

GIAJ comments on the IAIS consultation on "Draft Application Paper on Liquidity Risk Management"

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| 1 | An Insurer's liquidity risk management should be implemented according to the nature of its business models and products, among other |
| | considerations. In addition, the method by which the necessary risk management is undertaken at a sufficient level to meet the objective of |
| | "mitigating systemic risk" will differ from insurer to insurer. |
| | As liquidity risk in traditional insurance is not closely associated with systemic risk, this AP is too detailed for insurers and insurance groups |
| | that mostly deal with traditional insurance products. |
| | We would like to request that the proportionality principle be applied appropriately (as described in paragraph 13 and ICP16.9.3) to the |
| | various measures stated in the AP, so that they will not be exorbitant and excessive. |
| 20 | The necessity of a contingency funding plan should be decided depending on the level of liquidity risk. For example, this could be reviewed by |
| | considering the results of liquidity stress testing. |
| 21 | The necessity and level of detail of the liquidity risk management report should be decided depending on the level of liquidity risk in line with |
| | the insurer's distinctive features of business (e.g. its asset portfolio, in-force contracts) and size. |
| 22 | In terms of ensuring the predictability of regulation in effect, it is advisable that supervisors show insurers, in advance, the key aspects of their |
| | viewpoints regarding intervention. This is directly related to the statement, "additional quantitative requirements should only be applied in |
| | appropriate circumstances and be subject to a transparent supervisory framework". |
| 25 | As the liquidity risk of traditional insurance business is limited, the proportionality principle should be applied to the necessity and the level of |
| | control of the insurer's Board of Directors. |
| 26 | As the liquidity risk of traditional insurance business is limited, the proportionality principle should be applied to the level of control of the |
| | insurer's Senior Management. |
| 29 | As insurers should individually decide which scenario to use depending on their risk level and size, the proportionality principle should be |
| | applied to each scenario choice. |
| 30 | We would like to confirm that assessment "at a group level" allows for the implementation level to vary according to materiality by considering |
| | each insurer's stress test results. |
| | For example, where hurricanes in the U.S. are risk scenarios for a certain subsidiary within a group, and it can be confirmed that their impact |
| | on the scenarios on insurers in other regions is relatively small, assessment of their impact on cash flow at the group level might be considered |
| | unnecessary. |



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| 31 | Rather than increasing patterns indiscreetly, time horizons for stress scenarios of groups and insurers with low systemic risk should be |
| | narrowed down to within the necessary range. It is sufficient to set a time horizon that corresponds to stress events with peak risks. |
| 32 | Making overly conservative assumptions is unnecessary even in stress testing, and the utilization of borrowing via lines of credit should be |
| | allowed in scenarios where it is considered reasonable. |
| 36 | We do not think that all the elements described in paragraph 37 to 45 are necessary for uniform consideration. In addition, as the content of |
| | CF16.9. a.4 is similar to this paragraph in that it states that "The IAIG may consider", "should" should be replaced with "may" in this paragraph |
| | as well. Therefore, the sentence, "The following liquidity risk drivers should be considered when designing and assessing stresses:" should be |
| | revised as follows: |
| | "When designing and assessing stress tests, the following liquidity risk drivers, for example, may be considered depending on the materiality of each element:" |
| 46 | Based on the level of liquidity risk, the proportionality principle should be applied to the documentation of assets that an insurer includes in its portfolio. |
| 47 | Even though assets may lose value, as long as they are immediately convertible into cash, they should be included in the portfolio given the amount of loss. |
| | We propose revising "at little or no loss in value" to "generally at little or no loss in value", for example. |
| 49 | As for vi and viii, vanilla corporate debt securities and common equity shares issued by a financial institution, or any of its affiliated entities, |
| | should not be uniformly excluded because there could be cases where systemic risk such as banking does not emerge, and debt securities issued |
| | by these entities are still considered to be available. |
| | Insurers, in particular, do not have cross-holdings of lines of credit like other financial sectors such as banking, so they are not affected |
| | significantly in terms of systemic risk. Therefore, debt securities issued by insurers can be included in the insurer's liquidity portfolio. |
| | For example, imposing a haircut after inclusion in a portfolio, as stated in paragraph 55, could be a way. |



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| 52 | Uniformly excluding instruments issued by financial institutions from an insurer's liquidity portfolio is inappropriate for the following reasons: |
| | - Vanilla corporate debt securities and common equity shares issued by a financial institution, or any of its affiliated entities, should not be |
| | uniformly excluded because there could be cases where systemic risks such as banking do not emerge, and debt securities issued by these |
| | entities are still considered to be available. Insurers, in particular, do not have cross-holdings of lines of credit like other financial sectors such |
| | as banking, so they are not affected significantly in terms of systemic risk. Therefore, debt securities issued by insurers can be included in the |
| | insurer's liquidity portfolio. |
| | -We are concerned that the wording of this paragraph may cause insurers to sell products issued by financial institutions and purchase those |
| | issued by entities other than financial institutions, and that this may lead to unintended effects on markets. For example, imposing a haircut |
| | after inclusion in a portfolio, as stated in paragraph 55, could be a way. |
| 58 | We would like to confirm that "short time horizons", i.e. the timeframe under which insurers should be aware of the risk of non-convertibility of |
| | foreign currencies, refers to a few days. |
| 59 | The proportionality principle should be applied to the level of detail of contingency funding plan documentation. |
| 71 | Depending on the nature of the risk and the size of the insurer, the proportionality principle should be applied to the necessity of |
| | demonstration through use testing. |
| 83 | In terms of examining costs and benefits and ensuring efficiency of data collection, re-collecting data that has already been collected for the ICS |
| | or for jurisdictional regulatory purposes should be avoided. Also, the above gist should be added to the wording of this paragraph. |