Title VII of the U.S. Dodd-Frank Act regulates OTC derivatives. Non-U.S. banks or entities engaging in a sufficient volume of swaps transactions with U.S. entities (whether within or outside of the United States) may be required to register as a swap dealer with the U.S. Commodities Futures Trading Commission (CFTC). However, to date, substantial uncertainty still exists as to what is a “swap” and who is a “swap dealer”. If deemed to be a “swap dealer” under Title VII, then a non-U.S. bank or entity would be required to register with, and become directly regulated by, the U.S. CFTC. Although the date may be delayed, at present the CFTC has indicated that such swap dealer registration should occur by July 16, 2012.

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