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CMH – COLLATERAL MANAGEMENT HARMONIZATION

Adoption of CMH SCoRE Standards

To the attention of: DCPs, ICPs, Issuers, Service Providers

Priority: **High**

Topic: CMH project: adoption of CMH SCoRE

Standards - operational impacts starting

from 16 June 2025

Dear Client,

Euronext Securities Milan (ES-MIL) informs that, starting from **16 June 2025**, the **SCORE Standards (Single Collateral Management Rulebook for Europe)** defined at European level will be adopted to harmonise processes related to corporate actions events.

The introduction of these Standards will bring significant operational improvement for all categories of participants, including:

- alignment of processes with European best practices;
- greater transparency, traceability and operational predictability;
- better risk management and increased efficiency in handling informational and monetary flow.

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Below is a summary of the main operational changes resulting from the introduction of the SCoRE Standards.

1. Standard 6 - Business Day Rule

- Bond instruments issued with an "unadjusted" business day convention that anticipate the payment date will be considered non-compliant with the Standard.
- For securities already issued before 16/06/2025, ES-MIL will:
 - continue to process the early payment;
 - o record balances on the **business day preceding** the early payment date;
 - eliminate the Record Time, i.e. the balance will be recorded at 12:00 on the payment date.

2. Standard 8 - Payment Time

- Cash proceeds must be distributed:
 - by 12:00 on the payment date for events in Euro currency;
 - o **by 16:30** on the payment date for events in **other currencies**.

a) Principle of Simultaneity

- If the event involves both a cash movement and a securities movement (e.g. MCAL, REDM), both legs must be processed simultaneously.
- **Exception**: for **CAEV PCAL**, the securities movement will continue to be executed in the **Night Time Settlement**.

b) Funds Availability and Payment Management

- ES-MIL will proceed with the payment and the debit of securities **only if funds are** available.
- ES-MIL, in the role of Issuer CSD, will verify funds availability in the two days
 following the payment date. In case of lack of funds, securities will be debited
 only following the authorisation of the Issuer or its Paying Agent in case the
 payment is made outside the CSD system.

3. Standard 9 - Notification of Processing Status

• The MT564 REPE message, used to notify payment delays, will be replaced by the MT567 EVST message, in accordance with International Standards.

4. Standard 10 - Elective Events

- For VOLU and CHOS reorganisation events, ES-MIL:
 - will verify the available securities balance upon receipt of an instruction via message 715/MT565;





 in case of a positive outcome, will accept the instruction and will block the securities balance.

5. Instruction Cancellation - Alignment of RNI and ISO 15022 channels

- The conditions for cancelling instructions via the RNI channel will be aligned with the ISO 15022 channel.
 - It will not be possible to send cancellation instructions with a quantity different from the originally instructed one.
 - It will be mandatory to indicate the **reference C.R.O.** of the instruction to be cancelled.

Reference Documentation

The updated version of the **Instructions to the CSD Service** is available on the Euronext website in the **Rules & Instructions of the Service** section.

The **Client Technical Guide** with the complete operational details is available in the MT-X document area at the following path:

HOME > DOCUMENTATION > PROJECTS > CMH

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