

STS Term Master Checklist

CARS ALLIANCE AUTO LOANS ITALY 2015 S.R.L.



PRIME COLLATERALISED SECURITIES (PCS) EU SAS

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Prime Collateralised Securities (PCS) STS Verification

Individual(s) undertaking the assessment	Daniele Vella
Date of Verification	8 March 2021
The transaction to be verified (the “Transaction”)	CARS ALLIANCE AUTO LOANS ITALY 2015 S.R.L. – Following the upsize of [March] 2021
Issuer	Cars Alliance Auto Loans Italy 2015 S.r.l.
Originator	RCI Banque S.A., Italian branch
Arranger	Crédit Agricole – Corporate and Investment Bank
Transaction Legal Counsel	Hogan Lovells
Rating Agencies	DBRS and Moody’s
Stock Exchange	Luxembourg Stock Exchange
Target Closing Date	8 March 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 on the next page together with a reference to summary headings of the respective article contents. To examine a specific article section from the list below in further detail, please click on the article description in the table below to be taken directly to the relevant section of the detailed checklist.

Article	Summary of article contents	Checklist Points	
Article 20 – Simplicity			
20(1)	True sale	1, 2	✓
20(2)	Severe clawback (part 1)	2	✓
20(3)	Severe clawback (part 2)	2	✓
20(4)	True sale with intermediate steps	3	✓
20(5)	Assignment perfection	4	✓
20(6)	Encumbrances to enforceability of true sale	5	✓
20(7)	Eligibility criteria and active portfolio management	6 - 8	✓
20(8)	Homogeneity, obligations of the underlying exposures, periodic payment streams, no transferable securities	9 - 14	✓
20(9)	No securitisation positions	15	✓
20(10)	Origination, underwriting standards and expertise, unverified home loans	16 - 21	✓
20(11)	No undue delay after selection, no exposures in default and to credit-impaired or insolvent debtors/quarantors, portion of restructured debtors, adverse credit history, higher pool risk	22 - 30	✓
20(12)	At least one payment made	31	✓
20(13)	No predominant dependence on the sale of asset	32	✓
Article 21 – Standardisation			
21(1)	Risk retention	33	✓
21(2)	Appropriate mitigation of interest-rate and currency risks, disclosure, no further derivatives, hedging derivatives according to common standards	34 - 39	✓
21(3)	Referenced interest payments	40	✓
21(4)	Requirements in the event of enforcement or delivery of an acceleration notice: no cash trap, sequential amortisation, no automatic liquidation	41 - 44	✓
21(5)	Non-sequential priority of payments	45	✓
21(6)	Early amortisation provisions/triggers for termination of revolving period	46 - 50	✓
21(7)	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 and information disclosure before pricing and 15 days after closing	72 - 75	✓
7(1)	Transparency requirements: availability of reports, documentation, underlying loan data	76 - 101	✓
7(2)	Transparency requirements: designation of responsible entity, securitisation repository	102, 103	✓

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Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity		
<p>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.</p>		
STS criteria		
<p>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.</p>		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>In this transaction, the rights, title and interests to the assets are assigned and transferred without recourse (<i>pro soluto</i>) by the Italian branch of a French bank to an Italian SSPE.</p> <p>See "DESCRIPTION OF THE TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS - THE MASTER RECEIVABLES TRANSFER AGREEMENT" and the recitals of the Master Amendment Agreement of March 2021.</p> <p>See also the section headed "THE PORTFOLIO".</p> <p>PCS has been provided with and has reviewed the French and Italian law legal opinions issued by Hogan Lovells. Confirmation of true sale i.e. enforceability of assignment, an assessment of the re-characterisation and claw-back risks are made in these Legal Opinions.</p> <p>"True sale", originally, was not a legal concept but a rating agency creation.</p> <p>The essence of a "true sale" is that the property in the securitised assets has legally moved from the originator(s)/seller to the SSPE in such a way that the SSPE's ownership will be recognised as a matter of law, including and especially in the case of the insolvency of the originator(s)/seller. In a "true sale" the insolvency officer and creditors of the insolvent originator/seller are not able to satisfy the claims of the originator/seller's creditor out of the proceeds of the securitised assets. Following a "true sale" there is no legal device by which the assets can automatically revert to the originator/seller's ownership. Such automatic reversion is associated with security interests and anathema to a "true sale".</p> <p>This is clearly stated in the wording of the Regulation (20.1). The expression "transfer to the same effect" indicates that, as long as the conditions in the preceding paragraph are met, the Regulation does not seek to limit the type of legal devices which can be used to effect such transfer of title.</p> <p>The issue of "true sale" is separate from the issue of "clawback". "Clawback" refers to legal processes through which, in the insolvency of the seller of an asset, an insolvency officer is entitled to reverse the sale – even in cases where a "true sale" has taken place.</p> <p>All European jurisdictions, to PCS' knowledge, have rules allowing for clawbacks. Clawbacks are usually rules to avoid a company heading towards insolvency from "defrauding" its existing creditors either by selling assets at very low prices (to friends and relations) or unfairly preferring certain creditors over others.</p> <p>The Regulation (20.1) therefore does not require STS "true sales" to be clawback proof since this would mean that no European securitisation could ever be STS. It does require the sale not to be subject to "severe clawback". The Regulation does not define "severe clawback" but gives an example (20.2) where a clawback may occur.</p> <p>The Regulation (20.3) also explicitly excludes from the definition of "severe clawback" the traditional European basis for such devices which all come under the general category of "preferences".</p> <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 a 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.

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

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

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

In this case, the Originator is incorporated in France and it is authorised as a bank to operate in France, and in Italy through its Italian branch, as confirmed through a search with the Bank of Italy’s website that PCS has separately made. The Receivables were originated in Italy by the Italian branch.

See also the description in “THE ORIGINATOR AND THE SERVICER - Description of RCI Banque”.

For a detailed analysis of the insolvency framework applicable to the Originator, considering that it is a French company, operating in Italy through its Italian branch, see the specific risk factor headed “Impact of the hardening period (*période suspecte*) on the assignment of Receivables”.

The home member state of the Originator is in the Republic of France, which does not contemplate severe clawback provisions for securitisation transactions. In an insolvency /resolution procedure involving RCI Banque S.A., however, PCS believes that also Italian laws may be relevant in case a claw back action is raised against the Originator, aimed at the recovery of assets transferred by the Originator through its Italian branch. In any case, Italian insolvency laws do not contemplate severe claw back as well. See also the Risk Factor section “Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive”.

French and Italian insolvency laws provide for clawback in relation to acts made in the suspect period, provided that also other circumstances occur, such as undue preference or transactions at an undervalue, and may require the insolvency officer to prove that case. Therefore, and as generally outlined in the French and Italian opinions and more specifically in the Prospectus, sections mentioned above, the transfer of the Receivables is not, in our view, subject to “severe clawback”.

The Legal Opinions provide comfort on the true sale aspects related to the sale of the Initial Portfolio and of each Increase Additional Portfolio, Increase Further Additional Portfolio and any Additional Portfolio.

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

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

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

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

(a) how to substantiate the confidence of third parties with respect to compliance with Article 20(1): it is understood that this should be achieved by providing a legal opinion. While the guidance does not explicitly require the provision of a legal opinion in all cases, the guidance expects a legal opinion to be provided as a general rule, and omission to be an exception;

(b) the triggers to effect the perfection of the transfer if assignments are perfected at a later stage than at the closing of the transaction.

EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines

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

True sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect

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

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

(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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STS criteria		
2. The transfer of the title to the SSPE shall not be subject to severe clawback provisions in the event of the seller's insolvency.		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
See "Impact of the hardening period (<i>période suspecte</i>) on the assignment of Receivables": << <i>The Originator is the Italian branch of RCI Banque SA, being an entity incorporated under the laws of France to which of the French law provisions apply. The assignments of Receivables may be subject to claw-back under French law upon certain conditions being met.</i> >>. See also the section headed "SELECTED ASPECTS OF ITALIAN LAW". COMI and home member state of the Originator is the Republic of France (see point 1 above). However, to a certain extent also Italian law may be applicable. None of the two contemplate severe claw back actions in the context of a portfolio sale in a securitisation.		
EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on <i>background and rationale</i>		
True sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect, representations and warranties (Article 20(1)-(6))		
16. The criterion specified in Article 20(1) aims to ensure that the underlying exposures are beyond the reach of, and are effectively ring-fenced and segregated from, the seller, its creditors and its liquidators, including in the event of the seller's insolvency, enabling an effective recourse to the ultimate claims for the underlying exposures. 22. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be clarified: (a) how to substantiate the confidence of third parties with respect to compliance with Article 20(1): it is understood that this should be achieved by providing a legal opinion. While the guidance does not explicitly require the provision of a legal opinion in all cases, the guidance expects a legal opinion to be provided as a general rule, and omission to be an exception; (b) the triggers to effect the perfection of the transfer if assignments are perfected at a later stage than at the closing of the transaction.		
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True sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect		
10. For the purposes of Article 20(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 and in order to substantiate the confidence of third parties, including third parties verifying simple, transparent and standardised (STS) compliance in accordance with Article 28 of that Regulation and competent authorities meeting the requirements specified therein, all of the following should be provided: (a) confirmation of the true sale or confirmation that, under the applicable national framework, the assignment or transfer segregate the underlying exposures from the seller, its creditors and its liquidators, including in the event of the seller's insolvency, with the same legal effect as that achieved by means of true sale; (b) confirmation of the enforceability of the true sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect referred to in point (a) against the seller or any other third party, under the applicable national legal framework; (c) assessment of clawback risks and re-characterisation risks. 11. The confirmation of the aspects referred to in paragraph 10 should be achieved by the provision of a legal opinion provided by qualified external legal counsel, except in the case of repeat issuances in standalone securitisation structures or master trusts that use the same legal mechanism for the transfer, including instances in which the legal framework is the same.		

12. The legal opinion referred to in paragraph 11 should be accessible and made available to any relevant third party verifying STS compliance in accordance with Article 28 of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 and any relevant competent authority from among those referred to in Article 29 of that regulation.

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<p>20.2. For the purpose of paragraph 1, any of the following shall constitute severe clawback provisions:</p> <p>(a) provisions which allow the liquidator of the seller to invalidate the sale of the underlying exposures solely on the basis that it was concluded within a certain period before the declaration of the seller's insolvency;</p> <p>(b) provisions where the SSPE can only prevent the invalidation referred to in point (a) if it can prove that it was not aware of the insolvency of the seller at the time of sale.</p>		
STS criteria		
Verified?	Yes	
PCS Comment		
<p>Neither provision applies. See statements in "<i>Impact of the hardening period (période suspecte) on the assignment of Receivables</i>" and "<i>Assignments of Receivables may be subject to claw-back upon certain conditions being met</i>".</p> <p>Clawback of the sales of the Receivables does not constitute severe clawback risks because in all cases of claw back, in addition to the "suspect period", both Italian and French law provide that other circumstances have to be met to allow claw back. These are, as the case may be, the purchase at undervalue and the awareness of the insolvency of the seller.</p>		
EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on background and rationale		
True sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect, representations and warranties (Article 20(1)-(6))		
<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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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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20.3. For the purpose of paragraph 1, clawback provisions in national insolvency laws that allow the liquidator or a court to invalidate the sale of underlying exposures in case of fraudulent transfers, unfair prejudice to creditors or of transfers intended to improperly favour particular creditors over others, shall not constitute severe clawback provisions.		
STS criteria		
Verified?	Yes	
PCS Comment		
See comments to points above. France and Italy do not have severe clawback provisions for securitisation transactions.		
EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on <i>background and rationale</i>		
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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<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:		
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(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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20.4. Where the seller is not the original lender, the true sale or assignment or transfer with the same legal effect of the underlying exposures to the seller, whether that true sale or assignment or transfer with the same legal effect is direct or through one or more intermediate steps, shall meet the requirements set out in paragraphs 1 to 3.		
STS criteria		
3. Where the seller is not the original lender, the true sale or assignment or transfer with the same legal effect of the underlying exposures to the seller, whether that true sale or assignment or transfer with the same legal effect is direct or through one or more intermediate steps, shall meet the requirements set out in paragraphs 1 to 3.		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>The Receivables have been exclusively originated by RCI Banque S.A. as lender.</p> <p>In this respect, PCS notes the following statement, contained in the Section "THE WARRANTY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT" that: <<(d) the Receivables have been originated by the Originator in the ordinary course of its business pursuant to credit policies that are not less stringent than the credit policies applied by the Originator at the time of origination to similar exposures that are not assigned under the Securitisation (article 20(10) EU Securitisation Regulation and the EBA Guidelines on STS Criteria);>>.</p> <p>The Originator confirmed to PCS the absence of intermediate steps between origination and sale of the Receivables to the SPV.</p> <p>In the light of the above, PCS is satisfied that this requirement is met.</p>		
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19. Article 20(4) specifies that, where the transfer of title occurs not directly between the seller and the SSPE but through one or more intermediary steps involving further parties, the requirements relating to the true sale, assignment or other transfer with the same legal effect, apply at each step.		
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<i>True sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect</i>		
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(b) confirmation of the enforceability of the true sale, assignment or transfer with the same legal effect referred to in point (a) against the seller or any other third party, under the applicable national legal framework;		
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<p>20.5. Where the transfer of the underlying exposures is performed by means of an assignment and perfected at a later stage than at the closing of the transaction, the triggers to affect such perfection shall, at least include the following events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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		
<p>4. Where the transfer of the underlying exposures is performed by means of an assignment and perfected at a later stage than at the closing of the transaction, the triggers to effect such perfection shall, at least include the following events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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		
<p>Article 20.5 does not apply, as the transfer is perfected.</p> <p>Criterion 4 requires two steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. <p>See "SELECTED ASPECTS OF ITALIAN LAW – The Assignment", where it is confirmed that <<Each assignment of the Receivables from RCI Banque Italy to the Issuer are governed by the provisions of the Master Receivables Transfer Agreement and the relevant perfection requirements have to be fulfilled in accordance with the provisions of the Securitisation Law.>></p> <p>PCS has reached sufficient comfort that pursuant to Italian law, a direct individual notification to the obligors of the assignment of the Receivables to the Issuer is not necessary in order to perfect the transfer of the legal title to such Receivables from the Originator to the Issuer.</p> <p>Although the transfer is not notified to the borrowers, the Italian legal opinion and Prospectus confirm that such notification is not required to fully perfect the transfer of ownership in the Receivables to the SSPE. In particular, although a communication to the Borrowers is required to comply with certain Italian regulatory requirements, the failure to provide it would not affect the validity and effectiveness between the Originator and the Issuer of the transfers of any Receivable under the Master Receivables Transfer Agreement, nor their enforceability vis-à-vis any third party.</p> <p>Accordingly, this transaction does not operate by way of an unperfected assignment and specific triggers are not required.</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>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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) how to substantiate the confidence of third parties with respect to compliance with Article 20(1): it is understood that this should be achieved by providing a legal opinion. While the guidance does not explicitly require the provision of a legal opinion in all cases, the guidance expects a legal opinion to be provided as a general rule, and omission to be an exception; 		

(b) the triggers to effect the perfection of the transfer if assignments are perfected at a later stage than at the closing of the transaction.

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Severe deterioration in the seller credit quality standing

13. For the purposes of Article 20(5) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the transaction documentation should identify, with regard to the trigger of 'severe deterioration in the seller credit quality standing', credit quality thresholds that are objectively observable and related to the financial health of the seller.

Insolvency of the seller

14. For the purposes of Article 20(5) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the trigger of 'insolvency of the seller' should refer, at least, to events of legal insolvency as defined in national legal frameworks.

