

TO: DSS Participants /Members/Listed Companies /Nominated Advisors

FROM: Acting General Manager of the Cyprus Stock Exchange

SUBJECT: Briefing of Participants on CSE's harmonization with ECB Standard 7 on Corporate Actions

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Dear Associates,

In the context of harmonization of the CSE with ECB market standard SCoRE Corporate Actions and, more specifically, with Standard 7 (Securities amount data), according to which debt instruments with a nominal value should be denominated in face value, we inform you that a new functionality in the Dematerialised Securities System (DSS) is being planned in cooperation with the Provider of the CSE systems (ATHEX CSD) aiming to its activation in the production environment in April 2024 (target date: Tuesday, 2/4/2024).

In particular, in order for bonds kept in the DSS to be denominated in face value instead of the current method of denomination in units, the following minimum amendments are being planned to the existing relevant DSS functionality (printing of certificates, screens, files and SWIFT ISO15022 messages):

**CSE's harmonization with Standard 7 (Securities amount data)**

**1. Screens**

a. **Securities Screen (System Administration->Environment->Securities)**: Addition of field «Nominal Value of Issue».

**2. Files**

a. **Transactions files & account balances produced (Custody->Files->Export->Transactions File & Security Account Balances)**: Addition of additional fields with the nominal value in produced txt (Transactions File & Security Account Balances), at the end of file layout, as follows:

**a1) Transactions File**

Field	Position	Type/Length	Remarks
Nominal Value	212	N(15,2)	Multiplication of quantity * nominal value <b>ONLY FOR BONDS.LPAD 0</b>

#### a2) Security Account Balances

Field	Position	Type/Length	Observations
Nominal Value	95	N(15,2)	multiplication of quantity * nominal value <b>ONLY FOR BONDS</b> .LPAD 0

3. **Printing of Certificates - Distribution Certificates (Corp.Actions-Blocking->Cash Distributions->Distribution Certificates):** The field «amount per value», for coupons and repayments of bonds, will be calculated as the «amount payable/amount of securities» quotient.

#### 4. SWIFT ISO15022 messages

It pertains to the customisation of existing messages relating to announcements of corporate actions and updates to existing account balances to include the following securities data, where applicable:

	SWIFT ISO15022 messages	SWIFT ISO15022 field
a. available quantity with nominal value	MT564REPE,MT566, MT535	:93B::ELIG//FAMT
b. the method of calculation of base days -MICO	MT566,MT535	:22F::MICO//
c. interest period	MT564,MT564REPE,MT566	:69A::INPE//
d. number of days of accrued interest	MT564,MT564REPE,MT566	:99A::DAAC//
e. annual interest rate	MT564,MT564REPE,MT566	:92A::INTR//
f. repayment price	MT564,MT564REPE,MT566	:90A::OFFR//PRCT/

The works for the finalization of the above planned changes and the relevant briefing of Participants, the materialization and check of DSS test environment and the activation of the new functionality in DSS production environment, are planned according to the following indicative schedule:

Materialisation of the new functionality and briefing of Participants on test scenarios	By 29/02/2024
Commencement of testing by Participants	11/3/2024
End of testing by Participants	22/3/2024
Briefing of Participants on activation of the new functionality in DSS production environment	29/3/2024
Activation of new functionality in DSS	2/4/2024

**CSE's harmonization with Standard 4 (Round down)**

With the new version of DSS put into effect on 13/11/2023, the CSE has already been harmonized with Standard 4 as harmonized rounding rules are applied for calculating cash payments and securities movements, e.g. in cash distributions, a cash distribution amount of EUR 2.556 is rounded down to EUR 2.55.

To finalise the above planned changes, please send us any comments-remarks you may have as well as any relevant proposals by 08/01/2024 at the latest.

We are at your disposal for any further information or clarification on the above.

Yours,

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Issuers' Committee under EU Regulation 909/2014