

CSDs: **ASTC (Australia)**

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Risk Management Changes to ASX's CCP Services - Update

Further to our previous newsflash, the Federal Government advised that the deadline to comply with the AUD 10 million minimum liquid capital requirement for clearing participants has been postponed.

The liquid capital requirement has already been increased from AUD 100,000 to AUD 2 million in January 2009 and was due to be further increased to AUD 10 million in January 2010. According to the new timetable recommended by the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX), the minimum liquid capital must be increased to AUD 5 million by 1 July 2010, and to AUD 10 million by 1 January 2012.

CSD Risk Impact

ASTC (Australia)

CSD Rating: AA

CSD Flash Impact: On Watch

Impacted Risk Type: Counterparty Risk

Current Rating = AA+

Flash Impact = On Watch

The increase in the liquid capital requirement for clearing participants is expected to help mitigate the risk in case of participant default. The deadline, however, was modified and extended to accommodate those firms who cannot raise the amount on schedule. As such, the impact on counterparty risk is set 'On Watch', pending the timely compliance of affected clearing participants.

Market Information Impact

Australia

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Infrastructure Risk Ratings Impact

Australia

Market Rating: AA-

Market Flash Impact: On Watch

Impacted Risk Type: Counterparty Risk

Current Rating = AA

Flash Impact = On Watch

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