



MARKET NOTICE

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Subject: New AFMA Repo Conventions

AFMA Members and market participants are advised that the members of AFMA's Repo Committee have voted to adopt the following changes to the Repo conventions:

- **Section 2.6. Floating Rate Repo**

A Floating Rate Repo is a transaction where the interest rate is established by reference to an appropriate benchmark/reference interest rate. The RBA introduced Floating Rate Repos for the Bank's open market operations (OMO), with a pricing rate that is linked to the cash rate target that prevails over the term of the repo. The floating rate is based on the average cash rate target prevailing over the term of the repo. When instructing floating rate repo trades using the dedicated repo module in Austraclear (see Addendum 2). The customary market practice is for Participants to instruct the initial Cash Rate as the appropriate benchmark/reference interest rate plus spread, which is consistent with how the RBA instruct their OMO's.

- **Section 2.9. Rate Renegotiations (re-rates)**

The customary market practice is to notify the counterparty of the intent to renegotiate the rate (re-rate) of an Open repo trade not later than 9:30am AEST/AEDT on the Business Day preceding the effective date of the renegotiated rate, except in the case of an announcement by the RBA of a change in the Target Cash Rate, which generally occur at 2.30pm AEST/AEDT on the Business Day preceding the effective date of the renegotiated rate. Market standard is for both instances to be done as 'straight re-rates' where the rate change is done without needing to close and reopen the trade. If a Market participant needs to process these re-rates with a close and reopen this should be communicated at the beginning of the trade.

The new conventions take effect from 16 January 2026. The Repo Conventions document [can be found here](#).

Please contact [Mark McCarthy](#) if you have any questions regarding this notice.

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