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Requirements for Issuance of Irrevocable Standby Letters of Credit (Including Pass-Through)

When issuing new Letters of Credit, the below information is required. Please visit www.cmegroup.com/collateral for templates and the UCG Uniform Letter of Credit terms and conditions booklet.

1. Legal Name of Applicant must be listed.
2. Origin must be stated as "Proprietary" or "Customer Segregated".
3. "Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc" must read as the beneficiary, and the official legal name of the CME Clearing Member joint beneficiary must be listed if the Letter of Credit is Pass-Through.
4. S.W.I.F.T. BIC must be listed for CME (XCMEUS4C) along with the S.W.I.F.T. BIC for the issuing bank.
5. Amount of Letter of Credit must be written out and in numeric format, denominated in USD. No foreign currency Letters of Credit are accepted.
6. Letter of Credit number.
7. Governing law must be Illinois
8. Expiration date must be on the last business date of a calendar quarter.
9. Issue date of the Letter of Credit.
10. Validity of at least 90 days
11. "Approved Means" must indicate Hand Delivered copy and/or SWIFT MT707 or MT799 message.
12. Cut-off time must be 3 p.m. CST
13. Wording conforming to the UCG Format
14. We must have a signed UCG terms on file from the issuing bank for Standby letters of Credit, and every Pass-Through letter of credit must include a signed copy of the UCG terms when issued

New letters of Credit must be hard-copy originals on bank letterhead. SWIFT messages are acceptable for new letters of credit.

We also strongly recommend issuing banks to contact CME and email a draft copy of new letters of credit for to review prior to sending hard-copy originals.

For further information, please contact the CME Clearing Banking & Collateral team at (312) 207-2594.