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Further Enhancement of Straight Through Processing

Dear Trading Participants,

Since September 2012 market participants have been able – through a supporting broker – to register transactions at EEX for clearing with ECC, using the Independent Service Provider systems EFETnet eXRP and the Trayport[®] Hosted Clearing LinkSM in a straight through process.

Until now the Automatic Confirmation functionality has been activated by default for all trades that are reported as “Automatically Matched” by the broker environment.

In the interest of more efficient and smoother order processing it was decided to change the standard configuration (default setting) for the **STP service from 26 February 2015** onwards to **STP “ALWAYS”** and to deactivate the confirmation setting “ALREADY CONFIRMED”. The respective customers were already informed about the upcoming changes.

The new Automatic Confirmation default setting “ALWAYS” will be activated for all trades independent of execution style and confirmation status:

- It will be activated for trades reported as “*Automatically Matched*” by the broker environment as well as trades, which have been entered into the STP System *manually by a broker* on behalf of a trading participant.
- It will include *automatic approval* of exchange registrations directly into the position accounts of the trading participants as well as *automatic take-ups* of exchange-registered positions first held and then given-up by the respective broker.

Consequently, STP transactions do not have to be separately approved by participants within the systems of EEX or ECC.

Deactivation or refinement of these default settings can be requested by the participants using the T08 form, which includes definitions of the parameters, a detailed process description and the request for **deactivating (opt-out) or refining the Automatic Confirmation** functionality either across all brokers or on a per-broker basis. Furthermore, the **ECC position account** into which automatically confirmed trades are to be processed can be specified through the T08 form as well as the **trader subgroup for manual trade approvals**.

STP Settings which **were previously chosen by participants** by submitting the T08 form **will not continue to apply**. Nevertheless, participants who have already opted for STP “ALWAYS” in the past and want to keep this setting do not have to change their STP settings since “ALWAYS” now becomes the standard configuration. **Trader Subgroups** as well as **ECC position account settings will continue to apply**. Therefore, participants who have already chosen

another ECC position account than default account P1 or another Trader Subgroup than the default "TRD" will not have their Account and Subgroup changed. Modifications to these carried forward settings can also be made by submitting the current T08 form. The currently defined subgroup for manual approval of STP trades as well as the defined ECC position account setting can be obtained from ECC's member help desk, at clearing@ecc.de or +49 341 24680 444.

Extension of manual trade approval period

Currently manual trade approval of STP trades is possible until 5:30 pm CET for trades submitted before 5:00 pm CET. Trades submitted at 5:00 pm CET or later, are open for manual approval for 30 minutes after submission.

From 26 February 2015 onwards, manual approval of all STP trades will be possible until 6:00 pm CET.

If a buyer or seller fails to manually approve a trade-half directly processed into their position account by a broker, the whole trade will not be registered at EEX and therefore not subsequently cleared by ECC

Broker White List

From **26 February 2015** onwards ECC will establish and administrate a **Broker White List on behalf of EEX**. This list shall contain the information provided by brokers for each participant they have a contractual relationship with. The White Lists have to be constantly updated and provided in a format determined by ECC.

The Broker White List determines which trading participant as client of a respective broker is activated for "ALWAYS". As of 26 February 2015 brokers will only be allowed to register trades automatically via STP for trading participants which are listed on the specific Broker White List. Trades registered for clients who are not on the Broker White List have to be manually approved by the client. Configurations specified by the clients with the T08 prevail the standard configuration.

With this setup EEX and ECC aim to secure and enhance a risk balanced STP service offered to the market. The respective settings will be forwarded to the trading participants for a countercheck.

Notwithstanding the configuration activated for each participant, EEX or ECC do not assume any liability for any loss or damage occurring to participants due to the registration of trades on their behalf via STP.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at +49 341 2156 222 if you have further questions.

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