

Clearstream Spotlight

Enhancements to Asset Servicing

Improved process for customer instructions on voluntary corporate actions

In February 2016, Clearstream's German Central Securities Depository (CBF) automated its process for accepting, validating and implementing customers' instructions on voluntary corporate actions via the ISO 15022 message format MT565. Immediate benefits include: increased Straight Through Processing (STP); real-time customer feedback via MT567; faster voluntary event instruction processing; a new Client Service tool enabling quicker information on the instruction status and improved archiving of MT565 and MT567 (10 years retroactive online view).

In a next step, once Clearstream has migrated to the European settlement platform, TARGET2-Securities (T2S, planned February 2017), this enhancement will improve deadlines for specific events, such as Rights Exercises.

Improved STP for U.S. market

In February 2016, Clearstream improved its notification process related to corporate actions in the U.S. market (Section 302 of the Internal Revenue Code). Customers now benefit from increased STP and greater efficiency.

Increased standardisation of redemptions with currency options

Clearstream implemented a system change in July 2016 to notify customers

of redemption events with currency options on the international market using the dedicated event qualifier CAEV REDM CHOS. (The general event qualifier OTHR will no longer be used.) This change brings increased standardisation and offers the possibility to customers to better streamline their SWIFT routing.

Supporting German record date change implementation

Clearstream has updated its systems to support customers in complying with German regulatory changes, effective January 2017, which require a new sequencing of event dates for the processing of income distribution events in the German market.

Enhanced transaction management services in T2S

As markets migrate to T2S, Clearstream is adapting its systems in line with international and European best market practices to offer optimal corporate actions services.

In June 2015, Clearstream updated its processes to help customers comply with new buyer protection standards for corporate actions in the German market. As a next step, Clearstream will process market claims and transformations automatically on behalf of its customers. This has been confirmed for the following markets so far: Belgium, Portugal, France, the Netherlands, Luxembourg and Spain.

Working towards harmonised Asset Servicing solutions



Clearstream is set to deliver enhanced Asset Servicing possibilities by integrating its International Central Securities Depository (ICSD) and CSD environments. Clearstream's local partnership network ensures adequate proximity to the local markets and Asset Servicing levels in line with local market standards.

After migration to T2S in February 2017, all Clearstream customers will be able to manage all their Asset Servicing activities and associated reporting from a single, harmonised platform. Customers will be able to access – via the new Xact Web Portal – the full range and benefits of Clearstream's services via Clearstream's new connectivity suite, ClearstreamXact, meaning:

- Harmonised processing across all markets, including T2S and global markets;
- Improved notification timelines and corporate action deadlines;
- Reduced operational risk; and
- Event lifecycle management via ClearstreamXact.

More information

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