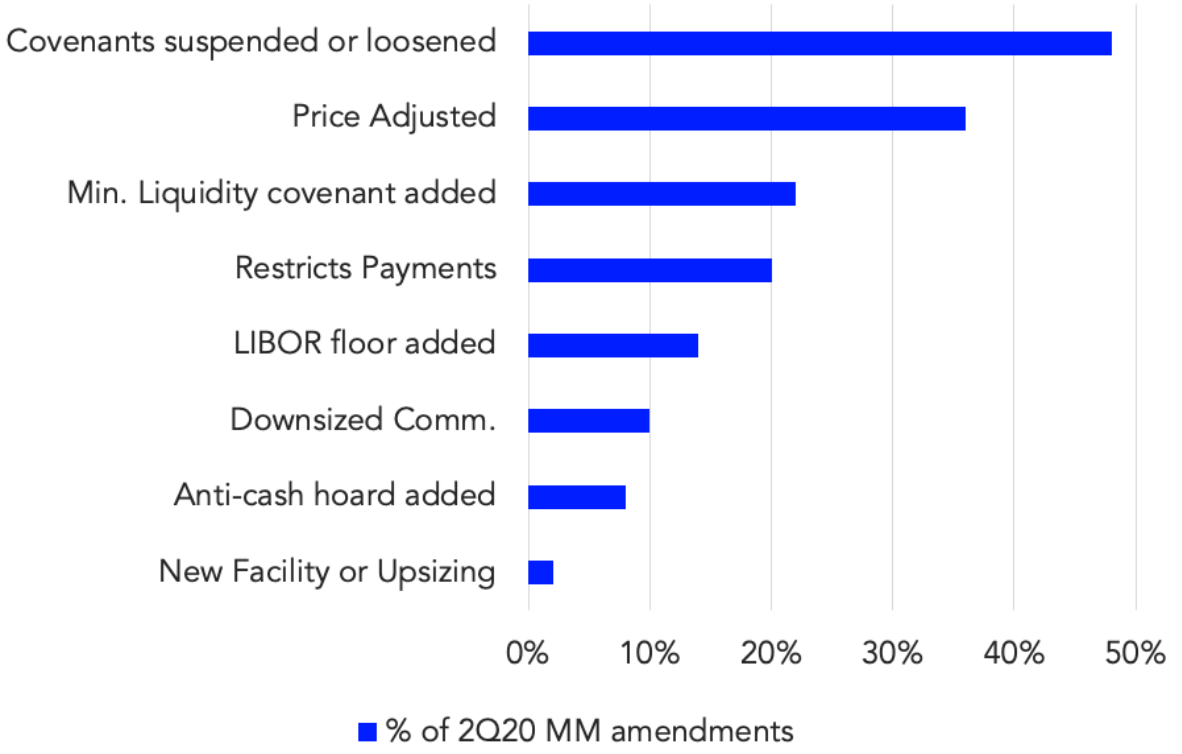
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Covenant and pricing changes were two most amended provision in 2Q20 US middle market

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