<u>ESMA updates MiFID II Q&As on post-trading issues</u>

The updated Q&A includes a new answer in relation to the segregation level for indirect clearing accounts.

MiFID II will enter into application on 3 January 2018 and will strengthen the protection of investors by both introducing new requirements and strengthening existing ones.

The purpose of this Q&A is to promote common supervisory approaches and practices in the application of MiFID II/ MiFIR for post-trading topics, providing responses to questions posed by the general public, market participants and competent authorities in relation to the practical application of MiFID II/MiFIR requirements.

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