Meeting Between Federal Reserve Bank of New York (FRBNY) Staff and Representatives of the Financial Markets Lawyers Group May 3, 2012

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Summary: At a regularly scheduled meeting of the FRBNY-sponsored Financial Markets Lawyers Group, the members discussed the Commodity Futures Trading Commission's recently finalized rule regarding the definition of "eligible contract participant" under the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"), as amended by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and how the proposed rule would affect commodity pools engaged in FX transactions. The members also discussed the status of the Secretary of the Treasury's proposal to exempt both foreign exchange swaps and foreign exchange forwards from the definition of "swap" under the CEA.