Revision of "Code of Conduct"

Present Version

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standards for the types and scope of transactions, qualitative information and other reference information used in determining reference rates.

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- reference banks' own concluded arm-length interbank unsecured funding transactions;
- firm(executable) bids and offers in interbank unsecured market;
- interbank unsecured funding transactions, which are observable by reference banks, e.g. Unsecured call, Euroyen transactions, interbank NCD, etc.;
- related transactions in money markets other than those deemed to be within the above category, which are observable by reference banks, e.g.

 Short-term Japan government bond transactions, bond repo/Gensaki transactions, CP transactions, OIS transaction, etc.; and
 qualitative information including indicative price.

It should be noted that <u>each reference bank shall have discretion in</u> determining which of the above is most appropriate and takes precedence as an <u>input into the calculation of reference rates</u> subject to the definition of JBA TIBOR.

Revised Version (effective on October 6, 2014)

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It should be noted that <u>each reference bank shall take into account transactions</u> between prime banks on the Japan unsecured call market (Euroyen transactions in the Japan Offshore Market in case of Euroyen TIBOR) as a minimum requirement and take precedence as an input into the calculation of

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- ① If reference banks recognize violations of the Code of Conduct or other similar incidents in connection with the rate submissions to JBATA, they shall report such incidents to JBATA immediately.
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reference rates subject to the definition of JBA TIBOR if the transactions are observable. And the higher priority should be given to considered standard-size transactions observed.

If a reference bank considers that the observable transactions are not enough to calculate reference rates in accordance with the JBA TIBOR definition under the situation including but not limited to the followings, the reference bank shall use "expert judgment" by a Person Responsible for Rate Submission and Staff Performing Rate Submission Tasks as described in (2) below, in order to determine the reference rates.

- Transactions between prime banks on the Japan unsecured call market (Euroyen transactions in the Japan Offshore Market in case of Euroyen TIBOR) are not constantly observable.
- · No data is observable around 11:00 a.m.
- · Considered standard-size transactions are not observable.
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