Title VI of the U.S. Dodd-Frank Act contains the so-called “Volcker Rule”. The Volcker Rule prohibits bank entities: (i) from engaging in proprietary trading; and (ii) from investing in or sponsoring hedge funds or private equity funds - absent a limited number of exemptions. The Volcker Rule may very substantially impact non-U.S. banks. Basically, if a non-U.S. bank maintains an agency, branch or subsidiary in the United States, then both the non-U.S. bank’s head office and all of its affiliates globally may be restricted by the Volcker Rule. The statutory provisions of the Volcker Rule will become effective as of July 21, 2012.

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