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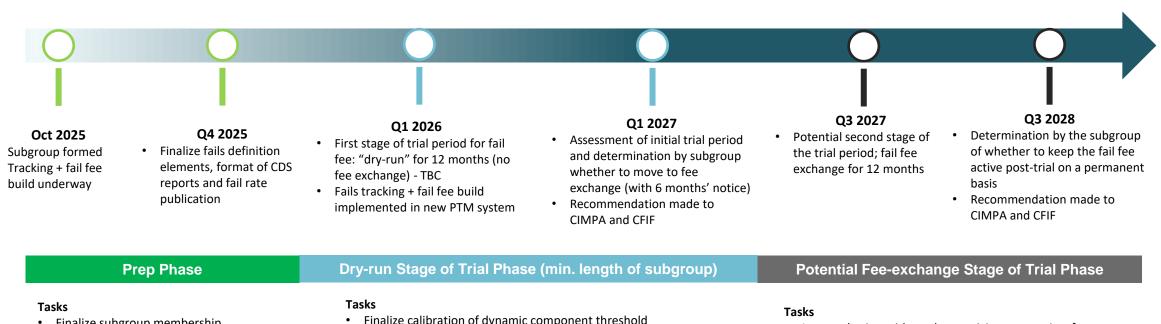
Mandate, ToR, Composition

- The Fail Fee Subgroup held its inaugural in-person meeting on Oct 6
 - Meetings will be bi-weekly (mostly virtual)
- Mandate of the Subgroup (from draft ToR):
 - 1. Finalize the remaining calibration aspects of the fail fee framework and support CDS's infrastructure build
 - Develop and administer the governance of the framework during the trial period and in steady state, if required. This includes monitoring the trial period and making recommendations to CIMPA/CFIF on potential improvements, as well as when to activate fail fee payments
 - Develop and maintain best practices and documentation for the framework

Does CIMPA have any views on the proposed mandate, ToR and subgroup composition?

	Name	Institution
	Co-Chairs	
1	Ciaran Dayal	Scotia
2	Michael Mueller	Bank of Canada
	Members - Buyside	
3	Philippe Lapalme	PSP
4	Gordon Neill	OTPP
	Members - Dealers	
5	Angus McMillan	RBC
6	Ted Avramidis	TD
7	Aaron Carter	CIBC
8	Amit Gandhi	BMO
9	Sabrina Wang	NBF
10	Andre Zanga	CASG
11	Maxime Vives	DESJ
	Members - Custodian/Agent Lender	
12	James Thursfield	CIBC Mellon
13	Ali Emadi Moghaddam	RBC IS
	Members – Infrastructure	
14	Louise Waterhouse	CDS
	Members - Industry Associations	
15	Todd Evans	SIMA
	Additional Supporting Members/Observers	
	Loren Rita	CIBC
	Nadia Lall	RBC IS
	Imran Sheri	RBC IS

Tentative timeline for fail fee trial period and specific Subgroup tasks (non-exhaustive)



- Finalize subgroup membership
- Review fail definition (e.g., exclude USD trades)
- Review/refine elements of proposed CDS fails report
- Decide on format of CDS public fails reporting and set up Bloomberg Index
- Get updated cost estimates from CDS

- Finalize calibration of dynamic component threshold
- Provide guidance on bilateral claims process
- Investigate potential tax implications of fail fee payments to non-Canadian entities
- Develop and publish associated best practices, incl. on:
 - Treatment of partial fails
 - Bilateral claims process
 - Dispute resolution
 - Abuse avoidance
 - Fee pass-through
- Work with CDS/OSC on CDSX rulebook changes
- Produce a report reviewing the Dry-run Stage and recommend whether to proceed with fee exchange

- In consultation with market participants, monitor for operational issues and impacts on market functioning, e.g.,
 - Repo specialness
 - Uneven passthrough of the fail fee
- Formulate a recommendation of whether to keep the fail fee permanently on after the end of the trial period



Appendix

Trial period for the fail fee framework and potential transition to steady state

