

MFSA

MALTA FINANCIAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

CIRCULAR ON MARKETS IN FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS DIRECTIVE ('MIFID II') AND MARKETS IN FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS REGULATIONS ('MIFIR')

TRANSACTION REPORTING

Further to the circular issued by the MFSA on 3 November 2017, the Authority would like to inform market participants that Phase 3 of the Transaction Reporting Project has now commenced.

As informed through the circular issued on 3 November 2017, which can be accessed through the following [link](#), Table 2 of Annex I of RTS 22 provides a detailed breakdown on the content of all individual fields required to be reported. The MFSA will be replicating such fields in its Transaction Reporting Exchange Mechanism ('TREM').

In light of the above, the Authority decided to apply a three-phased approach to adopt TREM:

Phase 1 – Registration

All entities which will be submitting transaction reports were required to register in order to gain access to TREM. Entities were requested to complete and submit the relevant registration form by not later than 10 November 2017.

The Authority would like to clarify that submitting entities are required to provide static public IP addresses of any computer system which will be uploading files onto the Managed File Transfer ('MFT') solution either through web portal or via an SFTP client. Such information is to be provided to lhdev@mfsa.com.mt quoting the relevant account username and IP address. Entities which do not submit their static public IP Address will not be able to access the MFT on 3 January 2018.

Phase 2 – Connectivity Testing

Entities who have registered for TREM have been contacted by the MFSA and were provided with the necessary credentials, allowing them to test their connectivity with the Authority. Connectivity testing is still available for interested parties.

Phase 3 – Validation Testing

The Authority would like to inform market participants that it is now ready to receive transaction reports for validation testing.

Registered entities should be able to submit compressed files containing an XML file based on the MiFIR XSD schema which will be parsed and validated. The schema is available for download through the MFT from the public folder "*MIFIR Transaction Reporting - Technical Reporting Instructions.zip*". The compressed file should not exceed 30MB. Feedback will be provided for every file submitted.

Registered entities may start submitting test files on the MFT solution, portal.mfsa.com.mt, using the credentials supplied by the MFSA in earlier communications.

Information on file name convention can be found in the User Manual, available in the Help section of the MFT solution.

The Authority would like to clarify that files submitted on the MFT solution until 3 January 2018 are for validation testing purposes only.

The MFSA would like to highlight the importance of validation testing, ahead of 3 January 2018. Whereas the Authority would be ready to provide feedback and support to submitting entities, market participants are informed that the Authority will not be able to offer extensive support after 27 December 2017. Consequently, submitting entities are encouraged to engage in validation testing at their earliest.

Contacts

Should you have any queries on the above, please do not hesitate to contact the Authority on TransactionReporting@mfsa.com.mt for any further clarifications.

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