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20.6. The seller shall provide representations and warranties that, to the best of its knowledge, the underlying exposures included in the securitisation are not encumbered or otherwise in a condition that can be foreseen to adversely affect the enforceability of the true sale or assignment or transfer with the same legal effect.		
STS criteria		
5. The seller shall provide representations and warranties that, to the best of its knowledge, the underlying exposures included in the securitisation are not encumbered or otherwise in a condition that can be foreseen to adversely affect the enforceability of the true sale or assignment or transfer with the same legal effect.		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>See the following R&Ws in Schedule 1, §2.1(b) and 2.1(c) of the Warranty and Indemnity Agreement:</p> <p><<(b) <i>Title to the Receivables: As of the relevant Valuation Date and as of the relevant Transfer Date, the Originator has full and unconditional title to each Receivable and it is not subject to any lien (pignoramento), seizure (sequestro) or other charges in favour of any third parties, and therefore it is freely transferable to the Issuer;</i></p> <p>(c) <i>Privileges and Waivers: Save for those Receivables which have been assigned to Alliance Auto Loans – Italy S.r.l. under the previous securitisation made by RCI Banque Italy as originator and, thereafter, retransferred to the Originator under the Repurchase Agreement, the Originator has not assigned (whether absolutely or by way of security), charged, transferred or otherwise disposed of any of its rights, title and interests to the Loan Agreements, the Loans, the Receivables, the Insurance Policies, the Mortgages and/or any other Collateral Security, or has otherwise created or granted, or allowed any third parties to create or grant, any lien, pledge, encumbrance, or any other right, claim or beneficial interest of any third party or otherwise in a condition that can be foreseen to adversely affect the enforceability of the transfer of Receivables under the Master Receivables Transfer Agreement, other than those provided for under the Loan Agreements, the Loans, the Receivables, the Insurance Policies, the Mortgages and/or any other Collateral Security;>>.</i></p>		
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21. The objective of the criterion in Article 20(6), which requires the seller to provide the representations and warranties confirming to the seller’s best knowledge that the transferred exposures are neither encumbered nor otherwise in a condition that could potentially adversely affect the enforceability of the transfer of title, is to ensure that the underlying exposures are not only beyond the reach not only of the seller but equally of its creditors, and to allocate the commercial risk of the encumbrance of the underlying exposures to the seller.		
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<p>20.7. The underlying exposures transferred from, or assigned by, the seller to the SSPE shall meet pre-determined, clear and documented eligibility criteria which do not allow for active portfolio management of those exposures on a discretionary basis. For the purpose of this paragraph, substitution of exposures that are in breach of representations and warranties shall not be considered active portfolio management. Exposures transferred to the SSPE after the closing of the transaction shall meet the eligibility criteria applied to the initial underlying exposures.</p>		
STS criteria		
<p>6. The underlying exposures transferred from, or assigned by, the seller to the SSPE shall meet pre-determined, clear and documented eligibility criteria....</p>		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>See the Master Receivables Transfer Agreement, Clause 2.4 (Eligibility Criteria) and the list of eligibility criteria set out in Schedules 1 and 2 of such agreement.</p> <p>The EBA Guidelines clarify that “clear” does not mean easily readable or comprehended by a non-expert. In the Regulation a criterion is “clear” when a court or tribunal could determine whether, presumably in all cases, the criterion is met for each asset. In the Regulation, “clear” is about certainty of determination.</p> <p>PCS has read the Eligibility Criteria in the Master Receivables Transfer Agreement.</p> <p>As they are mandatory, they meet the “predetermined” requirement.</p> <p>As they are in the Master Receivables Transfer Agreement, they meet the “documented” requirement.</p> <p>PCS has also concluded that they allow determination in each case, and so meet the “clear” requirement.</p>		
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Eligibility criteria for the underlying exposures, active portfolio management (Article 20(7))		
<p>23. The objective of this criterion in Article 20(7) is to ensure that the selection and transfer of the underlying exposures in the securitisation is done in a manner which facilitates in a clear and consistent fashion the identification of which exposures are selected for/transferred into the securitisation, and to enable the investors to assess the credit risk of the asset pool prior to their investment decisions.</p>		
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4.2 Eligibility criteria for the underlying exposures, active portfolio management (Article 20(7))		
Clear eligibility criteria		
<p>17. For the purposes of Article 20(7) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the criteria should be understood to be ‘clear’ where compliance with them is possible to be determined by a court or tribunal, as a matter of law or fact or both.</p>		

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STS criteria		
<p>7. Which do not allow for active portfolio management of those exposures on a discretionary basis. For the purpose of this paragraph, substitution of exposures that are in breach of representations and warranties shall not be considered active portfolio management.</p>		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>It is noted that the Master Receivables Transfer Agreement allows the Originator to repurchase (at its option) individual Receivables.</p> <p>See Clause 13.1.1 of the MRTA:</p> <p><i><<The Originator may request to the Issuer, pursuant to this Clause 13.1, to repurchase individual Receivables (including also Defaulted Receivables) comprised in the Portfolio, in order to maintain its commercial relationships with its customers and, to the extent possible, avoid any different treatments between the Debtors and its other customers>>.</i></p> <p>See also the statement in the section "Description of the Transaction Documents – 5. The Intercreditor Agreement" of the Prospectus confirming the cases in which repurchases can be made by the Originator from the Issuer, which are not to be factored as active portfolio management.</p> <p>In case of breach of representations and warranties under the Warranty and Indemnity Agreement, as an alternative to an indemnity, and subject to a verification procedure, the Issuer has the right of put option in respect of the Receivables that do not comply with the representations and warranties received.</p> <p>The Originator has also a clean-up option and an option of redeeming the Notes for taxation or regulatory reasons (see Condition 8 - Redemption, Purchase and Cancellation, in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes, contained in the Prospectus). In addition, the whole Portfolio may be disposed (or shall, if so resolved by the holders of the Most Senior Class of Notes) following the delivery of a Trigger Notice (see Condition 12.4.3).</p> <p>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 is deemed met.</p> <p>If a 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".</p> <p><i>PCS has reviewed all the repurchase devices set out in the Prospectus and the Transaction Documents and these are acceptable within the context of the EBA final guidelines and its principles.</i></p>		
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Eligibility criteria for the underlying exposures, active portfolio management (Article 20(7))		
<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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4.2 Eligibility criteria for the underlying exposures, active portfolio management (Article 20(7))		
Active portfolio management		

15. For the purposes of Article 20(7) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, active portfolio management should be understood as portfolio management to which either of the following applies:
- (a) the portfolio management makes the performance of the securitisation dependent both on the performance of the underlying exposures and on the performance of the portfolio management of the securitisation, thereby preventing the investor from modelling the credit risk of the underlying exposures without considering the portfolio management strategy of the portfolio manager;
 - (b) the portfolio management is performed for speculative purposes aiming to achieve better performance, increased yield, overall financial returns or other purely financial or economic benefit.
16. The techniques of portfolio management that should not be considered active portfolio management include:
- (a) substitution or repurchase of underlying exposures due to the breach of representations or warranties;
 - (b) substitution or repurchase of the underlying exposures that are subject to regulatory dispute or investigation to facilitate the resolution of the dispute or the end of the investigation;
 - (c) replenishment of underlying exposures by adding underlying exposures as substitutes for amortised or defaulted exposures during the revolving period;
 - (d) acquisition of new underlying exposures during the 'ramp up' period to line up the value of the underlying exposures with the value of the securitisation obligation;
 - (e) repurchase of underlying exposures in the context of the exercise of clean-up call options, in accordance with Article 244(3)(g) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2401;
 - (f) repurchase of defaulted exposures to facilitate the recovery and liquidation process with respect to those exposures;
 - (g) repurchase of underlying exposures under the repurchase obligation in accordance with Article 20(13) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402.

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STS criteria		
8. Exposures transferred to the SSPE after the closing of the transaction shall meet the eligibility criteria applied to the initial underlying exposures.		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>The transaction is revolving and the Common Criteria, as set out in the Master Receivables Transfer Agreement, shall apply to the Initial Portfolio and, with the addition of certain additional criteria, also to each Additional Portfolio, at the relevant Valuation Date.</p> <p>The Master Receivables Transfer Agreement contains provisions pursuant to which, if it transpires that any of the Receivables transferred under the Master Receivables Transfer Agreement or any subsequent Transfer Agreement does not meet, as of the relevant Valuation Date, the relevant criteria, then the Originator shall repurchase such Receivables.</p>		
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Eligibility criteria for the underlying exposures, active portfolio management (Article 20.7)		
<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>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		
<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>See the following R&W in the section headed "DESCRIPTION OF THE TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS - 3. THE WARRANTY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT", where it is represented that:</p> <p><<(c) as at the relevant Valuation Date and as at the relevant Transfer Date, the Receivables comprised in each Portfolio are homogeneous in terms of asset type (article 20(8) of the Securitisation Regulation and the applicable Regulatory Technical Standards), taking into account the specific characteristics to the cash flows of the asset type including their contractual, credit-risk and prepayment characteristics, given that:</p> <p>(i) the Receivables have been originated by the Originator, as lender, in accordance with loan disbursement policies which apply similar approaches to the assessment of credit risk associated with the Receivables;</p> <p>(ii) the Receivables are and have been serviced by the Originator according to similar servicing procedures;</p> <p>(iii) the Receivables arise from auto loans and, therefore, shall fall within the asset types "auto loans and leases" set out under Article 1 (Homogeneity of underlying exposures), letter (a)(v) of the Regulatory Technical Standards on homogeneity approved by the European Commission on 28 May 2019 (the "Regulatory Technical Standards on Homogeneity"); and</p> <p>(iv) within such category "auto loans and leases", the Receivables satisfy the homogeneity factor set out under Article 2 (Homogeneity factors), paragraph 4, letter (b) of the Regulatory Technical Standards on Homogeneity, since the Debtors are resident in Italy;>>.</p> <p>The definition of "homogeneity" in the Regulation is 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" is legally binding on all regulatory authorities.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>In the Transaction, the loans were underwritten on a similar basis, they are being serviced by RCI Banque S.A., Italian branch according to similar servicing procedures, they are a single asset class – auto loans and leases – and are all originated in the same jurisdiction. PCS also takes great comfort from the fact that transactions containing pools with similar characteristics have always been considered to be "homogenous" by a wide consensus of market participants.</i></p>		
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Homogeneity, obligations of the underlying exposures, periodic payment streams, no transferable securities (Article 20(8))		
<p>27. The criterion on the homogeneity as specified in the first subparagraph of Article 20(8) has been further clarified in the Delegated Regulation further specifying which underlying exposures are deemed to be homogeneous in accordance with Articles 20(8) and 24(15) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402.</p>		
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STS criteria		
10. The underlying exposures shall contain obligations that are contractually binding and enforceable.		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>See the following R&W in the section headed "DESCRIPTION OF THE TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS - 3. THE WARRANTY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT", where it is represented that: <<Under the Warranty and Indemnity Agreement, in respect of the Receivables comprised in the Portfolio the Originator has represented and warranted that, inter alia: (a) the Receivables are existing and constitute legal, valid, binding and enforceable obligations of the Debtors and, with reference to the Insurance Policies, of the Insurance Companies (save for the application of the Italian Bankruptcy Law or any other provisions applicable to the creditors' rights);>>.</p>		
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Homogeneity, obligations of the underlying exposures, periodic payment streams, no transferable securities (Article 20(8))		
<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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Contractually binding and enforceable obligations		
<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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STS criteria		
11. With full recourse to debtors and, where applicable, guarantors.		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>See point 10 above.</p> <p>It is noted that the definition of "Debtors" includes also guarantors: <<"Debtor" means any individual person or entity which entered into a Loan Agreement <u>as principal debtor or guarantor</u> or who is obliged for the payment or repayment of amounts due in respect of a Loan or who has assumed the Debtor's obligation under an accollo, or otherwise.>>.</p>		
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Homogeneity, obligations of the underlying exposures, periodic payment streams, no transferable securities (Article 20(8))		
<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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4.3 Homogeneity, obligations of the underlying exposures, periodic payment streams, no transferable securities (Article 20(8))		
Contractually binding and enforceable obligations		
<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>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.</p>		
STS criteria		
12. The underlying exposures shall have defined periodic payment streams, the instalments of which may differ in their amounts.		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>See section headed "THE PORTFOLIO – The Criteria" the following eligibility criteria:</p> <p><<All the Receivables originated by RCI Banque S.A., Italian branch ("RCI"), arising from Loans, granted pursuant to the relevant Loan Agreements, that as of the Valuation Date satisfy the following criteria: (...)</p> <p>(e) whose principal, and interest (if applicable) is payable by the relevant borrower in monthly instalments and in relation to which the borrower has paid at least one instalment; (...)</p> <p>(g) are amortising loans with fixed interest rate or zero interest rate and the relevant amortising plan provides for the repayment in equal monthly instalments (except for the final instalment in respect of Loans with "balloon" instalment ("Maxi-rata finale")) and have been granted for the purchase in Italy from an authorised dealer (concessionario autorizzato) or a branch of Renault S.A.S. or Nissan S.r.l. of a new vehicle of the Renault Group or of the Nissan Group, or of a used vehicle of any manufacturer's brand which may also provide for supplemental services and/or insurance services related to the relevant Loan;>>.</p> <p>See also the definition of Instalment, as set out below:</p> <p><<"Instalment" means, with respect to each Loan Agreement, from which the Receivables are originated, each instalment due from time to time by the relevant Debtor thereunder and which consists of an Interest Instalment and a Principal Instalment.>>.</p> <p>It is noted that the Loans may include also Balloon Loans, which contemplate the payment of a "balloon instalment" at the end on an initial amortisation period. See "THE ORIGINATOR AND THE SERVICER" – "Balloon loans", where the nature of the Balloon Loans and of the balloon instalment is explained in detail.</p> <p>See also "Risk relating to the Balloon Loans" in RISK FACTORS.</p>		
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<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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4.3 Homogeneity, obligations of the underlying exposures, periodic payment streams, no transferable securities (Article 20(8))		
Exposures with periodic payment streams		
<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>		

- (d) exposures with instalments consisting of interest and repayment of a portion of the principal, where either of the following conditions is met:
- (i) the remaining principal is repaid at the maturity;
 - (ii) the repayment of the principal is dependent on the sale of assets securing the exposure, in accordance with Article 20(13) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 and paragraphs 47 to 49;
- (e) exposures with temporary payment holidays as contractually agreed between the debtor and the lender.

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<p>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.</p>		
STS criteria		
<p>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.</p>		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>See point 12 above.</p>		
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Homogeneity, obligations of the underlying exposures, periodic payment streams, no transferable securities (Article 20(8))		
<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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4.3 Homogeneity, obligations of the underlying exposures, periodic payment streams, no transferable securities (Article 20(8))		
<i>Exposures with periodic payment streams</i>		
<p>21. For the purposes of Article 20(8) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, exposures with defined periodic payment streams should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) exposures payable in a single instalment in the case of revolving securitisation, as referred to in Article 20(12) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402; (b) exposures related to credit card facilities; (c) exposures with instalments consisting of interest and where the principal is repaid at the maturity, including interest-only mortgages; (d) exposures with instalments consisting of interest and repayment of a portion of the principal, where either of the following conditions is met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the remaining principal is repaid at the maturity; (ii) the repayment of the principal is dependent on the sale of assets securing the exposure, in accordance with Article 20(13) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 and paragraphs 47 to 49; (e) exposures with temporary payment holidays as contractually agreed between the debtor and the lender. 		

