

Letter

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Following a public consultation in February 2019, the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (OSFI) is issuing the final version of the *Net Stable Funding Ratio Disclosure Requirements* Guideline. This guideline sets out the NSFR disclosure requirements for Domestic Systemically Important Banks 1 (D-SIBs).

The disclosures for funding risk will complement OSFI's NSFR requirement and encourage transparency, comparability and market discipline related to this key liquidity measure.

OSFI would like to thank all those who provided comments. The Annex summarizes the material comments received and OSFI's responses.

The guideline takes effect with the quarterly reporting period ending January 31, 2021. Questions on the NSFR Disclosure Requirements Guideline may be addressed to Ken Leung, Accounting Policy Division, at kenneth.leung@osfi-bsif.gc.ca.

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Comments from Respondents

OSFI Response

Implementation Date

Some respondents recommended the guideline remain flexible on the implementation date to align the Canadian disclosure of NSFR results with certain peer jurisdictions, including the U.S. and Europe.

In developing the NSFR disclosure guideline, OSFI considered several options for the implementation date. 2 As NSFR requirements for Canada begin January 2020, OSFI believes a January 2021 implementation date for disclosure requirements strikes an appropriate balance between the timing of disclosure for Canadian banks and OSFI's objective of promoting transparency and market discipline.

As D-SIBs will be disclosing ahead of certain jurisdictions, the NSFR disclosure guideline provides D-SIBs with an additional year to implement their NSFR reporting frameworks.

Harmonization of Regulatory and Disclosure Reporting Requirements

Some respondents requested alignment between the NSFR regulatory reporting and disclosure templates. Presently some discrepancies exist, such as:

- The Pillar 3 template has a "No Maturity" column, and
- The Pillar 3 template requires a total HQLA figure.

OSFI's Pillar 3 Guideline contains principles to provide a firm foundation for achieving high-quality disclosures. The aim is to enable users to better understand and compare an institution's business and risks. One of these principles states that disclosures should be comprehensive. OSFI believes inclusion of the "No Maturity" column and total HQLA figures provide a comprehensive disclosure of a D-SIB's funding profile/risk.

OSFI will ensure alignment of the regulatory reporting and disclosure templates.

Disclosure Requirements

Some respondents suggested the disclosure template be updated to include only those items that:

- Are relevant to the NSFR calculation (for example, removal of items greyed out in the template),
- Are material in the Canadian context, and
- Align with existing financial statement breakdowns.

OSFI's objective is to promote transparency through disclosures that are comprehensive, consistent and comparable. The disclosure template is unchanged, as:

- Items greyed out still contribute to the comprehensive disclosure of the funding profile of an institution.
- Immaterial items may become material in future periods, and are needed for consistency period-over-period.
- The disclosure template should provide a meaningful breakdown as it relates to the institution's funding profile/risk in the context of the NSFR requirement.

Footnotes

<u>1</u>	OSFI has designated six institutions as D-SIBs: Bank of Montreal, Bank of Nova Scotia, Canadian Imperial Bank
	of Commerce, National Bank of Canada, Royal Bank of Canada, and Toronto-Dominion Bank of Canada.
2	Net Stable Funding Ratio Disclosure Requirements – Guideline impact analysis statement (2019)