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Circular on Updates to the Q&As on Regulation N⁰ 2015/2365 - Securities Financing Transactions Regulation ('SFTR' or 'the Regulation')

Introduction

This Circular is being addressed to all market participants, particularly entities who enter into securities financing transactions ('SFTs') and which fall within scope of SFTR, namely financial and non-financial counterparties as defined in Article 3 of SFTR.

Purpose of the Circular

The Authority would like to inform market participants that the European Securities and Markets Authority ('ESMA') has updated its <u>Q&A Document</u> relating to reporting under SFTR. Specifically, this update relates to the inclusion of Question 12 regarding the currency for the overview report.

Updates to the Q&A Document1

Question 12 (additional Question and Answer)

Currency for the Overview report (Guidelines on calculation of positions in SFTs by trade repositories)

In the case of the Overview report, how should TRs aggregate positions containing multiple currencies, irrespective of whether those currencies belong to the same or different currency buckets as per Guideline 15 of the "Guidelines on calculation of positions in SFTs by trade repositories"?

Answer 12

For the Overview report, TRs should calculate and express the aggregate positions in SFTs in their EUR equivalent value, irrespective of whether a position captures SFTs featuring the same or different currencies.

¹ In this section, sentences in **bold** reflect the amendments carried out to the Q&A Document





Contacts

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