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<p>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.</p>		
STS criteria		
<p>14. The underlying exposures shall not include transferable securities, as defined in Article 4(1), point 44 of Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council other than corporate bonds, provided that they are not listed on a trading venue.</p>		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>See the representation, contained in the Section "THE WARRANTY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT" that: <<(h) each Portfolio does not comprise (i) any transferable securities, as defined in point (44) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU (article 20(8) of the Securitisation Regulation and the EBA Guidelines on STS Criteria), (ii) any securitisation positions, pursuant (article 20(9) of the Securitisation Regulation and the EBA Guidelines on STS Criteria), nor (iii) any derivatives (article 21(2) of the Securitisation Regulation and the EBA Guidelines on STS Criteria).>>.</p> <p>The Criteria are also noted (see Section "THE PORTFOLIO – The Criteria").</p> <p>It is also noted that the amounts standing to the credit of the Collection Account and the Reserve Account may be invested in Eligible Investments by the Account Bank as directed by the Cash Manager in accordance with the provisions of the Cash Allocation, Management and Payments Agreement. The investments must comply with appropriate rating criteria, as set out in the definition of Eligible Investments and do not appear speculative instruments that could replace the underlying assets.</p>		
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Homogeneity, obligations of the underlying exposures, periodic payment streams, no transferable securities (Article 20(8))		
<p>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.</p>		
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20.9. The underlying exposures shall not include any securitisation position.		
STS criteria		
15. The underlying exposures shall not include any securitisation position.		
Verified?	Yes	
PCS Comment		
<p>Under the Warranty and Indemnity Agreement the Originator has represented and warranted that, as at the relevant Valuation Date and as at the relevant Transfer Date, each Portfolio does not comprise any securitisation positions. See Section “3 THE WARRANTY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT”:</p> <p><i><<(h) each Portfolio does not comprise (i) any transferable securities, as defined in point (44) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU (article 20(8) of the Securitisation Regulation and the EBA Guidelines on STS Criteria), (ii) any securitisation positions, pursuant (article 20(9) of the Securitisation Regulation and the EBA Guidelines on STS Criteria), nor (iii) any derivatives (article 21(2) of the Securitisation Regulation and the EBA Guidelines on STS Criteria).>>.</i></p> <p>It is also noted that the definition of “Eligible Investments” expressly excludes the possibility of investing into “asset-backed securities”.</p>		
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No resecuritisation (Article 20(9))		
<p>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.</p> <p>32. The criterion is deemed sufficiently clear and does not require any further clarification.</p>		
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<p>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.</p>		
STS criteria		
<p>16. The underlying exposures shall be originated in the ordinary course of the originator's or original lender's business.</p>		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>See Section "3 THE WARRANTY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT": under the Warranty and Indemnity Agreement the Originator has represented and warranted that: <<(d) the Receivables have been originated by the Originator <u>in the ordinary course of its business</u> pursuant to credit policies that are not less stringent than the credit policies applied by the Originator at the time of origination to similar exposures that are not assigned under the Securitisation (article 20(10) EU Securitisation Regulation and the EBA Guidelines on STS Criteria);>>.</p>		
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Underwriting standards (Article 20(10))		
<p>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.</p>		
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<p>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.</p>		
STS criteria		
<p>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.</p>		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>See Section "3 THE WARRANTY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT": under the Warranty and Indemnity Agreement the Originator has represented and warranted that:</p> <p><<(d) the Receivables have been originated by the Originator in the ordinary course of its business <u>pursuant to credit policies that are not less stringent</u> than the credit policies applied by the Originator at the time of origination to similar exposures that are not assigned under the Securitisation (article 20(10) EU Securitisation Regulation and the EBA Guidelines on STS Criteria);>>.</p>		
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<p>37. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be further clarified:</p> <p>(a) the term 'similar exposures', with reference to requirements specified in the Delegated Regulation further specifying which underlying exposures are deemed to be homogeneous in accordance with Articles 20(8) and 24(15) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402;</p> <p>(b) the term 'no less stringent underwriting standards': independently of the guidance provided in these guidelines, it is understood that, in the spirit of restricting the 'originate-to-distribute' model of underwriting, where similar exposures exist on the originator's balance sheet, the underwriting standards that have been applied to the securitised exposures should also have been applied to similar exposures that have not been securitised, i.e. the underwriting standards should have been applied not solely to securitised exposures;</p>		
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No less stringent underwriting standards		
<p>23. For the purposes of Article 20(10) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the underwriting standards applied to securitised exposures should be compared to the underwriting standards applied to similar exposures at the time of origination of the securitised exposures.</p>		
<p>24. Compliance with this requirement should not require either the originator or the original lender to hold similar exposures on its balance sheet at the time of the selection of the securitised exposures or at the exact time of their securitisation, nor should it require that similar exposures were actually originated at the time of origination of the securitised exposures.</p>		

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<p>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.</p>		
STS criteria		
<p>18. The underwriting standards pursuant to which the underlying exposures are originated and any material changes from prior underwriting standards shall be fully disclosed to potential investors without undue delay.</p>		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>See the undertaking of the Servicer in this respect, contained in Clause 3.11 of the Servicing Agreement:</p> <p><<3.11.1 RCI (also in its capacity as Servicer) undertakes to fully disclose to the investors in the Notes without undue delay (i) the underwriting standards pursuant to which the Receivables are originated; and (ii) any material change from prior underwriting standards pursuant to Article 20(10) of the Securitisation Regulation and the EBA Guidelines on the STS Criteria.>>.</p> <p>See also the definition of “Significant Event Report”:</p> <p><<“Significant Event Report” means the report to be prepared by the Calculation Agent pursuant to the Cash Allocation, Management and Payments Agreement, setting out the information required by Article (7)(1) letters (f) and (g) of the Securitisation Regulation and the Regulatory Technical Standards in accordance with Annex 14 of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1224 and to be delivered to the Reporting Entity (i) without undue delay in case an inside information or significant event under Article (7)(1) letters (f) and (g) of the Securitisation Regulation has occurred; and (ii) on a quarterly basis (together with the Transparency Investor Report).>>.</p> <p>See also the statement in TRANSPARENCY REQUIREMENTS - Compliance with Article 7 of the Securitisation Regulation”, confirming that the Significant Event Report is made available without undue delay:</p> <p><<(…) (b) the Calculation Agent shall prepare and deliver to the Reporting Entity: (…) (ii) the Significant Event Report (i) in a timely manner, in case an inside information or significant event (within the respective meanings of Articles 7(1)(f) and (g) of the Securitisation Regulation) has occurred in order for the Reporting Entity to make it available without delay to the investors in the Notes, and (ii) in any case, whether an inside information or a significant event has occurred or not, on a quarterly basis together with the Transparency Investors' Report; (…)>>.</p>		
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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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Disclosure of material changes from prior underwriting standards		
<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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In the case of securitisations where the underlying exposures are residential loans, the pool of loans shall not include any loan that was marketed and underwritten on the premise that the loan applicant or, where applicable intermediaries, were made aware that the information provided might not be verified by the lender.		
STS criteria		
19. In the case of securitisations where the underlying exposures are residential loans, the pool of loans shall not include any loan that was marketed and underwritten on the premise that the loan applicant or, where applicable intermediaries, were made aware that the information provided might not be verified by the lender.		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>This requirement does not apply to auto loans.</p> <p>See in this respect the representation on homogeneity contained in the section headed “3. THE WARRANTY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT” that</p> <p><<(iii) the Receivables arise from auto loans and, therefore, shall fall within the asset types “auto loans and leases” set out under Article 1 (Homogeneity of underlying exposures), letter (a)(v) of the Regulatory Technical Standards on homogeneity (...)>>.</p>		
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Underwriting standards (Article 20(10))		
34. The objective of the criterion specified in the second subparagraph of Article 20(10) is to prohibit the securitisation of self-certified mortgages for STS purposes, given the moral hazard that is inherent in granting such types of loans.		
37 (d) the scope of the criterion with respect to the specific types of residential loans as referred to in the second subparagraph of Article 20(10) and to the nature of the information that should be captured by this criterion;		
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4.4 Underwriting standards, originator’s expertise (Article 20(10))		
Residential loans		
29. For the purposes of Article 20(10) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the pool of underlying exposures should not include residential loans that were both marketed and underwritten on the premise that the loan applicant or intermediaries were made aware that the information provided might not be verified by the lender.		
30. Residential loans that were underwritten but were not marketed on the premise that the loan applicant or intermediaries were made aware that the information provided might not be verified by the lender, or become aware after the loan was underwritten, are not captured by this requirement.		
31. For the purposes of Article 20(10) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the ‘information’ provided should be considered to be only relevant information. The relevance of the information should be based on whether the information is a relevant underwriting metric, such as information considered relevant for assessing the creditworthiness of a borrower, for assessing access to collateral and for reducing the risk of fraud.		



<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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The assessment of the borrower's creditworthiness shall meet the requirements set out in Article 8 of Directive 2008/48/EC or paragraphs 1 to 4, point (a) of paragraph 5, and paragraph 6 of Article 18 of Directive 2014/17/EU or, where applicable, equivalent requirements in third countries.		
STS criteria		
20. The assessment of the borrower's creditworthiness shall meet the requirements set out in Article 8 of Directive 2008/48/EC or paragraphs 1 to 4, point (a) of paragraph 5, and paragraph 6 of Article 18 of Directive 2014/17/EU or, where applicable, equivalent requirements in third countries.		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
See in this respect the representation on the assessment of Debtors' creditworthiness contained in the Section "3. THE WARRANTY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT" that: <i><<(f) the Debtors' creditworthiness has been assessed by the Originator in accordance with the requirements set out in article 124-bis of the Consolidated Banking Act implementing in Italy the provisions of article 8 of Directive 2008/48/EC;>>.</i>		
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Underwriting standards (Article 20(10))		
35. The objective of the criterion specified in the third subparagraph of Article 20(10) is to ensure that the assessment of the borrower's creditworthiness is based on robust processes. It is expected that the application of this article will be limited in practice, given that the STS is limited to originators based in the EU, and the criterion is understood to cover only exposures originated by the EU originators to borrowers in non-EU countries. 37 (e) clarification of the criterion with respect to the assessment of a borrower's creditworthiness based on equivalent requirements in third countries;		
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The originator or original lender shall have expertise in originating exposures of a similar nature to those securitised.		
STS criteria		
21. The originator or original lender shall have expertise in originating exposures of a similar nature to those securitised.		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>See the description of the Originator contained in Section “THE ORIGINATOR AND THE SERVICER” and in particular the subsection “Description of RCI Banque Italy”.</p> <p>See also the R&W in “DESCRIPTION OF THE TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS - 3. THE WARRANTY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT”:</p> <p><<(e) the Originator has a more than 5 (five) year-expertise in originating exposures of a similar nature to the Receivables (article 20(10) EU Securitisation Regulation and the EBA Guidelines on STS Criteria);>>.</p>		
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Underwriting standards (Article 20(10))		
36. The objective of the criterion specified in the fourth subparagraph of Article 20(10) is for the originator or original lender to have an established performance history of credit claims or receivables similar to those being securitised, and for an appropriately long period of time.		
37 (f) identification of criteria on which the expertise of the originator or the original lender should be determined:		
(i) when assessing if the originator or the original lender has the required expertise, some general principles should be set out against which the expertise should be assessed. The general principles have been designed to allow a robust qualitative assessment of the expertise. One of these principles is the regulatory authorisation: this is to allow for more flexibility in such qualitative assessments of the expertise if the originator or the original lender is a prudentially regulated institution which holds regulatory authorisations or permissions that are relevant with respect to origination of similar exposures. The regulatory authorisation in itself should, however, not be a guarantee that the originator or original lender has the required expertise;		
(ii) irrespective of such general principles, specific criteria should be developed, based on specifying a minimum period for an entity to perform the business of originating similar exposures, compliance with which would enable the entity to be considered to have a sufficient expertise. Such expertise should be assessed at the group level, so that possible restructuring at the entity level would not automatically lead to non-compliance with the expertise criterion. It is not the intention of such specific criteria to form an impediment to the entry of new participants to the market. Such entities should also be eligible for compliance with the expertise criterion, as long as their management body and senior staff with managerial responsibility for origination of similar exposures, have sufficient experience over a minimum specified period.		
38. It is expected that information on the assessment of the expertise is provided in sufficient detail in the STS notification.		
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4.4 Underwriting standards, originator’s expertise (Article 20(10))		
Similar exposures		
22. For the purposes of Article 20(10) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, exposures should be considered to be similar when one of the following conditions is met:		
(a) the exposures belong to one of the following asset categories referred to in the Delegated Regulation further specifying which underlying exposures are deemed to be homogeneous in accordance with Articles 20(8) and 24(15) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402:		
(i) residential loans secured with one or several mortgages on residential immovable property, or residential loans fully guaranteed by an eligible protection provider among those referred to in Article 201(1) of Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 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;

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

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

Criteria for determining the expertise of the originator or original lender

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

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

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

- (i) the role and duties of the members of the management body and the senior staff and the required capabilities should be adequate;
- (ii) the experience of the members of the management body and the senior staff gained in previous positions, education and training should be sufficient;
- (iii) the involvement of the members of the management body and the senior staff within the governance structure of the function of originating the exposures should be appropriate;
- (iv) in the case of a prudentially regulated entity, the regulatory authorisations or permissions held by the entity should be deemed relevant to origination of exposures of a similar nature to those securitised.

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

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

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

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

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

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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>See the definition of Valuation Date and those of Collection Date, Offer Date and Servicer's Report Date:</p> <p><<"Valuation Date" means 10 July 2015 for the Initial Portfolio and, for each Additional Portfolio, the Collection Date immediately preceding the relevant Offer Date, provided that for the Increase Additional Portfolio the Valuation Date was 10 April 2018 and further provided that for the Increase Further Additional Portfolio the Valuation Date is 10 February 2021>>.</p> <p><<"Collection Date" means the 10th day of each calendar month, provided that the first Collection Date was 10 September 2015.>>.</p> <p><<"Offer Date" means the date, which falls 3 (three) Business Days following each Servicer's Report Date, in which the Originator delivers an Offer to the Issuer pursuant to the Master Receivables Transfer Agreement.>>.</p> <p><<"Servicer's Report Date" means the date falling 7 Business Days after each Collection Date.>>.</p> <p>PCS' view is that any period of up to 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> <p>The Prospectus, and the relevant definitions used in the Transaction Documents provide that the pool cut and the relevant transfer shall take place ten Business Days apart. This clearly meets the requirement.</p>		
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STS criteria		
23. And shall not include, at the time of selection, exposures in default within the meaning of Article 178(1) of Regulation (EU) No 575/2013...		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>It is also noted the R&W set out in the Section "3. THE WARRANTY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT", §(g):</p> <p><<(g) as at the relevant Valuation Date, each Portfolio <u>does not include Receivables qualified as exposure in default within the meaning of Article 178, paragraph 1, of Regulation (EU) no. 575/2013 or as exposures to a credit-impaired debtor or guarantor, who, to the best of the Originator's knowledge (article 20(11) of the EU Securitisation Regulation and the EBA Guidelines on STS Criteria):</u></p> <p>(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 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 relevant Transfer Date, except if: (A) 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 relevant Transfer Date; and (B) the information provided by the Originator to the Issuer in accordance with points (a) and (e)(i) of the first subparagraph of Article 7(1), of the EU Securitisation Regulation 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; or</p> <p>(ii) was, at the time of origination, where applicable, on a public credit registry of persons with adverse credit history or in the absence of such public credit registry, in another credit registry available to the Originator; or</p> <p>(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 Originator which have not been securitised;>>.</p> <p>See also Risk Factor section headed "A.2. Risks relating to the underlying assets - Loans' performance has an impact on the Issuer's ability to service payments on the Senior Notes", where it is stated that:</p> <p><<The Portfolio is exclusively comprised of Loans which were/are "performing" as at the relevant Valuation Date (see "The Portfolio"). However, there can be no guarantee that (i) the Debtors will continue to perform under the Loans; or (ii) the Dealers will continue to perform their obligations under the Loan Agreements.>></p> <p>It is also noted that the eligibility criteria (see "THE PORTFOLIO – The Criteria") include the following:</p> <p><<(i) in relation to which <u>no recovery activity and/or legal action vis-à-vis the relevant borrowers is in progress</u> or in relation to which the relevant borrower has not notified to RCI its intention to early prepay the relevant Loan;>>.</p> <p><<(j) in relation to which <u>there are not any instalment in respect of principal or interest under the Loan which have not been paid</u> by the relevant borrower when due;>>.</p> <p>PCS notices that pursuant to a Repurchase Agreement dated 5 February 2021, the Originator repurchased certain Receivables comprised in the Portfolio which as at 1 February 2021 were exposures in default or exposures to a credit-impaired debtor or guarantor within the terms of Article 20(11) of the Securitisation Regulation.</p>		
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39. The objective of the criterion in Article 20(11) is to ensure that STS securitisations are not characterised by underlying exposures whose credit risk has already been affected by certain negative events such as disputes with credit-impaired debtors or guarantors, debt restructuring processes or default events as identified by the EU prudential regulation. Risk analysis and due diligence		

assessments by investors become more complex whenever the securitisation includes exposures subject to certain ongoing negative credit risk developments. For the same reasons, STS securitisations should not include underlying exposures to credit-impaired debtors or guarantors that have an adverse credit history. In addition, significant risk of default normally rises as rating grades or other scores are assigned that indicate highly speculative credit quality and high likelihood of default, i.e. the possibility that the debtor or guarantor is not able to meet its obligations becomes a real possibility. Such exposures to credit-impaired debtors or guarantors should therefore also not be eligible for STS purposes.

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

(a) Interpretation of the term 'exposures in default': given the differences in interpretation of the term 'default', the interpretation of this criterion should refer to additional guidance on this term provided in the existing delegated regulations and guidelines developed by the EBA, while taking into account the limitation of scope of that additional guidance to certain types of institutions;

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Exposures in default

37. For the purposes of the first subparagraph of Article 20(11) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the exposures in default should be interpreted in the meaning of Article 178(1) of Regulation (EU) 575/2013, as further specified by the Delegated Regulation on the materiality threshold for credit obligations past due developed in accordance with Article 178 of that Regulation, and by the EBA Guidelines on the application of the definition of default developed in accordance with Article 178(7) of that regulation.

38. Where an originator or original lender is not an institution and is therefore not subject to Regulation (EU) 575/2013, the originator or original lender should comply with the guidance provided in the previous paragraph to the extent that such application is not deemed to be unduly burdensome. In that case, the originator or original lender should apply the established processes and the information obtained from debtors on origination of the exposures, information obtained from the originator in the course of its servicing of the exposures or in the course of its risk management procedure or information notified to the originator by a third party.

