

# Supplement 24-03: Revised Interest Rate Cap Process

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# **Summary of Changes**

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

**Effective as of March 29, 2024**, you are delegated the authority to approve the purchase of, and escrow for, shorter-term Interest Rate Caps than permitted per the Loan Documents for certain Portfolio SARM Loans.

### **Primary Changes**

#### I. Eligible SARM Loan Delegation Criteria

Due to the high cost of Interest Rate Caps, you are delegated the authority to allow the purchase of 2-year term Interest Rate Caps, regardless of the required Loan Document term, for a SARM Loan if:

- it is a Portfolio Mortgage Loan Delivered before January 1, 2023;
- it is not part of a:
  - Credit Facility or Bulk Delivery; or
  - Variable Rate Bond Credit Enhancement Transaction;
- it does not have:
  - an existing Payment Default or Performance Default under the Loan Documents; or
  - a Borrower, Key Principal, or Principal on ACheck; and
- no other Portfolio Mortgage Loans in your Fannie Mae portfolio with that Sponsor have an existing Payment or Performance Default.

If you use your delegated authority per this Supplement, you:

- must ensure:
  - the Borrower purchases an Interest Rate Cap at the Cap Strike Rate required per the



Loan Documents; and

- any future Interest Rate Cap purchase complies with the Loan Documents;
- must re-calculate the future Interest Rate Cap Escrow payments at least every 6 months, regardless of the Loan Document recalculation timing requirements;
- must not re-calculate the Cap Strike Rate unless explicitly permitted by the Loan Documents; and
- may use your delegation to purchase a 2-year Interest Rate Cap:
  - only once per SARM Loan; and
  - for a subsequent Interest Rate Cap replacement even if Fannie Mae previously approved the purchase of a 2-year Interest Rate Cap on a one-time basis.

#### II. SARM Loans Not in a Credit Facility or Bulk Delivery

For an eligible SARM Loan, you are delegated the authority to:

- calculate escrow payments for purchasing a replacement Interest Rate Cap based on the cost of a 2-year term Interest Rate Cap; and
- allow the Borrower to purchase a 2-year replacement Interest Rate Cap up to 120 days before the expiration date of the current Interest Rate Cap.

#### III. SARM Loans in Credit Facilities and Bulk Deliveries

For an otherwise eligible SARM Loan in a Credit Facility or Bulk Delivery, to purchase a replacement Interest Rate Cap with a 2-year term Interest Rate Cap, you:

- are delegated the authority to escrow payments based on the cost of a 2-year term Interest Rate Cap, provided the term of all future Interest Rate Cap replacements comply per the Loan Documents; and
- must:
  - re-calculate the Cap Strike Rate; and
  - obtain Fannie Mae's approval:
    - of the re-calculated Cap Strike Rate; and
    - to allow the Borrower to purchase an Interest Rate Cap with a 2-year term.

#### IV: Process and Documentation

You must submit a waiver request in the Borrower Request module of the MAMP to:



- document your delegated approval per this Supplement; or
- request Fannie Mae's approval of
  - any recalculated Credit Facility Cap Strike Rate, or
  - non-delegated waiver.

| MAMP Entries                                       |                    |  |                 |   |
|--|--------------------|--|-----------------|---|
| SARM Loan<br>Type                                  | Request<br>Level   | Request<br>Master Type                               | Request<br>Type | Documentation   |
| Not in a<br>Credit Facility<br>or Bulk<br>Delivery | Loan /<br>Property | Drawer Asset<br>Management<br>-Delegated             | Hedge<br>Waiver | <ul> <li>Servicer</li> <li>Narrative</li> <li>Interest Rate</li> <li>Cap and</li> <li>Security</li> <li>Agreement</li> </ul>        |
| In a Credit<br>Facility or<br>Bulk Delivery        | Deal               | Credit Facilities / Bulk Deliveries - Non- Delegated | Hedge<br>Waiver | Servicer     Narrative     Interest Rate     Cap and     Security     Agreement     Applicable     Cap Strike Rate     Calculations |



| Process and Documentation                       |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|
| For SARM Loans                                  | Process  |  |  |
| Not in a Credit<br>Facility or Bulk<br>Delivery | In the Narrative, you must include affirmative statements that:  • you are using your delegated authority per this Supplement; and • the SARM Loan complies with the terms of this Supplement.   |  |  |
| In a Credit Facility or Bulk Delivery           | <ul> <li>You must:</li> <li>• include detailed Cap Strike Rate calculations when you submit the 2-year Interest Rate Cap term waiver request; and</li> <li>• affirmatively state the SARM Loan complies with the terms of this Supplement.</li> <li>Fannie Mae will</li> <li>• review the Cap Strike Rate calculation and 2-year Interest Rate Cap waiver, and</li> <li>• document the decision in the MAMP per the standard process.</li> </ul> |  |  |

#### V: Additional Data Fields

You must submit the additional Interest Rate Cap data fields with all SARM Loan operating statements.

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## **Superseded Publication**

This publication supersedes Supplement 23-05: Interest Rate Caps.

### Questions



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