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Circular on Regulation N^o 2015/2365 on Securities Financing Transactions Regulation ('SFTR') – Publication of Q&As on SFTR Reporting

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 on 05 November 2020 published its first set of [Questions and Answers](#) (Q&As) relating to reporting under SFTR.

The purpose of these Q&As is mainly to provide clarity to market participants on how to comply with their reporting requirements under SFTR. The Q&As includes clarifications on:

- Reporting of settlement legs;
- Reporting of fields relating to time and applicable calendars;
- Reporting of SFTs concluded off venue and cleared on the same day;
- Reporting of zero collateral for margin loans;
- Reporting of SFTs collateralized initially at transaction and then at net exposure level.

Contacts

Should you have any queries in relation to the contents of the Q&As, please do not hesitate to contact the Authority on SFTR@mfsa.mt.