Chapter 12 - Euro commercial paper

R12.1 The minimum denominations (i.e. minimum tradable amounts) for euro commercial paper should be:
(a) Sterling: GBP 100,000;
(b) US Dollars: USD 500,000;
(c) Euros: EUR 500,000;
(d) Swiss Francs: CHF 500,000;
(e) Japanese Yen: JPY 100,000,000;
(f) Australian Dollars: AUD 1,000,000;
(g) Canadian Dollars: CAD 500,000;
(h) New Zealand Dollars: NZD 1,000,000; and
(i) Hong Kong Dollars: HKD 2,000,000.

R12.2 The minimum incremental amount above the minimum denomination should be:
(a) for Japanese Yen: JPY 100,000,000; and
(b) otherwise: one unit of the currency.

R12.3 The minimum maturity for euro commercial paper should be one day and the maximum maturity should be less than one year.

12.4 Dealers are responsible for ensuring compliance with selling restrictions and any minimum denominations established by regulation or official guidelines.

R12.4A Any bank or dealing entity offering, placing and/or selling euro commercial paper to an investor(s) on behalf of an issuer should have a contractual relationship with the issuer in respect of such offering, placement and/or sale.

12.4B The purpose of the contractual relationship referred to in R12.4A is to assist the bank or dealing entity in its compliance with relevant conduct of business principles where possible by obtaining, for example, appropriate representations, warranties and undertakings from the issuer. It may involve the relevant bank or dealing entity acceding to the issuer’s euro commercial paper programme as a dealer on a permanent basis, for a certain period of time or for a particular issuance.

12.5 Standard documentation for investment grade issuers’ euro commercial paper is set out in A7.

R12.6 R2.1 – R2.10, and R2.15 – R2.17 apply, with the necessary modifications, to euro commercial paper.