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24. Or exposures to a credit-impaired debtor or guarantor, who, to the best of the originator's or original lender's knowledge:		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
See the R&W mentioned under point 23 above.		
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<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>(b) Interpretation of the term 'exposures to a credit-impaired debtor or guarantor': the interpretation should also take into account the interpretation provided in recital 26 of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, according to which the circumstances specified in points (a) to (c) of Article 24(9) of that regulation are understood as specific situations of credit-impairedness to which exposures in the STS securitisation may not be exposed. Consequently, other possible circumstances of credit-impairedness that are not captured in points (a) to (c) should be outside the scope of this requirement. Moreover, taking into account the role of the guarantor as a risk bearer, it should be clarified that the requirement to exclude 'exposures to a credit-impaired debtor or guarantor' is not meant to exclude (i) exposures to a credit-impaired debtor when it has a guarantor that is not credit impaired; or (ii) exposures to a non-credit-impaired debtor when there is a credit-impaired guarantor;</p> <p>(c) Interpretation of the term 'to the best knowledge of': the interpretation should follow the wording of recital 26 of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, according to which an originator or original lender is not required to take all legally possible steps to determine the debtor's credit status but is only required to take those steps that the originator/original lender usually takes within its activities in terms of origination, servicing, risk management and use of information that is received from third parties. This should not require the originator or original lender to check publicly available information, or to check entries in at least one credit registry where an originator or original lender does not conduct such checks within its regular activities in terms of origination, servicing, risk management and use of information received from third parties, but rather relies, for example, on other information that may include credit assessments provided by third parties. Such clarification is important because corporates that are not subject to EU financial sector regulation and that are acting as sellers with respect to STS securitisation may not always check entries in credit registries and, in line with the best knowledge standard, should not be obliged to perform additional checks at origination of any exposure for the purposes of later fulfilling this criterion in terms of any credit-impaired debtors or guarantors;</p>		
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<i>Exposures to a credit-impaired debtor or guarantor</i>		
39. For the purposes of Article 20(11) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the circumstances specified in points (a) to (c) of that paragraph should be understood as definitions of credit-impairedness. Other possible circumstances of credit-impairedness that are not captured in points (a) to (c) should be considered to be excluded from this requirement.		

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

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

To the best of the originator's or original lender's knowledge

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

- (a) debtors on origination of the exposures;
- (b) the originator in the course of its servicing of the exposures or in the course of its risk management procedures;
- (c) notifications to the originator by a third party;
- (d) publicly available information or information on any entries in one or more credit registries of persons with adverse credit history at the time of origination of an underlying exposure, only to the extent that this information had already been taken into account in the context of (a), (b) and (c), and in accordance with the applicable regulatory and supervisory requirements, including with respect to sound credit granting criteria as specified in Article 9 of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402. This is with the exception of trade receivables that are not originated in the form of a loan, with respect to which credit-granting criteria do not need to be met.

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25.(a) has been declared insolvent or had a court grant his creditors a final non-appealable right of enforcement or material damages as a result of a missed payment within three years prior to the date of origination.		
Verified?		Yes
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26. Or has undergone a debt-restructuring process with regard to his non-performing exposures within three years prior to the date of transfer or assignment of the underlying exposures to the SSPE, except if:		
Verified?	Yes	
PCS Comment		
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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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<i>Exposures to credit-impaired debtors or guarantors that have undergone a debt-restructuring process</i>		
<p>42. For the purposes of Article 20(11)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the requirement to exclude exposures to credit-impaired debtors or guarantors who have undergone a debt-restructuring process with regard to their non-performing exposures should be understood to refer to both the restructured exposures of the respective debtor or guarantor and those of its exposures that were not themselves subject to restructuring. For the purposes of this Article, restructured exposures which meet the conditions of points (i) and (ii) of that Article should not result in a debtor or guarantor becoming designated as credit-impaired.</p>		

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27. (i) a restructured underlying exposure has not presented new arrears since the date of the restructuring which must have taken place at least one year prior to the date of transfer or assignment of the underlying exposures to the SSPE; and		
Verified?	Yes	
PCS Comment		
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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	
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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		
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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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Credit registry		
<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the debtor or guarantor is explicitly flagged in a credit registry as an entity with adverse credit history due to negative status or negative information stored in the credit registry; (b) the debtor or guarantor is on the credit registry for reasons that are relevant to the purposes of the credit risk assessment. 		

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STS criteria		
30. (c) has a credit assessment or a credit score indicating that the risk of contractually agreed payments not be made is significantly higher than for comparable exposures held by the originator which are not securitised.		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
See the R&W mentioned under point 23 above.		
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No exposures in default and to credit-impaired debtors/guarantors (Article 20(11))		
<p>40. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be further clarified:</p> <p>(e) Interpretation of the term 'significantly higher risk of contractually agreed payments not being made for comparable exposures': the term should be interpreted with a similar meaning to the requirement aiming to prevent adverse selection of assets referred to in Article 6(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, and further specified in the Article 16(2) of the Delegated Regulation specifying in greater detail the risk retention requirement in accordance with Article 6(7) of Regulation (EU) 2017/24027, given that in both cases the requirement (i) aims to prevent adverse selection of underlying exposures and (ii) relates to the comparison of the credit quality of exposures transferred to the SSPE and comparable exposures that remain on the originator's balance sheet. To facilitate the interpretation, a list is given of examples of how to achieve compliance with the requirement.</p>		
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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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20.12. The debtors shall at the time of transfer of the exposures, have made at least one payment, except in the case of revolving securitisations backed by exposures payable in a single instalment or having a maturity of less than one year, including without limitation monthly payments on revolving credits.		
STS criteria		
31. The debtors shall at the time of transfer of the exposures, have made at least one payment, except in the case of revolving securitisations backed by exposures payable in a single instalment or having a maturity of less than one year, including without limitation monthly payments on revolving credits.		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
PCS notices that one of the eligibility criteria requires that at least one Instalment has been paid. See “THE PORTFOLIO – The Criteria”, §(e): <<(e) whose principal, and interest (if applicable) is payable by the relevant borrower in monthly instalments and <u>in relation to which the borrower has paid at least one instalment</u> >>.		
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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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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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Article 20 - Requirements relating to simplicity		
<p>20.13. The repayment of the holders of the securitisation positions shall not have been structured to depend predominantly on the sale of assets securing the underlying exposures. This shall not prevent such assets from being subsequently rolled-over or refinanced.</p> <p>The repayment of the holders of the securitisation positions whose underlying exposures are secured by assets the value of which is guaranteed or fully mitigated by a repurchase obligation by the seller of the assets securing the underlying exposures or by another third party shall not be considered to depend on the sale of assets securing those underlying exposures.</p>		
STS criteria		
32. The repayment of the holders of the securitisation positions shall not have been structured to depend predominantly on the sale of assets securing the underlying exposures.		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>PCS notices that the underlying exposures are amortising loans, and a portion of the Receivables arise from Loans that contemplate a final instalment (the "balloon instalment"), payable at the end of an agreed period. However, that Balloon instalment is due and payable in full since the Loan Agreement is executed. The Borrower has just additional options.</p> <p>A description of the Balloon Loans is included in "<i>THE ORIGINATOR AND THE SERVICER – Balloon Loans</i>":</p> <p><<Balloon loans</p> <p><i>Balloon financing combines the benefits of classic financing with those of leasing. At the end of a Balloon Credit financing arrangement, the customer has – which is different from leasing – three options:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Give back the vehicle to the dealer, without paying the final installment. The dealer pays the installment to RCI Banque Italy, and becomes the owner</i> <i>2. Pay the final installment either cash or through RCI Banque Italy (in this case the final installment is refinanced with RCI Banque Italy)</i> <i>3. Return the vehicle to the dealer, repurchasing a new vehicle by a new Balloon Credit. The choice of a new vehicle is not mandatory. In this case, the dealer pays the balloon installment to RCI Banque Italy and sells a new car to the customers. The dealer is committed on a pre-agreed fixed purchase price (indicated into the contract as Guaranteed Future Value, which corresponds with the balloon amount).>>.</i> <p>In any case, the Loans have a pre-agreed amortisation plan and none of the Loans is secured over any specified asset.</p> <p>See also the specific R&W contained in "DESCRIPTION OF THE TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS - 3. THE WARRANTY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT":</p> <p><<Under the Warranty and Indemnity Agreement, in respect of the Receivables comprised in the Portfolio the Originator has represented and warranted that, inter alia: (...)</p> <p><i>(h) the Loans are auto loans whose repayment is not dependent on the sale of the relevant Vehicle (article 20(13) of the Securitisation Regulation);>>.</i></p> <p>In addition, it is noted that the Criteria and the Portfolio Concentration Criteria set out in the Master Receivables Transfer Agreement provide for certain limitations in respect of the amount of the balloon instalment permitted in relation to each Loan (see §(n) of the Schedule 1 of the Master Receivables Transfer Agreement) and the maximum percentage of balloon loans which can be comprised in the Aggregate Portfolio (see §(i) of Schedule 2/B of the Master Receivables Transfer Agreement). See TRANSACTION OVERVIEW – sub "Criteria" and "Portfolio Concentration Criteria".</p>		
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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>		

(a) the term 'predominant dependence' on the sale of assets securing the underlying exposures should be further interpreted:

(i) when assessing whether the repayment of the holders of the securitisation positions is or is not predominantly dependent on the sale of assets, the following three aspects should be taken into account: (i) the principal balance at contract maturity of underlying exposures that depend on the sale of assets securing those underlying exposures to repay the balance; (ii) the distribution of maturities of such exposures across the life of the transaction, which aims to reduce the risk of correlated defaults due to idiosyncratic shocks; and (iii) the granularity of the pool of exposures, which aims to promote sufficient distribution in sale dates and other characteristics that may affect the sale of the underlying exposures.

(i) no types of securitisations should be excluded ex ante from the compliance with this criterion and from the STS securitisation as long as they meet all the requirements specified in the guidance. For example, this criterion does not aim to exclude leasing transactions and interest-only residential mortgages from STS securitisation, provided they comply with the guidance provided and all other applicable STS requirements. However, it is expected that commercial real estate transactions, or securitisations where the assets are commodities (e.g. oil, grain, gold), or bonds whose maturity dates fall after the maturity date of the securitisation, would not meet these requirements, as in all these cases it is expected that the repayment is predominantly reliant on the sale of the assets, that other possible ways to repay the securitisation positions are substantially limited, and that the granularity of the portfolio is low.

46. With respect to the exemption provided in the second subparagraph of Article 20(13) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, it should be ensured that the entity providing the guarantee or the repurchase obligation of the assets securing the underlying exposures is not an empty-shell or defaulted entity, so that it has sufficient loss absorbency to exercise the guarantee of the repurchase of the assets.

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4.7 No Predominant dependence on the sale of assets

Predominant dependence on the sale of assets

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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		
33.The originator, sponsor or original lender shall satisfy the risk retention requirement in accordance with Article 6.		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
See the disclosure of the undertakings of the Originator in this respect pursuant to the Intercreditor Agreement, as detailed in "RISK RETENTION REQUIREMENTS".		
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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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21.2. The interest rate and currency risks arising from the securitisation shall be appropriately mitigated and any measures taken to that effect shall be disclosed.		
STS criteria		
34. The interest rate...risks arising from the securitisation shall be appropriately mitigated.		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>The Notes bear a fixed interest rate, save for the Class B Notes that also have an additional Variable Return equal to the excess spread.</p> <p>The assets accrue interest based on a fixed interest rate or at zero interest (see "THE PORTFOLIO – The Criteria" §(g)).</p> <p>In respect of possible mismatches between the interest rate payable under the Receivables and payments owed by the SPV for the Notes, see also the following statement, contained in Section "THE PORTFOLIO" of the Prospectus:</p> <p><i><<Each Receivable is purchased by the Issuer applying a Discount Rate equal to the higher of (i) 6.75% and (ii) the relevant interest contractual rate. In such a way the Issuer can rely on a minimum yield on the entire Portfolio not lower than 6.75%, thus mitigating the interest rate risk related to the Notes, bearing a fixed rate equal to 0.75% in respect of the Senior Notes and 1.25% plus and additional Variable Return representing the excess spread available from time to time, if any, in respect of the Junior Notes.>>.</i></p> <p>The Originator confirmed that the Purchase Price to be paid by the Issuer in accordance with the MRTA (see Clause 3.1) is calculated on the basis of the Principal Component of the Receivables less the Discount Rate (see the definitions of "Principal Component" and "Discount Rate"), and in its view this creates a minimum yield that mitigates the risk of mismatches between interest rates, including with respect to the zero interest bearing Loans.</p>		
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Appropriate mitigation of interest-rate and currency risks (Article 21 (2))		
<p>49. The objective of this criterion is to reduce any payment risk arising from different interest-rate and currency profiles of assets and liabilities. Mitigating or hedging interest-rate and currency risks arising in the transaction enhances the simplicity of the transaction, since it helps investors to model those risks and their impact on the credit risk of the securitisation investment.</p> <p>50. It should be clarified that hedging (through derivative instruments) is only one possible way of addressing the risks mentioned. Whichever measure is applied for the risk mitigation, it should, however, be subject to specific conditions so that it can be considered to appropriately mitigate the risks mentioned.</p> <p>51. One of these conditions aims to prohibit derivatives that do not serve the purpose of hedging interest-rate or currency risk from being included in the pool of underlying exposures or entered into by the SSPE, given that derivatives add to the complexity of the transaction and to the complexity of the risk and due diligence analysis to be carried out by the investor. Derivatives hedging interest-rate or currency risk enhance the simplicity of the transaction, since hedged transactions do not require investors to engage in the modelling of currency and interest-rate risks.</p> <p>52. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be clarified:</p> <p>(a) conditions that the measures should comply with so that they can be considered to appropriately mitigate the interest-rate and currency risks;</p> <p>(b) clarification with respect to the scope of derivatives that should and should not be captured by this criterion;</p> <p>(c) clarification of the term 'common standards in international finance'.</p>		
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5.1 Appropriate mitigation of interest-rate and currency risks (Article 21(2))		
Appropriate mitigation of interest-rate and currency risks		
51. For the purposes of Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 in order for the interest-rate and currency risks arising from the securitisation to be considered 'appropriately mitigated', it should be sufficient that a hedge or mitigation is in place, on condition that it is not unusually limited with the effect that it covers a major share of the respective interest-rate or currency risks under relevant scenarios, understood from an economic perspective. Such a mitigation may also be in the form of derivatives or other mitigating measures including reserve funds, over collateralisation, excess spread or other measures.		

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

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

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

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STS criteria		
35. Currency risks arising from the securitisation shall be appropriately mitigated.		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>It is noted that the eligibility criteria (see “THE PORTFOLIO – The Criteria”) include the requirement that the Loans are denominated in Euro: <<(d) have been granted pursuant to Loan Agreements denominated in Euro;>>.</p> <p>Since also the Notes are denominated in Euro, there is no currency mismatch.</p> <p>See also the definition of “Basic Terms Modification”, as set out in the “Rules of the Organisation of the Noteholders”, which provides for an increased quorum and majority for Noteholders to validly adopt decisions that have as an effect: <<(d) to change the currency in which payments due in respect of any Class of Notes are payable;>>.</p>		
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Appropriate mitigation of interest-rate and currency risks (Article 21(2))		
<p>49. The objective of this criterion is to reduce any payment risk arising from different interest-rate and currency profiles of assets and liabilities. Mitigating or hedging interest-rate and currency risks arising in the transaction enhances the simplicity of the transaction, since it helps investors to model those risks and their impact on the credit risk of the securitisation investment.</p> <p>50. It should be clarified that hedging (through derivative instruments) is only one possible way of addressing the risks mentioned. Whichever measure is applied for the risk mitigation, it should, however, be subject to specific conditions so that it can be considered to appropriately mitigate the risks mentioned.</p> <p>51. One of these conditions aims to prohibit derivatives that do not serve the purpose of hedging interest-rate or currency risk from being included in the pool of underlying exposures or entered into by the SSPE, given that derivatives add to the complexity of the transaction and to the complexity of the risk and due diligence analysis to be carried out by the investor. Derivatives hedging interest-rate or currency risk enhance the simplicity of the transaction, since hedged transactions do not require investors to engage in the modelling of currency and interest-rate risks.</p> <p>52. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be clarified:</p> <p>(a) conditions that the measures should comply with so that they can be considered to appropriately mitigate the interest-rate and currency risks;</p> <p>(b) clarification with respect to the scope of derivatives that should and should not be captured by this criterion;</p> <p>(c) clarification of the term ‘common standards in international finance’.</p>		
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Appropriate mitigation of interest-rate and currency risks		
<p>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.</p> <p>52. Where the appropriate mitigation of interest-rate and currency risks is carried out through derivatives, all of the following requirements should apply:</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(b) the derivatives should be based on commonly accepted documentation, including International Swaps or Derivatives Association (ISDA) or similar established national documentation standards;</p>		

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

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

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

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21.2. The interest rate and currency risks arising from the securitisation shall be appropriately mitigated and any measures taken to that effect shall be disclosed.		
STS criteria		
36. Any measures taken to that effect shall be disclosed.		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
Interest rate risk is mitigated through structural features of the transaction (see point 34 above) and disclosure is made in the Section "THE PORTFOLIO" of the Prospectus. No currency risk needs to be hedged in this transaction (see point 35 above) and, therefore, this requirement does not apply.		
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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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54. The measures referred to in paragraphs 52 and 53, as well as the reasoning supporting the appropriateness of the mitigation of the interest-rate and currency risks through the life of the transaction, should be disclosed.		

