatory statutory provisions exist in the applicable jurisdiction that set out how conflicts between investors have to be resolved, the transaction documentation may refer to these provisions.		

64,	Article 22 - Requirements relating to transparency	BACK TO CHECKLIST
65,	EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on <i>background and rationale</i>	
66	<p>Data on historical default and loss performance (Article 22(1))</p> <p>72. The objective is to provide investors with sufficient information on an asset class to conduct appropriate due diligence and to provide access to a sufficiently rich data set to enable a more accurate calculation of expected loss in different stress scenarios. These data are necessary for investors to carry out proper risk analysis and due diligence, and they contribute to building confidence and reducing uncertainty regarding the market behaviour of the underlying asset class. New asset classes entering the securitisation market, for which a sufficient track record of performance has not yet been built up, may not be considered transparent in that they cannot ensure that investors have the appropriate tools and knowledge to carry out proper risk analysis.</p> <p>73. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be further clarified:</p> <p>(a) its application to external data;</p> <p>(b) the term 'substantially similar exposures'.</p>	
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	<p>6.1 Data on historical default and loss performance (Article 22(1))</p> <p>Data</p> <p>75. For the purposes of Article 22(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, where the seller cannot provide data in line with the data requirements contained therein, external data that are publicly available or are provided by a third party, such as a rating agency or another market participant, may be used, provided that all of the other requirements of that article are met.</p> <p>Substantially similar exposures</p> <p>76. For the purposes of Article 22(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the term 'substantially similar exposures' should be understood as referring to exposures for which both of the following conditions are met:</p> <p>(a) the most relevant factors determining the expected performance of the underlying exposures are similar;</p> <p>(b) as a result of the similarity referred to in point (a) it could reasonably have been expected, on the basis of indications such as past performance or applicable models, that, over the life of the transaction, or over a maximum of four years, where the life of the transaction is longer than four years, their performance would not be significantly different.</p> <p>77. The substantially similar exposures should not be limited to exposures held on the balance sheet of the originator.</p>	

67,	Article 22 - Requirements relating to transparency		BACK TO CHECKLIST
68	EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on <i>background and rationale</i>		
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.			
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6.2 Verification of a sample of the underlying exposures (Article 22(2))			
<i>Sample of the underlying exposures subject to external verification</i>			
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.			
<i>Party executing the verification</i>			
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.			
<i>Scope of the verification</i>			
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.			
<i>Confirmation of the verification</i>			
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.			

69,	Article 22 - Requirements relating to transparency	BACK TO CHECKLIST
70	EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on <i>background and rationale</i>	
	<p>Liability cashflow model (Article 22(3))</p> <p>76. The objective of this criterion is to assist investors in their ability to appropriately model the cash flow waterfall of the securitisation on the liability side of the SSPE.</p> <p>77. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be clarified:</p> <p>(a) interpretation of the term ‘precise’ representation of the contractual relationships;</p> <p>(b) implications when the model is provided by third parties.</p>	
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	<p>Liability cash flow model (Article 22(3))</p> <p>Precise representation of the contractual relationship</p> <p>82. For the purposes of Article 22(3) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the representation of the contractual relationships between the underlying exposures and the payments flowing among the originator, sponsor, investors, other parties and the SSPE should be considered to have been done ‘precisely’ where it is done accurately and with an amount of detail sufficient to allow investors to model payment obligations of the SSPE and to price the securitisation accordingly. This may include algorithms that permit investors to model a range of different scenarios that will affect cash flows, such as different prepayment or default rates.</p> <p>Third parties</p> <p>83. For the purposes of Article 22(3) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, where the liability cash flow model is developed by third parties, the originator or sponsor should remain responsible for making the information available to potential investors.</p>	
71	Article 22 - Requirements relating to transparency	BACK TO CHECKLIST
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	<p>Environmental performance of assets (Article 22(4))</p> <p>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.</p> <p>79. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the term ‘available information related to the environmental performance’ should be further clarified.</p>	
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	<p>Environmental performance of assets (Article 22(4))</p> <p>Available information related to the environmental performance</p> <p>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.</p>	