

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective 1 day after July 21, 2010, except as otherwise provided, see section 4 of Pub. L. 111-203, set out as a note under section 5301 of this title.

SUBCHAPTER IV—PAYMENT, CLEARING,  
AND SETTLEMENT SUPERVISION

**§ 5461. Findings and purposes****(a) Findings**

Congress finds the following:

(1) The proper functioning of the financial markets is dependent upon safe and efficient arrangements for the clearing and settlement of payment, securities, and other financial transactions.

(2) Financial market utilities that conduct or support multilateral payment, clearing, or settlement activities may reduce risks for their participants and the broader financial system, but such utilities may also concentrate and create new risks and thus must be well designed and operated in a safe and sound manner.

(3) Payment, clearing, and settlement activities conducted by financial institutions also present important risks to the participating financial institutions and to the financial system.

(4) Enhancements to the regulation and supervision of systemically important financial market utilities and the conduct of systemically important payment, clearing, and settlement activities by financial institutions are necessary—

- (A) to provide consistency;
- (B) to promote robust risk management and safety and soundness;
- (C) to reduce systemic risks; and
- (D) to support the stability of the broader financial system.

**(b) Purpose**

The purpose of this subchapter is to mitigate systemic risk in the financial system and promote financial stability by—

(1) authorizing the Board of Governors to promote uniform standards for the—

- (A) management of risks by systemically important financial market utilities; and
- (B) conduct of systemically important payment, clearing, and settlement activities by financial institutions;

(2) providing the Board of Governors an enhanced role in the supervision of risk management standards for systemically important financial market utilities;

(3) strengthening the liquidity of systemically important financial market utilities; and

(4) providing the Board of Governors an enhanced role in the supervision of risk management standards for systemically important payment, clearing, and settlement activities by financial institutions.

(Pub. L. 111-203, title VIII, § 802, July 21, 2010, 124 Stat. 1802.)

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## EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 111-203, title VIII, § 814, July 21, 2010, 124 Stat. 1822, provided that: “This title [enacting this subchapter] is effective as of the date of enactment of this Act [July 21, 2010].”

## SHORT TITLE

This subchapter known as the “Payment, Clearing, and Settlement Supervision Act of 2010”, see Short Title note set out under section 5301 of this title.

**§ 5462. Definitions**

In this subchapter, the following definitions shall apply:

**(1) Appropriate financial regulator**

The term “appropriate financial regulator” means—

(A) the primary financial regulatory agency, as defined in section 5301 of this title;

(B) the National Credit Union Administration, with respect to any insured credit union under the Federal Credit Union Act (12 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.); and

(C) the Board of Governors, with respect to organizations operating under section 25A of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 611), and any other financial institution engaged in a designated activity.

**(2) Designated activity**

The term “designated activity” means a payment, clearing, or settlement activity that the Council has designated as systemically important under section 5463 of this title.

**(3) Designated clearing entity**

The term “designated clearing entity” means a designated financial market utility that is a derivatives clearing organization registered under section 5b of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 7a-1) or a clearing agency registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78q-1).

**(4) Designated financial market utility**

The term “designated financial market utility” means a financial market utility that the Council has designated as systemically important under section 5463 of this title.

**(5) Financial institution****(A) In general**

The term “financial institution” means—

(i) a depository institution, as defined in section 1813 of this title;

(ii) a branch or agency of a foreign bank, as defined in section 3101 of this title;

(iii) an organization operating under section 25 or 25A of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 601-604a and 611 through 631);

(iv) a credit union, as defined in section 101 of the Federal Credit Union Act (12 U.S.C. 1752);<sup>1</sup>

(v) a broker or dealer, as defined in section 3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78c);

(vi) an investment company, as defined in section 80a-3 of title 15;

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.