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Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation		
<p>Except for the purpose of hedging currency risk or interest rate risk, the SSPE shall not enter into derivative contracts and shall ensure that the pool of underlying exposures does not include derivatives. Those derivatives shall be underwritten and documented according to common standards in international finance.</p>		
STS criteria		
37. Except for the purpose of hedging currency risk or interest rate risk, the SSPE shall not enter into derivative contracts and...		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>See the covenant of the Issuer not to enter into derivative contracts, save as expressly permitted by article 21(2) of the EU Securitisation Regulation, contained in the TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES – Condition 5.12 (<i>Derivatives</i>).</p> <p>See also the definition of “Eligible Investments”, pursuant to which <<(…) provided further that, in any event, none of the Eligible Investments set out above may consist, in whole or in part, actually or potentially, of (i) <u>credit-linked notes or similar claims resulting from the transfer of credit risk by means of credit derivatives</u> nor may any amount available to the Issuer in the context of the Securitisation otherwise be invested in any such instruments at any time, or (ii) <u>asset-backed securities, irrespective of their subordination, status or ranking, or (iii) swaps, other derivatives instruments, or synthetic securities, or (iv) any other instrument from time to time specified in the European Central Bank monetary policy regulations as being instruments in which funds underlying asset backed securities eligible as collateral for monetary policy operations sponsored by the European Central Bank may not be invested.</u>>>.</p>		
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Appropriate mitigation of interest-rate and currency risks (Article 21 (2))		
<p>49. The objective of this criterion is to reduce any payment risk arising from different interest-rate and currency profiles of assets and liabilities. Mitigating or hedging interest-rate and currency risks arising in the transaction enhances the simplicity of the transaction, since it helps investors to model those risks and their impact on the credit risk of the securitisation investment.</p> <p>50. It should be clarified that hedging (through derivative instruments) is only one possible way of addressing the risks mentioned. Whichever measure is applied for the risk mitigation, it should, however, be subject to specific conditions so that it can be considered to appropriately mitigate the risks mentioned.</p> <p>51. One of these conditions aims to prohibit derivatives that do not serve the purpose of hedging interest-rate or currency risk from being included in the pool of underlying exposures or entered into by the SSPE, given that derivatives add to the complexity of the transaction and to the complexity of the risk and due diligence analysis to be carried out by the investor. Derivatives hedging interest-rate or currency risk enhance the simplicity of the transaction, since hedged transactions do not require investors to engage in the modelling of currency and interest-rate risks.</p> <p>52. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be clarified:</p> <p>(a) conditions that the measures should comply with so that they can be considered to appropriately mitigate the interest-rate and currency risks;</p> <p>(b) clarification with respect to the scope of derivatives that should and should not be captured by this criterion;</p> <p>(c) clarification of the term ‘common standards in international finance’.</p>		
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<i>Derivatives</i>		
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.		

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Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation		
<p>Except for the purpose of hedging currency risk or interest rate risk, the SSPE shall not enter into derivative contracts and shall ensure that the pool of underlying exposures does not include derivatives. Those derivatives shall be underwritten and documented according to common standards in international finance.</p>		
STS criteria		
38. ...Shall ensure that the pool of underlying exposures does not include derivatives.		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>See the statement contained in the Section "3. THE WARRANTY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT":</p> <p><<(h) each Portfolio does not comprise (i) any transferable securities, as defined in point (44) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU (article 20(8) of the Securitisation Regulation and the EBA Guidelines on STS Criteria), (ii) any securitisation positions, pursuant (article 20(9) of the Securitisation Regulation and the EBA Guidelines on STS Criteria), nor (iii) any derivatives (article 21(2) of the Securitisation Regulation and the EBA Guidelines on STS Criteria).>>.</p> <p>See also the eligibility criteria set out in the section "THE PORTFOLIO – The Criteria": the Portfolio is made of receivables arising from Loans only.</p>		
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Appropriate mitigation of interest-rate and currency risks (Article 21 (2))		
<p>49. The objective of this criterion is to reduce any payment risk arising from different interest-rate and currency profiles of assets and liabilities. Mitigating or hedging interest-rate and currency risks arising in the transaction enhances the simplicity of the transaction, since it helps investors to model those risks and their impact on the credit risk of the securitisation investment.</p>		
<p>50. It should be clarified that hedging (through derivative instruments) is only one possible way of addressing the risks mentioned. Whichever measure is applied for the risk mitigation, it should, however, be subject to specific conditions so that it can be considered to appropriately mitigate the risks mentioned.</p>		
<p>51. One of these conditions aims to prohibit derivatives that do not serve the purpose of hedging interest-rate or currency risk from being included in the pool of underlying exposures or entered into by the SSPE, given that derivatives add to the complexity of the transaction and to the complexity of the risk and due diligence analysis to be carried out by the investor. Derivatives hedging interest-rate or currency risk enhance the simplicity of the transaction, since hedged transactions do not require investors to engage in the modelling of currency and interest-rate risks.</p>		
<p>52. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be clarified:</p>		
<p>(a) conditions that the measures should comply with so that they can be considered to appropriately mitigate the interest-rate and currency risks;</p>		
<p>(b) clarification with respect to the scope of derivatives that should and should not be captured by this criterion;</p>		
<p>(c) clarification of the term 'common standards in international finance'.</p>		
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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>Except for the purpose of hedging currency risk or interest rate risk, the SSPE shall not enter into derivative contracts and shall ensure that the pool of underlying exposures does not include derivatives. Those derivatives shall be underwritten and documented according to common standards in international finance.</p>		
STS criteria		
39. Those derivatives shall be underwritten and documented according to common standards in international finance.		
Verified?	Yes	
PCS Comment		
This requirement does not apply to this transaction since no hedging is present.		
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Appropriate mitigation of interest-rate and currency risks (Article 21 (2))		
<p>49. The objective of this criterion is to reduce any payment risk arising from different interest-rate and currency profiles of assets and liabilities. Mitigating or hedging interest-rate and currency risks arising in the transaction enhances the simplicity of the transaction, since it helps investors to model those risks and their impact on the credit risk of the securitisation investment.</p>		
<p>50. It should be clarified that hedging (through derivative instruments) is only one possible way of addressing the risks mentioned. Whichever measure is applied for the risk mitigation, it should, however, be subject to specific conditions so that it can be considered to appropriately mitigate the risks mentioned.</p>		
<p>51. One of these conditions aims to prohibit derivatives that do not serve the purpose of hedging interest-rate or currency risk from being included in the pool of underlying exposures or entered into by the SSPE, given that derivatives add to the complexity of the transaction and to the complexity of the risk and due diligence analysis to be carried out by the investor. Derivatives hedging interest-rate or currency risk enhance the simplicity of the transaction, since hedged transactions do not require investors to engage in the modelling of currency and interest-rate risks.</p>		
<p>52. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be clarified:</p>		
<p>(a) conditions that the measures should comply with so that they can be considered to appropriately mitigate the interest-rate and currency risks;</p>		
<p>(b) clarification with respect to the scope of derivatives that should and should not be captured by this criterion;</p>		
<p>(c) clarification of the term 'common standards in international finance'.</p>		
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5.1 Appropriate mitigation of interest-rate and currency risks (Article 21 (2))		
Common standards in international finance		
56. For the purposes of Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, common standards in international finance should include ISDA or similar established national documentation standards.		

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Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation		
21.3. Any referenced interest payments under the securitisation assets and liabilities shall be based on generally used market interest rates, or generally used sectoral rates reflective of the cost of funds, and shall not reference complex formulae or derivatives.		
STS criteria		
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		
As for <u>assets</u> :		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest payable by Borrowers on the Loans is calculated on the basis of a <u>fixed</u> interest rate (see eligibility criteria, §(g) in “THE PORTFOLIO – The Criteria”). 		
As for <u>liabilities</u> : see “TRANSACTION OVERVIEW – Interest on the Notes”:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Class A Notes have a <u>fixed</u> rate of interest. • the Class B Notes have a <u>fixed</u> rate of interest, plus a residual amount equal to the excess spread. 		
Based on the above, PCS is prepared to verify that this requirement is satisfied.		
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Referenced interest payments (Article 21 (3))		
53. The objective of this criterion is to prevent securitisations from making reference to interest rates that cannot be observed in the commonly accepted market practice. The credit risk and cash flow analysis that investors must be able to carry out should not involve atypical, complex or complicated rates or variables that cannot be modelled on the basis of market experience and practice.		
54. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be further clarified:		
(a) the scope of the criterion (by specifying the common types and examples of interest rates captured by this criterion);		
(b) the term ‘complex formulae or derivatives’.		
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5.2 Referenced interest payments (Article 21 (3))		
Referenced rates		
57. For the purposes of Article 21(3) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, interest rates that should be considered to be an adequate reference basis for referenced interest payments should include all of the following:		
(a) interbank rates including the Libor, Euribor and other recognised benchmarks;		
(b) rates set by monetary policy authorities, including FED funds rates and central banks’ discount rates;		
(c) sectoral rates reflective of a lender’s cost of funds, including standard variable rates and internal interest rates that directly reflect the market costs of funding of a bank or a subset of institutions, to the extent that sufficient data are provided to investors to allow them to assess the relation of the sectoral rates to other market rates.		
Complex formulae or derivatives		
58. For the purposes of Article 21(3) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, a formula should be considered to be complex when it meets the definition of an exotic instrument by the Global Association of Risk Professionals (GARP), which is a financial asset or instrument with features that make it more complex than simpler, plain vanilla, products. A complex formula or derivative should not be deemed to exist in the case of the mere use of interest-rate caps or floors.		

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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>		
STS criteria		
<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>See the Post-Trigger Notice Priority of Payments, as set out in the “TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES - 6.3. Post Trigger Notice Priority of Payments”.</p> <p>PCS notes that in a post-enforcement scenario, no amount of cash shall be trapped in the Issuer beyond what is necessary to ensure the payment of “Expenses”, which are payments due to preserve the operational functioning of the Issuer, to maintain it in good standing, or to comply with applicable legislation.</p> <p>Further, the amounts standing to the credit of the Reserve Account will become Issuer Principal Available Funds: <<on the Calculation Date immediately preceding the Payment Date on which the Senior Notes will be redeemed in full or <u>after the service of a Trigger Notice, any amounts standing to the credit of the Reserve Account</u>>>.</p> <p>See also Condition 12.4.2 in Terms and Conditions of the Senior Notes: <<12.4.2. Following the service of a Trigger Notice, no amount of cash shall be trapped in the Issuer beyond what is necessary to ensure the operational functioning of the Issuer or the orderly payments of the amounts due under the Notes in accordance with the Post Trigger Notice Priority of Payments and pursuant to the terms of the Transaction Documents, as required by Article 21(4)(a) of the EU Securitisation Regulation and the EBA Guidelines on STS Criteria.>>.</p> <p>PCS is satisfied that this requirement is met.</p>		
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Requirements in case of enforcement or delivery of an acceleration notice (Article 21(4))		
<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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5.3 Requirements in the event of enforcement or delivery of an acceleration notice (Article 21(4))		
Exceptional circumstances		
<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>Amount trapped in the SSPE in the best interests of investors</p> <p>61. For the purposes of Article 21(4)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the amount of cash to be considered as trapped in the SSPE should be that agreed by the trustee or other representative of the investors who is legally required to act in the best interests of the investors, or by the investors in accordance with the voting provisions set out in the transaction documentation.</p> <p>62. For the purposes of Article 21(4)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, it should be permissible to trap the cash in the SSPE in the form of a reserve fund for future use, as long as the use of the reserve fund is exclusively limited to the purposes set out in Article 21(4)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 or to orderly repayment to the investors.</p>

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<p>STS criteria</p> <p>42. Principal receipts from the underlying exposures shall be passed to investors via sequential amortisation of the securitisation positions, as determined by the seniority of the securitisation position;</p>		
<p>Verified?</p>		<p>Yes</p>
<p>PCS Comment</p> <p>We note that the post enforcement PoP, applicable in a post amortisation scenario, contemplates only sequential payments (see items from fifth onwards in Condition 6.3. (<i>Post Trigger Notice Priority of Payments</i>), in Terms and Conditions of the Senior Notes.</p> <p>It is noted that pursuant to Condition 8.5, the Class A Noteholders shall have the option to early redeem the Class A Notes, in whole or in part, upon the occurrence of an Excess Cash Trigger. In such case, however the Class a Notes only will be redeemed, in accordance with the Pre-Trigger Notice Principal Priority of Payments.</p> <p>On this basis PCS is prepared to verify this requirement.</p>		
<p>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on background and rationale</p> <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>		
<p>EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines</p> <p>5.3 Requirements in the event of enforcement or delivery of an acceleration notice (Article 21(4))</p> <p>Repayment</p> <p>63. The requirements in Article 21(4)(b) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 should be understood as covering only the repayment of the principal, without covering the repayment of interest.</p> <p>64. For the purposes of Article 21(4)(b) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, non-sequential payments of principal in a situation where an enforcement or an acceleration notice has been delivered should be prohibited. Where there is no enforcement or acceleration event, principal receipts could be allowed for replenishment purposes pursuant to Article 20(12) of that Regulation.</p>		

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STS criteria		
43. Repayment of the securitisation positions shall not be reversed with regard to their seniority; and		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
See point 42 above.		
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STS criteria		
44. No provisions shall require automatic liquidation of the underlying exposures at market value.		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>See Condition 12.4.3:</p> <p><<12.4.3. Following the service of a Trigger Notice, the Issuer may (subject to the consent of the Representative of the Noteholders) or the Representative of the Noteholders may (or shall if so requested by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Most Senior Class of Noteholders) direct the Issuer to dispose of the Portfolio (in full or in part), subject to the terms and conditions of the Intercreditor Agreement. It is understood that no provisions shall require the automatic liquidation of the Portfolio pursuant to Article 21(4)(d) of the EU Securitisation Regulation and the EBA Guidelines on STS Criteria.>>.</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>Liquidation of the underlying exposures at market value</i></p> <p>65. For the purposes of Article 21(4)(d) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the investors' decision to liquidate the underlying exposures at market value should not be considered to constitute an automatic liquidation of the underlying exposures at market value.</p>		

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21.5. Transactions which feature non-sequential priority of payments shall include triggers relating to the performance of the underlying exposures resulting in the priority of payments reverting to sequential payments in order of seniority. Such performance-related triggers shall include at least the deterioration in the credit quality of the underlying exposures below a pre-determined threshold.		
STS criteria		
45. Transactions which feature non-sequential priority of payments shall include triggers relating to the performance of the underlying exposures resulting in the priority of payments reverting to sequential payments in order of seniority. Such performance-related triggers shall include at least the deterioration in the credit quality of the underlying exposures below a pre-determined threshold.		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
The first step in analysing this criterion is to determine whether the transaction features non-sequential priorities of payment. This is not the case in this transaction, since payments in respect of the Notes are made sequentially both in a pre and post trigger scenario. See “ <i>Priority of Payments</i> ” in Condition 6 of the “ <i>Terms and Conditions of the Senior Notes</i> ”, set out in the Prospectus. Therefore, the above requirement is satisfied.		
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Non-sequential priority of payments (Article 21(5))		
59. The objective of this criterion is to ensure that non-sequential (pro rata) amortisation should be used only in conjunction with clearly specified contractual triggers that determine the switch of the amortisation scheme to a sequential priority, safeguarding the transaction from the possibility that credit enhancement is too quickly amortised as the credit quality of the transaction deteriorates, thereby exposing senior investors to a decreasing amount of credit enhancement. 60. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, a non-exhaustive list of examples of performance-related triggers that may be included is provided in the guidance.		
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5.4 Non-sequential priority of payments (Article 21(5))		
Performance-related triggers		
66. For the purposes of Article 21(5) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the triggers related to the deterioration in the credit quality of the underlying exposures may include the following: (a) with regard to underlying exposures for which a regulatory expected loss (EL) can be determined in accordance with Regulation (EU) 575/2013 or other relevant EU regulation, cumulative losses that are higher than a certain percentage of the regulatory one-year EL on the underlying exposures and the weighted average life of the transaction; (b) cumulative non-matured defaults that are higher than a certain percentage of the sum of the outstanding nominal amount of tranche held by the investors and the tranches that are subordinated to them; (c) the weighted average credit quality in the portfolio decreasing below a given pre-specified level or the concentration of exposures in high credit risk (probability of default) buckets increasing above a pre-specified level.		

