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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 4, 2015

Ms. Moore (for herself, Ms. Fudge, Mr. Gibson, and Mr. Stivers) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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Reported from the Committee on Agriculture with an amendment

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 4, 2015]
A BILL

To amend the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to specify how clearing requirements apply to certain affiliate transactions, and for other purposes.
Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. TREATMENT OF AFFILIATE TRANSACTIONS.

(a) Commodity Exchange Act Amendments.—Section 2(h)(7)(D) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 2(h)(7)(D)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating clause (iii) as clause (v);

(2) by striking clauses (i) and (ii) and inserting

the following:

“(i) In General.—An affiliate of a person that qualifies for an exception under subparagraph (A) (including affiliate enti-
ties predominantly engaged in providing fi-
nancing for the purchase of the merchandise
or manufactured goods of the person) may
qualify for the exception only if the affil-
iate—

“(I) enters into the swap to hedge

or mitigate the commercial risk of the

person or other affiliate of the person

that is not a financial entity, and the

commercial risk that the affiliate is

hedging or mitigating has been trans-
ferred to the affiliate;
“(II) is directly and wholly-owned by another affiliate qualified for the exception under this subparagraph or an entity that is not a financial entity;

“(III) is not indirectly majority-owned by a financial entity;

“(IV) is not ultimately owned by a parent company that is a financial entity; and

“(V) does not provide any services, financial or otherwise, to any affiliate that is a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors (as defined under section 102 of the Financial Stability Act of 2010).

“(ii) LIMITATION ON QUALIFYING AFFILIATES.—The exception in clause (i) shall not apply if the affiliate is—

“(I) a swap dealer;

“(II) a security-based swap dealer;

“(III) a major swap participant;
“(IV) a major security-based swap participant;
“(V) a commodity pool;
“(VI) a bank holding company;
“(VII) a private fund, as defined in section 202(a) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80-b-2(a));
“(VIII) an employee benefit plan or government plan, as defined in paragraphs (3) and (32) of section 3 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1002);
“(IX) an insured depository institution;
“(X) a farm credit system institution;
“(XI) a credit union;
“(XII) a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors (as defined under section 102 of the Financial Stability Act of 2010); or
“(XIII) an entity engaged in the business of insurance and subject to
capital requirements established by an insurance governmental authority of a State, a territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, a country other than the United States, or a political subdivision of a country other than the United States that is engaged in the supervision of insurance companies under insurance law.

“(iii) LIMITATION ON AFFILIATES’ AFFILIATES.—Unless the Commission determines, by order, rule, or regulation, that it is in the public interest, the exception in clause (i) shall not apply with respect to an affiliate if the affiliate is itself affiliated with—

“(I) a major security-based swap participant;

“(II) a security-based swap dealer;

“(III) a major swap participant;

or

“(IV) a swap dealer.
“(iv) **CONDITIONS ON TRANSACTIONS.**—With respect to an affiliate that qualifies for the exception in clause (i)—

“(I) the affiliate may not enter into any swap other than for the purpose of hedging or mitigating commercial risk; and

“(II) neither the affiliate nor any person affiliated with the affiliate that is not a financial entity may enter into a swap with or on behalf of any affiliate that is a financial entity or otherwise assume, net, combine, or consolidate the risk of swaps entered into by any such financial entity, except one that is an affiliate that qualifies for the exception under clause (i).”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(vi) **RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.**—Any swap entered into by an affiliate that qualifies for the exception in clause (i) shall be subject to a centralized risk management program of the affiliate, which is reasonably designed both to monitor and manage the
risks associated with the swap and to identify each of the affiliates on whose behalf a swap was entered into.”


(1) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as subparagraph (E);

(2) by striking subparagraphs (A) and (B) and inserting the following:

“(A) In general.—An affiliate of a person that qualifies for an exception under this subsection (including affiliate entities predominantly engaged in providing financing for the purchase of the merchandise or manufactured goods of the person) may qualify for the exception only if the affiliate—

“(i) enters into the security-based swap to hedge or mitigate the commercial risk of the person or other affiliate of the person that is not a financial entity, and the commercial risk that the affiliate is hedging or mitigating has been transferred to the affiliate;
“(ii) is directly and wholly-owned by another affiliate qualified for the exception under this paragraph or an entity that is not a financial entity;

“(iii) is not indirectly majority-owned by a financial entity;

“(iv) is not ultimately owned by a parent company that is a financial entity; and

“(v) does not provide any services, financial or otherwise, to any affiliate that is a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors (as defined under section 102 of the Financial Stability Act of 2010).

“(B) LIMITATION ON QUALIFYING AFFILIATES.—The exception in subparagraph (A) shall not apply if the affiliate is—

“(i) a swap dealer;

“(ii) a security-based swap dealer;

“(iii) a major swap participant;

“(iv) a major security-based swap participant;

“(v) a commodity pool;

“(vi) a bank holding company;
“(vii) a private fund, as defined in section 202(a) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80-b-2(a));

“(viii) an employee benefit plan or government plan, as defined in paragraphs (3) and (32) of section 3 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1002);

“(ix) an insured depository institution;

“(x) a farm credit system institution;

“(xi) a credit union;

“(xii) a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors (as defined under section 102 of the Financial Stability Act of 2010); or

“(xiii) an entity engaged in the business of insurance and subject to capital requirements established by an insurance governmental authority of a State, a territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, a country other than the United States, or a political subdivision of a country other than the United States that is engaged in the supervision of insurance companies under insurance law.
“(C) LIMITATION ON AFFILIATES’ AFFILIATES.—Unless the Commission determines, by order, rule, or regulation, that it is in the public interest, the exception in subparagraph (A) shall not apply with respect to an affiliate if such affiliate is itself affiliated with—

“(i) a major security-based swap participant;

“(ii) a security-based swap dealer;

“(iii) a major swap participant; or

“(iv) a swap dealer.

“(D) CONDITIONS ON TRANSACTIONS.—With respect to an affiliate that qualifies for the exception in subparagraph (A)—

“(i) such affiliate may not enter into any security-based swap other than for the purpose of hedging or mitigating commercial risk; and

“(ii) neither such affiliate nor any person affiliated with such affiliate that is not a financial entity may enter into a security-based swap with or on behalf of any affiliate that is a financial entity or otherwise assume, net, combine, or consolidate the risk of security-based swaps entered into by any
such financial entity, except one that is an affiliate that qualifies for the exception under subparagraph (A).”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(F) RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.—Any security-based swap entered into by an affiliate that qualifies for the exception in subparagraph (A) shall be subject to a centralized risk management program of the affiliate, which is reasonably designed both to monitor and manage the risks associated with the security-based swap and to identify each of the affiliates on whose behalf a security-based swap was entered into.”.