

Determination of Client Money Entitlement: DRV German Master Agreement for Derivatives

This paper summarises the approach taken with respect to potential Client Money entitlements of parties (each, a “Creditor”) with whom LBIE had, prior to 07.56am 15 September, 2008, entered into an agreement on terms which are identical to, or sharing the same characteristics as, the Financial Contract, and for whom no Client Money had been segregated in relation to that contract. It assumes that sums paid to LBIE by the Creditor were paid pursuant to the terms of the Financial Contract.

Definitions

Financial Contract:	DRV German Master Agreement for Financial Derivatives Transactions either with or without an accompanying Collateral Addendum.
Financial Contract Terms:	Financial Contract entered into on standard form terms with the addition of various Addenda, possibly including a standard form Collateral Addendum but with no specific reference to ‘client money’ within the Financial Contract. It is assumed that the Creditor is not obliged to provide Collateral for the Financial Contract under any document other than the Collateral Addendum, where present.
Obligations:	LBIE’s obligations to pay/account for money under the Financial Contract to the Creditor, including for derived income on securities collateral.
Client Money:	Money which was client money as defined in the FSA rules (at the Administration Time).
Client Money Claim:	Any claim by the Creditor that it has an entitlement to a distribution from the pre-administration Client Money pool constituted under the FSA rules, on the basis that it had a “client money entitlement” as at the Administration Time. This is a “contractual entitlement” and does not depend upon actual segregation of funds. In LBIE’s view this means an individual client balance falling within paragraph 7 of CASS 7 Annex 1G (“ICB”) and/or a client equity balance as defined in the FSA Rules (“CEB”) which, in each case, fell within the scope of CASS 7.
Administration Time:	07.56am, London time, on 15 September, 2008.

Assessment of Client Money Claim

This paper summarises LBIE’s view as to whether parties who have entered into a Financial Contract on the Financial Contract Terms have a Client Money Claim against LBIE pursuant to that contract.

Client Money Claim:	No. It is however LBIE's view that a Client Money Claim generally arises in relation to sums specifically segregated on behalf of a client by LBIE prior to the Administration Time and which remained so segregated at that time. There may however be some limited instances where a Client Money Claim is determined by LBIE not to arise notwithstanding segregation of sums. In such cases, the relevant clients will be contacted directly by LBIE to explain the rationale for such a determination.
Rationale:	Court Judgment; FSA Rules; Contract Terms/Facts.
Court Judgment:	<p>The judgment given by the Supreme Court does not specifically address whether Obligations arising under the Financial Contract give rise to a Client Money Claim. The Court has confirmed that distribution of the client money pool is based on client money entitlement under Chapter 7 of the CASS Rules construed in accordance with the judgment. LBIE considers that this means that the client money entitlement is equal to ICB plus CEB (as defined above) (see paragraph 153 of the judgment).</p> <p>Although not specifically addressed in the judgment, it is consistent with the judgment and it is LBIE's view that ICB and CEB only cover balances which were within the scope of the client money rules and hence would exclude any balances which were not client money, for example, due to the operation of title transfer collateral arrangements or to which the client money rules otherwise did not apply.</p>
FSA Rules:	There is a provision in the Client Money rules which provides that money received on a title transfer collateral arrangement basis is not regarded as Client Money (CASS 7.2.3R). Where a transaction entered into pursuant to the Financial Contract does not include the posting of collateral pursuant to a Collateral Addendum and the Creditor is not otherwise obliged to post collateral, that transaction would not be a margined transaction and would therefore fall outside the scope of the FSA Rules relating to CEB. It is possible that in certain limited circumstances, balances may arise in connection with the Financial Contract that fall within the scope of ICB as described in paragraph 7 of CASS 7 Annex 1G. As this is not a common occurrence, individual Creditors whose positions may be affected by this will be contacted directly in this regard.
Contract Terms/Facts:	Consistent with the FSA rules, there are no references to 'client money' or the FSA rules with respect to Client Money within the Financial Contract Terms. There is therefore no express contractual provision under which LBIE promised to give Client Money protection to the Creditor. This is believed to be in line with market

practice. It is LBIE's considered view that a court would not find the existence of any implied term to the contrary: no such term would be required in order to make the contract operate effectively, nor is there any market convention to the contrary.

Cash receipts from the Creditor under the Financial Contract were either made in payment of the Creditor's debts due to LBIE (which do not attract Client Money protection) or were subject to 'title transfer collateral arrangements' under the Collateral Addendum (where present) which also do not attract Client Money protection due to a specific provision under the FSA rules (see below).

If LBIE received income derived from securities collateral, that income was not a receipt of Client Money by LBIE, since the income was derived from securities owned beneficially by LBIE and so was not received for or on behalf of the Creditor. There was a separate solely contractual obligation on LBIE to pay from time to time to the Creditor an amount equivalent to the amount paid by the issuer of the securities that were subject to the title transfer collateral arrangement and which obligation is itself within the scope of that arrangement.

It is LBIE's view that the Collateral Addendum effects a total title transfer in relation to any collateral provided by the Creditor since the Collateral Addendum refers throughout to "transfers" of collateral and further specifically provides in clause 1(2) that "title to any Collateral provided under this Addendum shall pass to the Secured Party upon delivery ... The Secured Party may dispose of the Collateral without restrictions."