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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:		
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46. The transaction documentation shall include appropriate early amortisation provisions or triggers for termination of the revolving period where the securitisation is a revolving securitisation, including at least the following:		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
This provision applies to transactions with a revolving period.		
This transaction contemplates a revolving period. If a Purchase Termination Event occurs, it triggers the termination of further acquisitions of Additional Portfolios, as set out in "TRANSACTION OVERVIEW - Purchase Termination Events".		
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Early amortisation provisions/triggers for termination of the revolving period (Article 21 (6))		
61. The objective of this criterion is to ensure that, in the presence of a revolving period mechanism, investors are sufficiently protected from the risk that principal amounts may not be fully repaid. In all such transactions, irrespective of the nature of the revolving mechanism, investors should be protected by a minimum set of early amortisation triggers or triggers for the termination of the revolving period that should be included in the transaction documentation.		
62. In order to facilitate the consistent interpretation of this criterion, interactions of this criterion with the criterion under Article 21(7)(b) with respect to the insolvency-related event with respect to the servicer should be further clarified.		
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5.5 Early amortisation provisions/triggers for termination of the revolving period (Article 21 (6))		
<i>Insolvency-related event with regard to the servicer</i>		
67. For the purposes of Article 21(6)(b) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, an insolvency-related event with respect to the servicer should lead to both of the following:		
(a) it should enable the replacement of the servicer in order to ensure continuation of the servicing;		
(b) it should trigger the termination of the revolving period.		

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<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>		
STS criteria		
<p>47. The transaction documentation shall include appropriate early amortisation provisions or triggers for termination of the revolving period where the securitisation is a revolving securitisation, including at least the following:</p> <p>(a) a deterioration in the credit quality of the underlying exposures to or below a pre-determined threshold;</p>		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>The occurrence of any of the following events will constitute a Purchase Termination Event (see "TRANSACTION OVERVIEW - Purchase Termination Events"):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (vi) Breach of Performance Triggers. 		
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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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<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>		
STS criteria		
<p>48. The transaction documentation shall include appropriate early amortisation provisions or triggers for termination of the revolving period where the securitisation is a revolving securitisation, including at least the following:</p> <p>(b) the occurrence of an insolvency-related event with regard to the originator or the servicer;</p>		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>The occurrence of any of the following events will constitute a Purchase Termination Event (see “TRANSACTION OVERVIEW - Purchase Termination Events”):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (iii) Insolvency of the Originator • (iv) Winding up of the Originator • (vii) Termination of RCI’s appointment as Servicer <p>PCS notices that the interpretation of this requirement is that if either the Originator or the Servicer become insolvent, then the termination event in relation to the revolving period is to be triggered.</p> <p>In this transaction, the Servicer and the Originator are, at least initially, the same entity. The insolvency of the Originator is specifically a Purchase Termination Event. However, there’s also a specific Purchase Termination Event that occurs upon the termination of the appointment of RCI as Servicer.</p> <p><i>In the light of the above, PCS is satisfied that this requirement is met.</i></p>		
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<p>Early amortisation provisions/triggers for termination of the revolving period (Article 21(6))</p> <p>61. The objective of this criterion is to ensure that, in the presence of a revolving period mechanism, investors are sufficiently protected from the risk that principal amounts may not be fully repaid. In all such transactions, irrespective of the nature of the revolving mechanism, investors should be protected by a minimum set of early amortisation triggers or triggers for the termination of the revolving period that should be included in the transaction documentation.</p> <p>62. In order to facilitate the consistent interpretation of this criterion, interactions of this criterion with the criterion under Article 21(7)(b) with respect to the insolvency-related event with respect to the servicer should be further clarified.</p>		
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<p>5.5 Early amortisation provisions/triggers for termination of the revolving period (Article 21(6))</p> <p><i>Insolvency-related event with regard to the servicer</i></p> <p>67. For the purposes of Article 21(6)(b) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, an insolvency-related event with respect to the servicer should lead to both of the following:</p> <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>		

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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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a deterioration in the credit quality of the underlying exposures to or below a pre-determined threshold; (b) the occurrence of an insolvency-related event with regard to the originator or the servicer; (c) the value of the underlying exposures held by the SSPE falls below a pre-determined threshold (early amortisation event); 		
STS criteria		
<p>49. The transaction documentation shall include appropriate early amortisation provisions or triggers for termination of the revolving period where the securitisation is a revolving securitisation, including at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (c) the value of the underlying exposures held by the SSPE falls below a pre-determined threshold (early amortisation event); 		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>The occurrence of any of the following events will constitute a Purchase Termination Event (see “TRANSACTION OVERVIEW - Purchase Termination Events”):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (vi) Breach of Performance Triggers, particularly, §(c). • (viii) Reserve Amount. 		
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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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STS criteria		
<p>50. The transaction documentation shall include appropriate early amortisation provisions or triggers for termination of the revolving period where the securitisation is a revolving securitisation, including at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (d) a failure to generate sufficient new underlying exposures that meet the pre-determined credit quality (trigger for termination of the revolving period). 		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>The occurrence of any of the following events will constitute a Purchase Termination Event (see “TRANSACTION OVERVIEW - Purchase Termination Events”):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (v) No transfer of Additional Portfolios. 		
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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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<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>		
STS criteria		
<p>51. 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>		
Verified?	Yes	
PCS Comment		
<p>For the <u>Servicer</u>, see section “DESCRIPTION OF THE TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS - 2. THE SERVICING AGREEMENT”.</p> <p>For the <u>Representative of the Noteholders</u> (that performs fiduciary activities on behalf of the noteholders and other issuer creditors) see the “<i>Rules of the Organisation of the Noteholders</i>”, Article 30 (<i>DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NOTEHOLDERS</i>).</p> <p>For the <u>other ancillary service providers</u>, see section “DESCRIPTION OF THE TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS”, subsection “4. THE CASH ALLOCATION, MANAGEMENT AND PAYMENTS AGREEMENT” and the description of the other Transaction Documents contained therein.</p>		
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<p>Transaction Documentation (Article 21 (7))</p> <p>63. The objective of this criterion is to help provide full transparency to investors, assist investors in the conduct of their due diligence and prevent investors from being subject to unexpected disruptions in cash flow collections and servicing, as well as to provide investors with certainty about the replacement of counterparties involved in the securitisation transaction.</p> <p>64. This criterion is considered sufficiently clear and no further guidance is considered necessary.</p>		
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<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>		
STS criteria		
52. (b) the processes and responsibilities necessary to ensure that a default by or an insolvency of the servicer does not result in a termination of servicing, such as a contractual provision which enables the replacement of the servicer in such cases; and		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>See "DESCRIPTION OF THE TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS - 2. THE SERVICING AGREEMENT".</p> <p>The Servicing Agreement contemplates Servicer Termination Events and a procedure for the appointment of its successor. See Clause 9.3 (<i>Successor Servicer</i>) of the Servicing Agreement.</p>		
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Transaction Documentation (Article 21 (7))		
63. The objective of this criterion is to help provide full transparency to investors, assist investors in the conduct of their due diligence and prevent investors from being subject to unexpected disruptions in cash flow collections and servicing, as well as to provide investors with certainty about the replacement of counterparties involved in the securitisation transaction.		
64. This criterion is considered sufficiently clear and no further guidance is considered necessary.		
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<p>21.7. The transaction documentation shall clearly specify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the contractual obligations, duties and responsibilities of the servicer and the trustee, if any, and other ancillary service providers; (b) the processes and responsibilities necessary to ensure that a default by or an insolvency of the servicer does not result in a termination of servicing, such as a contractual provision which enables the replacement of the servicer in such cases; and (c) provisions that ensure the replacement of derivative counterparties, liquidity providers and the account bank in the case of their default, insolvency, and other specified events, where applicable. 		
STS criteria		
53. (c) provisions that ensure the replacement of derivative counterparties, liquidity providers and the account bank in the case of their default, insolvency, and other specified events, where applicable.		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>No derivative counterparty and liquidity providers are contemplated in this transaction.</p> <p>As for the account bank, see the Cash Allocation, Management and Payments Agreement, particularly Clause 16 (<i>Termination and Resignation</i>).</p>		
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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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<p>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.</p>		
STS criteria		
<p>54. The servicer shall have expertise in servicing exposures of a similar nature to those securitised</p>		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>See the following statement in “DESCRIPTION OF THE TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS - 2. THE SERVICING AGREEMENT”:</p> <p><<The Servicer has represented to the Issuer that, inter alia, (i) it has all skills, software, hardware, information technology and human resources necessary to comply with the efficiency standards required by the Servicing Agreement and (i) it has more than 5 (five) year-expertise in servicing exposures of a similar nature to the Receivables and it has well- documented and adequate policies, procedures and risk-management controls relating to the servicing of the Receivables in accordance with article 21(8) of the Securitisation Regulation.>>.</p> <p>See also “THE ORIGINATOR AND THE SERVICER”.</p> <p>In case of replacement of the Servicer, the Servicing Agreement (see Clause 9.3(e) of the Servicing Agreement) requires that the Successor Servicer needs to be <<an entity with more than 5 (five) year-expertise in servicing exposures of a similar nature to the Receivables and having well- documented and adequate policies, procedures and risk-management controls relating to the servicing of the Receivables in accordance with article 21(8) of the Securitisation Regulation.>>.</p>		
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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>		

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

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

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

69. A servicer should be deemed to have the required expertise where either of the following applies:

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

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

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

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

(iii) the servicing function of the entity is backed by the back-up servicer compliant with point (a).

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

Exposures of similar nature

71. For the purposes of Article 21(8) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, interpretation of the term 'exposures of similar nature' should follow the interpretation provided in paragraph 23 above.

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<p>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.</p>		
STS criteria		
<p>55. And shall have well documented and adequate policies, procedures and risk management controls relating to the servicing of exposures.</p>		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>A description of the collection policies is contained in “CREDIT AND COLLECTION POLICY”.</p> <p>The original of such policies is contained as an annex of the Servicing Agreement.</p> <p><i>The EBA Guidelines specify that the relevant servicer should be considered to have the requisite elements of the criterion if it is “an entity that is subject to prudential and capital regulation and supervision in the Union”. The Originator of this transaction is a bank authorised in France and acting through its Italian branch, and is therefore prudentially regulated.</i></p> <p><i>This requirement is therefore certainly met by the Originator, as confirmed in the statements contained in the sections mentioned in point 54 and above.</i></p>		
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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>		

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Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation		
<p>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.</p>		
STS criteria		
<p>56. The transaction documentation shall set out in clear and consistent terms definitions</p>		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>See point 55 above.</p> <p>PCS notices that the collection policies are contained in Schedule 4 to the Servicing Agreement “Collection Policies”, and are also described in the section “CREDIT AND COLLECTION POLICY” of the Prospectus.</p> <p>PCS has reviewed the relevant documents to satisfy itself that these requirements are met.</p>		
EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on <i>background and rationale</i>		
<p>Remedies and actions related to delinquency and default of debtor (Article 21 (9))</p> <p>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.</p> <p>69. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the terms ‘in clear and consistent terms’ and ‘clearly specify’ should be further clarified.</p>		
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<p>5.7 Remedies and actions related to delinquency and default of debtor (Article 21 (9))</p> <p>Clear and consistent terms</p> <p>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.</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		
57. The transaction documentation shall set out in clear and consistent terms, remedies and actions relating to delinquency and default of debtors debt restructuring, debt forgiveness, forbearance, payment holidays, losses, charge offs, recoveries and other asset performance remedies.		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
See point 56 above.		
<i>PCS has reviewed the relevant documents to satisfy itself that these requirements are met.</i>		
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Remedies and actions related to delinquency and default of debtor (Article 21 (9))		
68. Investors should be in a position to know, when they receive the transaction documentation, what procedures and remedies are planned in the event that adverse credit events affect the underlying exposures of the securitisation. Transparency of remedies and procedures, in this respect, allows investors to model the credit risk of the underlying exposures with less uncertainty. In addition, clear, timely and transparent information on the characteristics of the waterfall determining the payment priorities is necessary for the investor to correctly price the securitisation position.		
69. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the terms 'in clear and consistent terms' and 'clearly specify' should be further clarified.		
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5.7 Remedies and actions related to delinquency and default of debtor (Article 21 (9))		
<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.		

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Article 21 - Requirements relating to standardisation		
<p>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.</p>		
STS criteria		
58. The transaction documentation shall clearly specify the priorities of payment,		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
See " <i>Priority of Payments</i> " in Condition 6 of the "Terms and Conditions of the Senior Notes", set out in the Prospectus.		
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<p>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.</p>		
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 Condition 12 of the Terms and Conditions of the Senior Notes, setting out the Trigger Events that trigger changes in the PoP to be applied.</p> <p>See also "<i>Priority of Payments</i>" in Condition 6 of the "Terms and Conditions of the Senior Notes", set out in the Prospectus.</p> <p><i>PCS has reviewed the relevant documents to satisfy itself that this requirement is met.</i></p>		
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<p>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.</p>		
STS criteria		
60. The transaction documentation shall clearly specify the obligation to report such events.		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>See the definition of Significant Event Report:</p> <p><<"Significant Event Report" means the report to be prepared by the Calculation Agent pursuant to the Cash Allocation, Management and Payments Agreement, setting out the information required by Article (7)(1) letters (f) and (g) of the Securitisation Regulation and the Regulatory Technical Standards (including, inter alia, any material change of the Priority of Payments and the occurrence of any Trigger Event) in accordance with Annex 14 of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1224 and to be delivered to the Reporting Entity (i) without undue delay in case an inside information or significant event under Article (7)(1) letters (f) and (g) of the Securitisation Regulation has occurred; and (ii) on a quarterly basis (together with the Transparency Investor Report).>>.</p> <p>See also the provisions of clause 6.9 (Transparency Investor Report and Significant Event Report) of the revised draft of the amended Cash Allocation and Management Agreement.</p> <p>This is a future event. Therefore, as a technical matter, this criterion is not applicable at the closing of a transaction.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>PCS notes the existence of such covenant in the Prospectus.</p>		
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<p>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.</p>		
STS criteria		
<p>61. Any change in the priorities of payments which will materially adversely affect the repayment of the securitisation position shall be reported to investors without undue delay.</p>		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>See point 60 above.</p> <p>This is a future event. Therefore, as a technical matter, this criterion is not applicable at the closing of a transaction.</p> <p>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.</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		
62. The transaction documentation shall include clear provisions that facilitate the timely resolution of conflicts between different classes of investors, voting rights shall be clearly defined and allocated to bondholders		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
See " <i>Rules of the Organisation of the Noteholders</i> " included as a Schedule 1 to the Terms and Conditions of the Notes, as contained in the Prospectus.		
(a) the method for calling meetings; as for method: Article 6 (<i>CONVENING OF MEETING</i>).		
(b) the maximum timeframe for setting up a meeting: Article 7 (<i>NOTICE</i>). See also 10.2 and 11 on adjourned meetings.		
(c) the required quorum: Article 9 (<i>QUORUM</i>).		
(d) the minimum threshold of votes to validate such a decision, with clear differentiation between the minimum thresholds for each type of decision: Article 9. See also definitions of "Ordinary Resolution" and "Extraordinary Resolution".		
(e) where applicable, a location for the meetings which should be in the EU: Articles 6.3; 7.1 and 11.		
Although the wording of the Regulation as to what constitutes the "facilitation of timely resolution of conflicts" is quite vague, the EBA Guidelines have helpfully set out the five minimum requirements that the documents should contain to meet this criterion.		
PCS has reviewed the underlying documents (particularly, the Rules of the Organisation of the Noteholders) to ascertain that all the five requirements above are indeed present.		
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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.		

