

Circular to the financial services industry on changes to the Investment Services Rules

The MFSA has published a revised version of Parts BIII and BIV of the Investment Services Rules for Investment Services Providers ('Rules').

In Part BIII of the Rules, SLCs 59 to 61 applicable to *de minimis* fund managers and SLCs 7.07 to 7.09 introduce the applicability of MFSA Rule 1 of 2012 on foreign currency lending.

Similarly, in Part BIV of the Rules, SLCs 2.31 to 2.33 have also been introduced to make provision for the said MFSA Rule.

The MFSA Rule is modelled on the Recommendation of the European Systemic Risk Board on lending in foreign currencies (ESRB/2011/1) published as Notice No. 2011/C 342/01 of the Official Journal of the European Union, which was approved by the General Board of the European Systemic Risk Board (ESRB) on 21 September 2011, in accordance with Regulation (EU) No. 1092/2010.

The revised Investment Services Rules are available for download from the MFSA website.

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