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## Circular on Regulation (EU) No 909/2014 - the Central Securities Depositories Regulation (CSDR)

Improving Securities Settlement in the European Union and on Central Securities Depositories (CSDs)

This circular is being addressed to all interested stakeholders, in particular to investment firms and professional clients as referred to in Article 6 of the [CSDR](#).

The contents of this circular shall be read in conjunction with the CSDR, the European Securities and Markets Authority ('ESMA') guidelines on Internalised Settlement reporting<sup>1</sup>, Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/391<sup>2</sup> ('RTS on Internalised Settlement'), Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/393<sup>3</sup> ('ITS on Internalised Settlement') and previous circulars issued by the Authority.

### Background

Article 9 of CSDR introduces a requirement whereby Settlement Internalisers are required to report to the Authority on a quarterly basis the aggregated volume and value of all securities transactions they settle outside securities settlement systems.

Settlement Internalisers are required to submit data in an XML format, conforming with an agreed candidate ISO 20022 message definition XSD schema, published by ESMA. The submission platform for CSDR is currently in development stage and the Authority is anticipating holding a testing phase with the Licence Holders by end of November 2019.

### Next Steps

In view of the above, investment firms acting as settlement internalisers are required to have systems in place to be able to report data in XML format as specified on the [ESMA website](#). More specifically, one can find the relevant XSD Schema which investment firms would be required to follow to be able to generate and upload XML files to the MFSA.

Guidelines in relation to the submission process through **the Authority's portal shall be** distributed in due course.

### Contacts

Should you have any queries on the above, please do not hesitate to contact us on [csdr@mfsa.com.mt](mailto:csdr@mfsa.com.mt) for any further clarifications.

<sup>1</sup> [https://www.esma.europa.eu/sites/default/files/library/esma70-151-1258\\_final\\_report\\_-\\_csdr\\_guidelines\\_on\\_internalised\\_settlement\\_reporting.pdf](https://www.esma.europa.eu/sites/default/files/library/esma70-151-1258_final_report_-_csdr_guidelines_on_internalised_settlement_reporting.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32017R0391&from=EN>

<sup>3</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32017R0393&from=EN>