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<p>21.10. The transaction documentation shall include clear provisions that facilitate the timely resolution of conflicts between different classes of investors, voting rights shall be clearly defined and allocated to bondholders and the responsibilities of the trustee and other entities with fiduciary duties to investors shall be clearly identified.</p>		
STS criteria		
<p>63. and the responsibilities of the trustee and other entities with fiduciary duties to investors shall be clearly identified.</p>		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>See point 51 above:</p> <p>For the Representative of the Noteholders (that performs fiduciary activities on behalf of the noteholders and other issuer creditors) see the “<i>Rules of the Organisation of the Noteholders</i>”, Article 30 (<i>DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NOTEHOLDERS</i>).</p> <p>A detailed set of duties and powers of the Representative of the Noteholders in a post enforcement scenario are also set out in the Mandate Agreement.</p>		
EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on <i>background and rationale</i>		
Resolution of conflicts between different classes of investors (Article 20 (10))		
<p>70. The objective of this criterion is to help ensure clarity for securitisation noteholders of their rights and ability to control and enforce on the underlying credit claims or receivables. This should make the decision-making process more effective, for instance in circumstances where enforcement rights on the underlying assets are being exercised.</p>		
<p>71. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the term ‘clear provisions that facilitate the timely resolution of conflicts between different classes of investors’ should be further interpreted.</p>		
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Article 22 - Requirements relating to transparency		
22.1. The originator and the sponsor shall make available data on static and dynamic historical default and loss performance, such as delinquency and default data, for substantially similar exposures to those being securitised, and the sources of those data and the basis for claiming similarity, to potential investors before pricing. Those data shall cover a period no shorter than five years.		
STS criteria		
64. The originator and the sponsor shall make available data on static and dynamic historical default and loss performance, such as delinquency and default data, for substantially similar exposures to those being securitised,		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>Representations of compliance with this provision are contained in TRANSPARENCY REQUIREMENTS - Compliance with Article 7 of the Securitisation Regulation, where it is stated as follows: <<(…) As to pre-pricing information: (a) the Originator (also in its capacity as Initial Junior Noteholder) has <u>confirmed that it has been, before pricing, in possession of (...) (ii) 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, provided that such data cover a period of at least 5 (five) years, pursuant to Article 22(1) of the Securitisation Regulation and the EBA Guidelines on STS Criteria, (...)</u>; (b) the Originator has confirmed that it has made available to the investors in the Notes before pricing (...) (ii) through the Securitisation Repository 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, provided that such data shall cover a period of at least 5 (five) years, pursuant to Article 22(1) of the Securitisation Regulation and the EBA Guidelines on STS Criteria, (...)>>.</p>		
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Data on historical default and loss performance (Article 22(1))		
72. The objective is to provide investors with sufficient information on an asset class to conduct appropriate due diligence and to provide access to a sufficiently rich data set to enable a more accurate calculation of expected loss in different stress scenarios. These data are necessary for investors to carry out proper risk analysis and due diligence, and they contribute to building confidence and reducing uncertainty regarding the market behaviour of the underlying asset class. New asset classes entering the securitisation market, for which a sufficient track record of performance has not yet been built up, may not be considered transparent in that they cannot ensure that investors have the appropriate tools and knowledge to carry out proper risk analysis.		
73. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be further clarified:		
(a) its application to external data; (b) the term ‘substantially similar exposures’.		
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6.1 Data on historical default and loss performance (Article 22(1))		
Data		
75. For the purposes of Article 22(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, where the seller cannot provide data in line with the data requirements contained therein, external data that are publicly available or are provided by a third party, such as a rating agency or another market participant, may be used, provided that all of the other requirements of that article are met.		
Substantially similar exposures		
76. For the purposes of Article 22(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the term ‘substantially similar exposures’ should be understood as referring to exposures for which both of the following conditions are met:		
(a) the most relevant factors determining the expected performance of the underlying exposures are similar; (b) as a result of the similarity referred to in point (a) it could reasonably have been expected, on the basis of indications such as past performance or applicable models, that, over the life of the transaction, or over a maximum of four years, where the life of the transaction is longer than four years, their performance would not be significantly different.		
77. The substantially similar exposures should not be limited to exposures held on the balance sheet of the originator.		

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Article 22 - Requirements relating to transparency		
<p>22.1. The originator and the sponsor shall make available data on static and dynamic historical default and loss performance, such as delinquency and default data, for substantially similar exposures to those being securitised, and the sources of those data and the basis for claiming similarity, to potential investors before pricing. Those data shall cover a period no shorter than five years.</p>		
STS criteria		
<p>65. and the sources of those data and the basis for claiming similarity, to potential investors before pricing.</p>		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>See statements in this respect contained in the section mentioned in point 64 above.</p>		
EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on <i>background and rationale</i>		
Data on historical default and loss performance (Article 22(1))		
<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>		
EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines		
6.1 Data on historical default and loss performance (Article 22(1))		
Data		
<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>		
Substantially similar exposures		
<p>76. For the purposes of Article 22(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the term ‘substantially similar exposures’ should be understood as referring to exposures for which both of the following conditions are met:</p> <p>(a) the most relevant factors determining the expected performance of the underlying exposures are similar;</p> <p>(b) as a result of the similarity referred to in point (a) it could reasonably have been expected, on the basis of indications such as past performance or applicable models, that, over the life of the transaction, or over a maximum of four years, where the life of the transaction is longer than four years, their performance would not be significantly different.</p>		
<p>77. The substantially similar exposures should not be limited to exposures held on the balance sheet of the originator.</p>		

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

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22.2. A sample of the underlying exposures shall be subject to external verification prior to issuance of the securities resulting from the securitisation by an appropriate and independent party, including verification that the data disclosed in respect of the underlying exposures is accurate.		
STS criteria		
67. A sample of the underlying exposures shall be subject to external verification prior to issuance of the securities resulting from the securitisation by an appropriate and independent party,		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>See the following statement in the section "THE PORTFOLIO":</p> <p><<Pool Audit Report</p> <p><i>Pursuant to article 22(2) of the Securitisation Regulation and the EBA Guidelines on STS Criteria, an appropriate and independent party has verified prior to the Restructuring Date, in respect of the Portfolio, (i) on a statistical basis, the integrity and referentiality of the information provided in the documentation and in the IT systems in respect of each selected position of a representative sample of the Portfolio; (ii) the accuracy of the data disclosed in the sub-section headed "Characteristics of the Portfolio" above; and (iii) the compliance of the data contained in the loan by loan data tape prepared by the Originator in relation to the Receivables comprised in the Portfolio with the Criteria that are able to be tested prior to the Restructuring Date.>>.</i></p> <p>PCS was provided with a report summarizing the results of an external verification made prior to issuance by an appropriate and independent party.</p>		
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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))		
Sample of the underlying exposures subject to external verification		
78. For the purposes of Article 22(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, the underlying exposures that should be subject to verification prior to the issuance should be a representative sample of the provisional portfolio from which the securitised pool is extracted and which is in a reasonably final form before issuance.		
Party executing the verification		
79. For the purposes of Article 22(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402, an appropriate and independent party should be deemed to be a party that meets both of the following conditions:		
(a) it has the experience and capability to carry out the verification;		
(b) it is none of the following:		
(i) a credit rating agency;		
(ii) a third party verifying STS compliance in accordance with Article 28 of Regulation (EU) 2017/2402;		

(iii) an entity affiliated to the originator.

Scope of the verification

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

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

Confirmation of the verification

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

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STS criteria		
68. Including verification that the data disclosed in respect of the underlying exposures is accurate.		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
See statements in this respect contained in the sections mentioned in point 67 above.		
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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;		
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<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.		

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<p>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.</p>		
STS criteria		
<p>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.</p>		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>Representations of compliance with this provisions are contained in TRANSPARENCY REQUIREMENTS - Compliance with Article 7 of the Securitisation Regulation, where it is stated as follows: <<As to pre-pricing information: <i>(a) the Originator (also in its capacity as Initial Junior Noteholder) has confirmed that it has been, before pricing, in possession of ... (iii) a liability cash flow model which precisely represents the contractual relationship between the Receivables and the payments flowing between the Originator, the investors in the Notes, other third parties and the Issuer pursuant to Article 22(3) of the Securitisation Regulation and the EBA Guidelines on STS Criteria;</i> <i>(b) the Originator has confirmed that it has made available to the investors in the Notes before pricing ... (iii) through the website of Bloomberg (being as at the date hereof www.bloomberg.com) a liability cash flow model which precisely represents the contractual relationship between the Receivables and the payments flowing between the Originator, the investors in the Notes, other third parties and the Issuer pursuant to Article 22(3) of the Securitisation Regulation and the EBA Guidelines on the STS Criteria.>>.</i></p> <p>PCS was also provided with an excel document setting out some sample scenarios, created through a cash flow model available on Bloomberg, based on the information contained in a preliminary draft of the Prospectus.</p>		
EBA Final non-ABCP STS Guidelines – statements on <i>background and rationale</i>		
Liability cashflow model (Article 22(3))		
<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. 77. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be clarified: (a) interpretation of the term 'precise' representation of the contractual relationships; (b) implications when the model is provided by third parties.</p>		
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Liability cash flow model (Article 22(3))		
Precise representation of the contractual relationship		
<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>		
Third parties		

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

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<p>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.</p>		
STS criteria		
<p>70. And shall, after pricing, make that model available to investors on an ongoing basis and to potential investors upon request.</p>		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>Representations of compliance with this provisions are contained in TRANSPARENCY REQUIREMENTS - Compliance with Article 7 of the Securitisation Regulation, where it is stated as follows: <<Under the Intercreditor Agreement, the Originator <i>has undertaken to make available through the website of Bloomberg (being, as at the date hereof, www.bloomberg.com) to investors in the Notes on an ongoing basis and to potential investors in the Notes upon request, a liability cash flow model (as updated from time to time) which precisely represents the contractual relationship between the Receivables and the payments flowing between the Originator, the investors in the Notes, other third parties and the Issuer pursuant to Article 22(3) of the Securitisation Regulation and the EBA Guidelines on STS Criteria.</i>>>.</p>		
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Liability cashflow model (Article 22(3))		
<p>76. The objective of this criterion is to assist investors in their ability to appropriately model the cash flow waterfall of the securitisation on the liability side of the SSPE.</p>		
<p>77. To facilitate consistent interpretation of this criterion, the following aspects should be clarified:</p>		
<p>(a) interpretation of the term 'precise' representation of the contractual relationships;</p>		
<p>(b) implications when the model is provided by third parties.</p>		
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Liability cash flow model (Article 22(3)) <i>Precise representation of the contractual relationship</i>		
<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>		
Third parties		
<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>		

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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>		
STS criteria		
<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>See the definition of Transparency Loan Report:</p> <p><<"<i>Transparency Loan Report</i>" means the report to be prepared by the Servicer pursuant to clause 5.2 of the Servicing Agreement and the Intercreditor Agreement, and delivered to the Reporting Entity on a quarterly basis, setting out the information required by Article 7(1)(a) of the EU Securitisation Regulation and the Regulatory Technical Standards (including, inter alia, the information related to the environmental performance of the assets financed by the relevant Loan, if available) in accordance with Annex 5 of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1224.>>.</p> <p>The Originator confirmed that no information on environmental performance of the car loans is available at closing.</p>		
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Environmental performance of assets (Article 22(4))		
<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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Environmental performance of assets (Article 22(4))		
Available information related to the environmental performance		
<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>		

