MFSA MALTA FINANCIAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

Circular addressed to the Investment Services Industry – Common Equity Tier 1 (CET 1) instruments

The Authority would like to draw the attention of Investment Services Licence Holders to the regulatory technical standards (RTS) on Common Equity Tier 1 instruments, emanating from Article 28 of the Capital Requirements Regulation (CRR), particularly, Article 28 (5) of the CRR.

The regulatory technical standards relating to the conditions for distribution of CET 1 instruments, which are specifically outlined in Article 28 (1)(h)(i) and Article 28 (3) of the CRR, have been endorsed by the European Commission. These RTS can be accessed from the EU Official Journal through the following link.

Investment Services Licence Holders are recommended to ensure that their CET 1 instruments are compliant with all the characteristics outlined in Article 28 of the CRR, including the conditions with respect to distributions as outlined in the RTS for own funds.

Kindly note that not all the RTS supplementing the CRR and CRD IV have been adopted by the Commission. To keep up to date with the latest status on the RTS, reference should be made to the following link.

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