

# **Supplement 23-05: Interest Rate Caps**

Effective: 12/15/23 Retired: 03/29/24

## **Summary of Changes**

## HIGHLIGHTS

**Effective as of December 15, 2023**, 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 Type	Request Level	Request Master Type	Request Type	Documentation
Not in a Credit Facility or Bulk Delivery	Loan / Property	Drawer Asset Management - Non- Delegated	Hedge 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 Facility or Bulk Delivery	Deal	Credit Facilities / Bulk Deliveries - Non- Delegated	Hedge Waiver	<ul> <li>Servicer</li> <li>Narrative</li> <li>Interest Rate</li> <li>Cap and</li> <li>Security</li> <li>Agreement</li> <li>Applicable</li> <li>Cap Strike Rate</li> <li>Calculations</li> </ul>



Process and Documentation		
For SARM Loans	Process	
Not in a Credit Facility or Bulk 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. Fannie Mae will manually update the MAMP status to Request Stage "Delegated - Waiver Approved".	
In a Credit Facility or Bulk Delivery	You must: • include detailed Cap Strike Rate calculations when you submit the 2-year Interest Rate Cap term waiver request; and • affirmatively state the SARM Loan complies with the terms of this Supplement. Fannie Mae will • review the Cap Strike Rate calculation and 2-year Interest Rate Cap waiver, and • document the decision in the MAMP per the standard process.	

### V: Additional Data Fields

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

## Questions

Please contact the following regarding:



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