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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>See the following representation of compliance with this provisions in TRANSPARENCY REQUIREMENTS - Compliance with Article 7 of the Securitisation Regulation: <<Under the Intercreditor Agreement, the parties thereto have acknowledged that the Originator and the Issuer shall be responsible for compliance with the transparency requirement of Article 7 of the Securitisation Regulation pursuant to the Transaction Documents.>>.</p>		
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Compliance with transparency requirements		
<p>80. The objective of this criterion is to ensure that investors have access to the data that are relevant for them to carry out the necessary risk and due diligence analysis with respect to the investment decision.</p>		
<p>81. The criterion is deemed sufficiently clear and not requiring any further clarification.</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>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.</p>		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>See the following representation of compliance with this provisions in TRANSPARENCY REQUIREMENTS - Compliance with Article 7 of the Securitisation Regulation:</p> <p><<As to pre-pricing information:</p> <p><i>(a) the Originator (also in its capacity as Initial Junior Noteholder) has confirmed that it has been, before pricing, in possession of (i) data relating to each Receivables (and therefore it has not requested to receive the information under point (a) of the first subparagraph of Article 7(1) of the Securitisation Regulation as well as the information under points (b), (c) and (d) of the first subparagraph of Article 7(1) of the Securitisation Regulation at least in draft form pursuant to Article 22(5) of the Securitisation Regulation and the EBA Guidelines on the STS Criteria,...</i></p> <p><i>(b) the Originator has confirmed that it has made available to the investors in the Notes before pricing (i) through the Securitisation Repository the information under point (a) of the first subparagraph of Article 7(1) upon request, as well as the information under points (b) and (d) of the first subparagraph of Article 7(1) of the Securitisation Regulation at least in draft form pursuant to Article 22(5) of the Securitisation Regulation and the EBA Guidelines on the STS Criteria,>>.</i></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		
74. The information required by points (b) to (d) of the first subparagraph of Article 7(1) shall be made available before pricing at least in draft or initial form.		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
See the following representation of compliance with this provisions in TRANSPARENCY REQUIREMENTS - Compliance with Article 7 of the Securitisation Regulation:		
<<As to pre-pricing information:		
<p><i>(a) the Originator (also in its capacity as Initial Junior Noteholder) has confirmed that <u>it has been, before pricing, in possession of (i) data relating to each Receivables (and therefore it has not requested to receive the information under point (a) of the first subparagraph of Article 7(1) of the Securitisation Regulation as well as the information under points (b), (c) and (d) of the first subparagraph of Article 7(1) of the Securitisation Regulation</u> at least in draft form pursuant to Article 22(5) of the Securitisation Regulation and the EBA Guidelines on the STS Criteria, ...</i></p>		
<p><i>(b) the Originator has confirmed that <u>it has made available to the investors in the Notes before pricing (i) through the Securitisation Repository the information under point (a) of the first subparagraph of Article 7(1) upon request, as well as the information under points (b) and (d) of the first subparagraph of Article 7(1) of the Securitisation Regulation at least in draft form pursuant to Article 22(5) of the Securitisation Regulation and the EBA Guidelines on the STS Criteria, ...>></u></i></p>		
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<p>The final documentation shall be made available to investors at the latest 15 days after closing of the transaction.</p>		
STS criteria		
<p>75. The final documentation shall be made available to investors at the latest 15 days after closing of the transaction.</p>		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>See the following representation of compliance with this provisions in TRANSPARENCY REQUIREMENTS - Compliance with Article 7 of the Securitisation Regulation:</p> <p><i><<(d) the Originator shall make available the final Transaction Documents and all the other documents listed under Article 7(1)(b) and 7(1)(d) to the investors in the Notes by no later than 15 (fifteen) days after the Restructuring Date,</i></p> <p><i>in each case in accordance with the requirements provided by the Securitisation Regulation and the applicable Regulatory Technical Standards. ...>>.</i></p> <p>See also the specification contained in the same Section, under "Introduction", that:</p> <p><i><<Pursuant to Article 7 paragraph 1 of the Securitisation Regulation, the Originator and the Issuer shall make available to holders of a securitisation position in the Securitisation, including the Noteholders, to the competent authorities referred to in article 29 of the Securitisation Regulation and, upon request, to potential investors the following information: ...</i></p> <p><i>(ii) all underlying documentation that is essential for the understanding of the transaction;>>.</i></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>See the following representation of compliance with this provisions in TRANSPARENCY REQUIREMENTS - Compliance with Article 7 of the Securitisation Regulation:</p> <p><i><<Pursuant to Article 7 paragraph 1 of the Securitisation Regulation, the Originator and the Issuer shall make available to holders of a securitisation position in the Securitisation, including the Noteholders, to the competent authorities referred to in article 29 of the Securitisation Regulation and, upon request, to potential investors the following information:</i></p> <p><i>(i) information on the Receivables on a quarterly basis; (...)>>.</i></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> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(i) the final offering document or the prospectus together with the closing transaction documents, excluding legal opinions;</p>		
STS criteria		
<p>77. All underlying documentation that is essential for the understanding of the transaction, including but not limited to, where applicable, the following documents:</p> <p>(i) the final offering document or the prospectus together with the closing transaction documents, excluding legal opinions;</p>		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>See the statements set out in point 75 above.</p> <p>See also the Section "GENERAL INFORMATION - Documents available for inspection".</p>		
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(ii) for traditional securitisation the asset sale agreement, assignment, novation or transfer agreement and any relevant declaration of trust;		
STS criteria		
78. For traditional securitisation the asset sale agreement, assignment, novation or transfer agreement and any relevant declaration of trust;		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
See the reference to the Master Receivables Transfer Agreement contained in “GENERAL INFORMATION – Documents available for inspection”.		
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(iii) the derivatives and guarantees agreements as well as any relevant documents on collateralisation arrangements where the exposures being securitised remain exposures of the originator;		
STS criteria		
79. The derivatives and guarantees agreements as well as any relevant documents on collateralisation arrangements where the exposures being securitised remain exposures of the originator;		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
No derivatives or other of the above documents are contemplated for this transaction.		
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(iv) the servicing, back-up servicing, administration and cash management agreements;		
STS criteria		
80. The servicing, back-up servicing, administration and cash management agreements;		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
See the reference to the <u>Servicing Agreement</u> and the <u>Cash Allocation, Management and Payments Agreement</u> contained in "GENERAL INFORMATION – Documents available for inspection".		
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(v) the trust deed, security deed, agency agreement, account bank agreement, guaranteed investment contract, incorporated terms or master trust framework or master definitions agreement or such legal documentation with equivalent legal value;		
STS criteria		
81. The trust deed, security deed, agency agreement, account bank agreement, guaranteed investment contract, incorporated terms or master trust framework or master definitions agreement or such legal documentation with equivalent legal value;		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
See the reference to the <u>Intercreditor Agreement</u> ; the <u>Mandate Agreement</u> ; the <u>Deed of Pledge</u> ; the <u>Supplemental Deed of Pledge</u> ; the <u>Cash Allocation, Management and Payments Agreement</u> ; the <u>Master Definitions Agreement</u> contained in "GENERAL INFORMATION – Documents available for inspection".		
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(vi) any relevant inter-creditor agreements, derivatives documentation, subordinated loan agreements, start-up loan agreements and liquidity facility agreements;		
STS criteria		
82. Any relevant inter-creditor agreements, derivatives documentation, subordinated loan agreements, start-up loan agreements and liquidity facility agreements;		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
See the reference to the <u>Intercreditor Agreement</u> contained in "GENERAL INFORMATION – Documents available for inspection". Derivatives, subordinated loan agreements, start-up loan agreements and liquidity facility agreements are not contemplated as Transaction Documents.		
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That underlying documentation shall include a detailed description of the priority of payments of the securitisation;		
STS criteria		
83. That underlying documentation shall include a detailed description of the priority of payments of the securitisation;		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
See "TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SENIOR NOTES" – Condition 6 (<i>Priority of Payments</i>), contained in the Prospectus. See also the "Fourth Master Amendment Agreement", which contains copies of the amended documents and of the Terms and Conditions of the Junior Notes.		
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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> <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>		
STS criteria		
<p>84. Where a prospectus has not been drawn up in compliance with Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, a transaction summary or overview of the main features of the securitisation, including, where applicable:</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		
<p>See the statement on the cover page:</p> <p><<<i>This Prospectus has been approved by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (the "CSSF"), as competent authority under Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 (the "Prospectus Regulation").</i>>>.</p> <p>Considering that the Prospectus Regulation has repealed and replaced Directive 2003/71/EC, and that the Prospectus is compliant with the Prospectus Regulation, this requirement is satisfied.</p>		
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<p>(c) where a prospectus has not been drawn up in compliance with Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, a transaction summary or overview of the main features of the securitisation, including, where applicable:</p> <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> <p>(ii) details regarding the exposure characteristics, cash flows, loss waterfall, credit enhancement and liquidity support features;</p>		
STS criteria		
85. (ii) details regarding the exposure characteristics, cash flows, loss waterfall, credit enhancement and liquidity support features;		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
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<p>(c) where a prospectus has not been drawn up in compliance with Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, a transaction summary or overview of the main features of the securitisation, including, where applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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; 		
STS criteria		
86. (iii) details regarding the voting rights of the holders of a securitisation position and their relationship to other secured creditors;		
Verified?		Yes
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<p>(c) where a prospectus has not been drawn up in compliance with Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, a transaction summary or overview of the main features of the securitisation, including, where applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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		
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;		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
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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		
88. In the case of STS securitisations, the STS notification referred to in Article 27;		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>A draft of the STS Notification was provided to PCS before closing.</p> <p>The Prospectus contains the following statement:</p> <p><<The Securitisation is intended to qualify as a simple, transparent and standardised securitisation ("STS Securitisation") within the meaning of Article 18 of Regulation (EU) No. 2402 of 12 December 2017 (the "Securitisation Regulation"). Consequently, the Securitisation meets, as at the date of this Prospectus, the requirements of Articles 19 to 22 of the Securitisation Regulation (the "STS Requirements") and will be notified by the Originator to be included in the list published by ESMA referred to in Article 27(5) of the Securitisation Regulation (the "STS Notification").>>.</p> <p>See also the following statement in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes: <<The Securitisation is intended to qualify as a STS-securitisation within the meaning of Article 18 of the Securitisation Regulation. Consequently, the Securitisation meets, as at the Restructuring Date, the requirements of Articles 19 to 22 of the Securitisation Regulation and will be, on or prior to the Restructuring Date, notified by the Originator to be included in the list published by ESMA referred to in Article 27(5) of the Securitisation Regulation. No assurance can be provided that the Securitisation does or will continue to qualify as a STS-securitisation under the Securitisation Regulation as at the Restructuring Date or at any point in time in the future.>>.</p> <p>PCS also notices the following statement: <<Under the Intercreeitor Agreement, each of the Issuer and the Originator has agreed that, from the Restructuring Date, the Originator: ... (ii) is designated as first contact point for investors and competent authorities pursuant to the third sub-paragraph of Article 27(1) of the Securitisation Regulation.>>.</p>		
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(e) quarterly investor reports, or, in the case of ABCP, monthly investor reports, containing the following:		
STS criteria		
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Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>See the following representation of compliance with this provisions in TRANSPARENCY REQUIREMENTS - Compliance with Article 7 of the Securitisation Regulation:</p> <p><<Pursuant to Article 7 paragraph 1 of the Securitisation Regulation, <i>the Originator and the Issuer shall make available to holders of a securitisation position in the Securitisation, including the Noteholders, to the competent authorities referred to in article 29 of the Securitisation Regulation and, upon request, to potential investors the following information: ...</i></p> <p>(iv) <i>quarterly investor reports containing the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) <i>all materially relevant data on the credit quality and performance of the Receivables;</i> (b) <i>information on events which trigger changes in the Priority of Payments or the replacement of any counterparties, and data on the cash flows generated by the Receivables and by the liabilities of the Securitisation;</i> (c) <i>information about the risk retained, including information on which of the modalities provided for in article 6(3) of the Securitisation has been applied, in accordance with article 6 of the Securitisation Regulation;>>.</i> 		
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(i) all materially relevant data on the credit quality and performance of underlying exposures;		
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90. All materially relevant data on the credit quality and performance of underlying exposures;		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
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(ii) information on events which trigger changes in the priority of payments or the replacement of any counterparties, and, in the case of a securitisation which is not an ABCP transaction, data on the cash flows generated by the underlying exposures and by the liabilities of the securitisation;		
STS criteria		
91. Information on events which trigger changes in the priority of payments or the replacement of any counterparties,		
Verified?		Yes
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(ii) information on events which trigger changes in the priority of payments or the replacement of any counterparties, and, in the case of a securitisation which is not an ABCP transaction, data on the cash flows generated by the underlying exposures and by the liabilities of the securitisation;		
STS criteria		
92. And, in the case of a securitisation which is not an ABCP transaction, data on the cash flows generated by the underlying exposures and by the liabilities of the securitisation;		
Verified?		Yes
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(iii) information about the risk retained, including information on which of the modalities provided for in Article 6(3) has been applied, in accordance with Article 6.		
STS criteria		
93. Information about the risk retained, including information on which of the modalities provided for in Article 6(3) has been applied, in accordance with Article 6.		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
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(f) any inside information relating to the securitisation that the originator, sponsor or SSPE is obliged to make public in accordance with Article 17 of Regulation (EU) No 596/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council on insider dealing and market manipulation;		
STS criteria		
94. Any inside information relating to the securitisation that the originator, sponsor or SSPE is obliged to make public in accordance with Article 17 of Regulation (EU) No 596/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council on insider dealing and market manipulation;		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>See the following representation of compliance with this provisions in TRANSPARENCY REQUIREMENTS - Compliance with Article 7 of the Securitisation Regulation:</p> <p><<Pursuant to Article 7 paragraph 1 of the Securitisation Regulation, the Originator and the Issuer shall make available to holders of a securitisation position in the Securitisation, including the Noteholders, to the competent authorities referred to in article 29 of the Securitisation Regulation and, upon request, to potential investors the following information: ...</p> <p>(v) without undue delay, <u>any inside information relating to the Securitisation that the Originator or the Issuer is obliged to make public in accordance with article 17 of Regulation (EU) No 596/2014 on insider dealing and market manipulation; and</u>>></p> <p>See also the definition of "Significant Event Report":</p> <p><<"Significant Event Report" means the report to be prepared by the Calculation Agent pursuant to the Cash Allocation, Management and Payments Agreement, <u>setting out the information required by Article (7)(1) letters (f) and (g) of the Securitisation Regulation and the Regulatory Technical Standards in accordance with Annex 14 of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1224 and to be delivered to the Reporting Entity (i) without undue delay in case an inside information or significant event under Article (7)(1) letters (f) and (g) of the Securitisation Regulation has occurred; and (ii) on a quarterly basis (together with the Transparency Investor Report).</u>>>.</p>		
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<p>(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>		
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>See the following representation of compliance with this provisions in TRANSPARENCY REQUIREMENTS - Compliance with Article 7 of the Securitisation Regulation:</p> <p><<Pursuant to Article 7 paragraph 1 of the Securitisation Regulation, the Originator and the Issuer shall make available to holders of a securitisation position in the Securitisation, including the Noteholders, to the competent authorities referred to in article 29 of the Securitisation Regulation and, upon request, to potential investors the following information: ...</p> <p>(vi) without undue delay, where point (v) does not apply, any significant event such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a material breach of the obligations provided for in the documents made available in accordance with point (ii), including any remedy, waiver or consent subsequently provided in relation to such a breach; (b) a change in the structural features that can materially impact the performance of the Securitisation; (c) a change in the risk characteristics of the Securitisation or of the Loan Receivables that can materially impact the performance of the Securitisation; (d) where the securitisation ceases to meet the STS Requirements or where competent authorities have taken remedial or administrative actions; and (e) any material amendment to Transaction Documents.>> <p>See also the definition of "Significant Event Report":</p> <p><<"Significant Event Report" means the report to be prepared by the Calculation Agent pursuant to the Cash Allocation, Management and Payments Agreement, <u>setting out the information required by Article (7)(1) letters (f) and (g) of the Securitisation Regulation and the Regulatory Technical Standards in accordance with Annex 14 of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1224 and to be delivered to the Reporting Entity (i) without undue delay in case an inside information or significant event under Article (7)(1) letters (f) and (g) of the Securitisation Regulation has occurred; and (ii) on a quarterly basis (together with the Transparency Investor Report).</u>>>.</p>		
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(ii) a change in the structural features that can materially impact the performance of the securitisation;		
STS criteria		
96. (ii) a change in the structural features that can materially impact the performance of the securitisation;		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
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(iii) a change in the risk characteristics of the securitisation or of the underlying exposures that can materially impact the performance of the securitisation;		
STS criteria		
97. (iii) a change in the risk characteristics of the securitisation or of the underlying exposures that can materially impact the performance of the securitisation;		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
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(iv) in the case of STS securitisations, where the securitisation ceases to meet the STS requirements or where competent authorities have taken remedial or administrative actions;		
STS criteria		
98. (iv) in the case of STS securitisations, where the securitisation ceases to meet the STS requirements or where competent authorities have taken remedial or administrative actions;		
Verified?		Yes
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(v) any material amendment to transaction documents.		
STS criteria		
99. (v) any material amendment to transaction documents.		
Verified?		Yes
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The information described in points (a) and (e) of the first subparagraph shall be made available simultaneously each quarter at the latest one month after the due date for the payment of interest [...ABCP provisions]		
STS criteria		
100. The information described in points (a) and (e) of the first subparagraph shall be made available simultaneously each quarter at the latest one month after the due date for the payment of interest [...ABCP provisions]		
Verified?		#Yes
PCS Comment		
<p>See the following representation of compliance with this provisions in TRANSPARENCY REQUIREMENTS - Compliance with Article 7 of the Securitisation Regulation:</p> <p><<As to post-closing information, the relevant parties to the Intercreditor Agreement have agreed and undertaken as follows:</p> <p>(a) the Servicer shall prepare <u>the Transparency Loan Report</u> and deliver it to the Reporting Entity in a timely manner in order for the Reporting Entity to make available the Transparency Loan Report (simultaneously with the Transparency Investor Report) to the investors in the Notes by no later than the Transparency Report Date;</p> <p>(b) the Calculation Agent shall prepare and deliver to the Reporting Entity:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(i) <u>the Transparency Investors' Report</u> within [1 (one)] Business Days preceding the relevant Transparency Report Date, subject to the receipt of the Transparency Loan Report from the Servicer in accordance with the Servicing Agreement, <u>in order for the Reporting Entity to make it available simultaneously with the Transparency Loan Report to the investors in the Notes by no later than the Transparency Report Date.</u>>></p> <p>See also the following definition:</p> <p><<"Transparency Report Date" means the date falling 30 (thirty) days after the Payment Date falling on March, June, September and December of each year on which the Reporting Entity shall make available the Transparency Investor Report and the Transparency Loan Report through the Securitisation Repository, provided that the first Transparency Report Date shall be 6 April 2021.>></p>		
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<p>Without prejudice to Regulation (EU) No 596/2014, the information described in points (f) and (g) of the first subparagraph shall be made available without delay</p> <p>When complying with this paragraph, the originator, sponsor and SSPE of a securitisation shall comply with national and Union law governing the protection of confidentiality of information and the processing of personal data in order to avoid potential breaches of such law as well as any confidentiality obligation relating to customer, original lender or debtor information, unless such confidential information is anonymised or aggregated.</p> <p>In particular, with regard to the information referred to in point (b) the originator, sponsor and SSPE may provide a summary of the concerned documentation.</p> <p>Competent authorities referred to in Article 29 shall be able to request the provision of such confidential information to them in order to fulfil their duties under this Regulation.</p>		
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		
<p>See the specific reference to “without undue delay” in the covenants quoted under points 94 and 95 above, referring to the information under points (f) and (g), and see also the following definition:</p> <p><<“Significant Event Report” means the report to be prepared by the Calculation Agent pursuant to the Cash Allocation, Management and Payments Agreement, setting out the information required by Article (7)(1) letters (f) and (g) of the Securitisation Regulation and the Regulatory Technical Standards in accordance with Annex 14 of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1224 and to be delivered to the Reporting Entity (i) without undue delay in case an inside information or significant event under Article (7)(1) letters (f) and (g) of the Securitisation Regulation has occurred; and (ii) on a quarterly basis (together with the Transparency Investor Report).>>.</p>		
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<p>7.2 The entity designated in accordance with the first subparagraph shall make the information for a securitisation transaction available by means of a securitisation repository. Or 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. Or 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. 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>See the following representation of compliance with this provisions in TRANSPARENCY REQUIREMENTS - Compliance with Article 7 of the Securitisation Regulation: <<Under the Intercreditor Agreement, each of the Issuer and the Originator has agreed that, from the Restructuring Date, the Originator: (i) is designated and will act as Reporting Entity, pursuant to and for the purposes of Article 7(2) of the Securitisation Regulation. In such capacity as Reporting Entity, the Originator shall fulfil the information requirements pursuant to points (a), (b), (d), (e), (f) and (g) of the first subparagraph of Article 7(1) of the Securitisation Regulation by making available the Transparency Loan Report, the Transparency Investor Report, the Significant Event Report and the other relevant information <u>through the Securitisation Repository</u> at the following website: (...)>>.</p> <p>See also the definition of Securitisation Repository: <<"Securitisation Repository" means the website of European Data Warehouse (being, as at the date hereof, www.eurodw.eu) or any other securitisation repository registered pursuant to Article 10 of the Securitisation Regulation as notified to the investors in the Notes.>>.</p>		
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7.2 The entity responsible for reporting the information, and the securitisation repository where the information is made available shall be indicated in the documentation regarding the securitisation.		
STS criteria		
103. The entity responsible for reporting the information, and the securitisation repository where the information is made available shall be indicated in the documentation regarding the securitisation.		
Verified?		Yes
PCS Comment		
See the following definitions: << "Reporting Entity" means RCI Banque Italy or any other entity acting as notified in the investor in the Notes as reporting entity pursuant to Article 7(2) of the Securitisation Regulation and the Intercreditor Agreement, and any of its permitted successors or transferees.>> and << "Securitisation Repository" means the website of European Data Warehouse (being, as at the date hereof, www.eurodw.eu) or any other securitisation repository registered pursuant to Article 10 of the Securitisation Regulation as notified to the investors in the Notes.>>.		
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Definitions:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“**PoP**”: the priority of payments.

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

“**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.