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## Submission of Prospectus and Accompanying Data

### Background

As of 27 October 2020 and in line with Chapter III to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/979, when providing ESMA with an electronic copy of an approved prospectus (including any supplements thereto and final terms where applicable), the Authority shall also provide ESMA with the relevant accompanying data for the classification of prospectuses in accordance with the tables set out in Annex VII to said Regulation. In order to ensure the machine readability of this data, it is to be provided in common XML format and in accordance with the format and standards set out in the tables in Annex VII.

To this end, the Authority is requesting that the final version of the prospectus for which approval is being sought, together with the abovementioned data in XML format, would need to be submitted to the Authority by the Sponsor and/or Listing Agent one clear week before the Listing Authority meeting at which approval is being sought. Kindly bear in mind that, in terms of Article 20 of the Prospectus Regulation, the Authority is to notify ESMA of the approval of the prospectus and any supplement thereto as soon as possible and in any event by no later than the end of the first working day after that approval is notified to the issuer, the offeror or the person asking for admission to trading on a regulated market. Accordingly, the Authority would need to carry out its own verification of the data provided prior to the final approval of the prospectus and the respective submission to ESMA.

### Next Steps

The Authority has finalized the development of its internal systems which shall allow allocated persons acting as Sponsors and/or Listing Agents to upload a prospectus and the respective accompanying XML data via the LH Portal. To this end, we kindly advise any such designated person to provide the following details as soon as possible to the email address listed under the '*Contacts*' section below:

- Name and surname;
- Identification number;
- Email address.

Prior to this new process coming into force, the Authority shall be giving Sponsors and/or Listing Agents the opportunity to access a test environment, whereby the persons whose details have been provided as per the above shall be able to test the upload of this required data. The access to the test environment shall not be granted on an automatic basis and, accordingly, any persons wishing to be granted such access are to specifically request this when submitting the above-mentioned details. In addition to the above details, persons wishing to be granted access to the test environment should also provide the Authority with the IP address of the location from where the testing is to take place.

Sponsors and/or Listing Agents are kindly requested to submit the above details by no later than 02 October 2020, together with their request for access to the test environment should this be desired. Upon receipt of such details, the Authority shall communicate a user manual detailing how the XML file is to be compiled, and how the prospectus and accompanying data is to be uploaded to the LH Portal.

#### Contacts

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