

Ratings On 19 Tranches In 12 European ABS Transactions Placed On CreditWatch Negative After Bank Rating Actions

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OVERVIEW

- On Nov. 29, 2011, we took rating actions on 37 of the largest rated banks following the application of our revised bank criteria. We subsequently took further rating actions on several banks as a result of applying our new criteria.
- On Dec. 7 and 8, 2011, we placed on CreditWatch negative several European banks and 35 eurozone public finance entities following the CreditWatch negative placement of our sovereign ratings on 15 eurozone members on Dec. 5, 2011.
- Consequently, we have placed on CreditWatch negative our ratings on 19 tranches in 12 European ABS transactions, due to a direct ratings link that we consider to exist between the ratings on the tranches and the rating actions on the related counterparties, based on the application of our 2010 counterparty criteria.

LONDON (Standard & Poor's) Dec. 21, 2011--Standard & Poor's Ratings Services today placed on CreditWatch negative its credit ratings on 19 tranches in 12 European asset-backed securities (ABS) transactions.

For the full list of today's CreditWatch negative placements, see "European ABS CreditWatch Placements Linked To Recent Bank Rating Actions--Dec. 21, 2011."

Today's CreditWatch placements follow the rating actions we took on banks on

Nov. 29, 2011, as a result of applying our new ratings criteria for banks (see "Standard & Poor's Applies Its Revised Bank Criteria To 37 Of The Largest Rated Banks And Certain Subsidiaries").

In addition to these rating actions, on Dec. 5, we placed on CreditWatch negative our ratings on 15 members of the European Economic and Monetary Union (EMU or eurozone) (see "Standard & Poor's Puts Ratings On Eurozone Sovereigns On CreditWatch With Negative Implications"). After applying our revised bank criteria, the sovereign CreditWatch negative placements resulted in the CreditWatch negative placement of our ratings on several European banks and 35 eurozone public finance entities on Dec. 7 and 8 (see "Standard & Poor's Places Several Large Bank Groups Across The Eurozone On CreditWatch Negative," "Ratings On 35 Eurozone Public Finance Entities On CreditWatch With Negative Implications Following Sovereign Actions," and "Ratings On 15 Spanish Banks Placed On CreditWatch Negative Following Similar Rating Action On Spain").

The ABS tranches affected have what we consider to be a direct ratings link to the rating on one of the affected banks acting as a counterparty in these transactions, as per our 2010 counterparty criteria (see "Counterparty And Supporting Obligations Methodology And Assumptions," published on Dec. 6, 2010).

We have also placed on CreditWatch negative those tranches where the rating is directly linked to that on a public finance entity, for example, where a public finance entity provides a guarantee. In this case, we would generally reflect changes to the rating on the public finance entity in our rating on the tranche.

We will resolve these European ABS CreditWatch placements once we have reviewed the transactions, and, for those tranches indirectly affected by it, once we have resolved the sovereign CreditWatch negative placements.

If our analysis shows us that the transaction is able to support its currently assigned ratings without giving benefit to the support provided by the counterparty, we will likely not lower our ratings on the tranches solely because of the downgrade of the counterparty.

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