

# BONDVISION ITALIA MTF

# **RULES**

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Wholesale regulated market operated by MTS S.p.A



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## **RULES**

#### TITLE I

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### 1. Definitions

In these regulations:

"Amount" shall mean a value expressed in nominal value for all Financial Instruments except for

ETFs where Amount is expressed in number of units.

"Categories of shall mean a set of Financial Instruments having similar characteristics;

**Financial Instruments**"

"End User" shall mean a Participant authorised to make quote requests;

"Executable Order" shall mean an executable firm Quote displayed by a Liquidity Provider which before

constituting a Trade upon acceptance of an End User is subject to a Liquidity Provider

limited last look;

"Financial Instruments" shall mean the types of instruments traded on the Market, i.e. all instruments, either

equity or fixed income which are non government securities, including coupons and

principals of the same Financial Instruments;

"Instructions" shall mean the rules implementing these Regulations;

"Market" shall mean the electronic platform called "BondVision MTF" for the trading of Financial

Instruments via a dedicated line or the Internet;

"Liquidity Providers" shall mean a Participant authorised to display Quotes;

"Rules" shall indicate the rules governing the operation of the BondVision MTF as approved by

the Board of Directors of MTS;

"MTS" shall mean MTS S.p.A., with registered office in Rome, via Tomacelli 146, i.e. the

company managing the Market;

"Membership shall mean the set of contractual documents governing the relationships between MTS





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**Documentation**" and a Participant and includes the Application Form, the General Conditions and all the

annexes, including also these Rules, as in force from time to time.

"Participant" shall mean a party admitted to trade in the Market, i.e. a MarketLiquidity Provider or an

End User;

"Price" shall mean the consideration, which may be expressed by reference to an interest rate,

in accordance with the procedure indicated in the Instructions;

"ETF Value Reference

Price"

for each Financial Instrument shall mean the reference value at time of input in the Market as indicated by the quantity calculated in accordance with the Instructions. At the opening of the Market, for each Financial Instrument, this value is the closing price of the regulated Market from the previous trading day. Within the RFQ life cycle, for each Financial Instrument, this value is represented by the last price available in the regulated Market or in the Market if different form the closing price of the regulated

Market from the previous trading day.

"Quote" shall mean a quote displayed by a Liquidity Provider to a request of an End User to

purchase or sell a financial instrument through one of the types of contracts admitted,

indicating the Price or yield;

"Request for Quote

("RFQ")"

shall mean a competitive request issued by an End User to one or more Liquidity

Providers in the form to be specified in the Instructions;

"Settlement service" shall mean the settlement and clearing services;

"Trade" shall mean the matching of a Quote and an Executable Order or the acceptance by an

End User of a Quote displayed by a Liquidity Provider following a Request for Quote by

the same End User.





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## 2. Scope of the regulations

- 1. These Rules govern the operation, organisation and management of the Market in which the Participants participate and on which Financial Instruments are traded. In particular, it contains Instructions on a) the terms and procedures for admission, exclusion and suspension of Financial Instruments from trading; b) the terms and procedures for admission, exclusion and suspension of Participants from trading, c) the terms and procedures for conduct of trading; d) the procedures for publication and circulation of information; and e) disciplinary procedures. These Rules is to read together with the accompanying Instructions containing implementing Instructions of the Rules. These Rules, in their most up-to-date version as in force from time to time, is published on MTS website at www.mtsmarkets.com/Documents/Marekt-Rules.
- 2. The relationship between MTS and the Participants concerning participation in trading on the Market shall be governed by the Membership Documentation, of which these Rules constitute an annex. The Participant declares to know, understand and accept the Membership Documentation having had the change to examine it on MTS website at www.mtsmarkets.com/Documents/General-Terms-and-Conditions MTS and/or, for documents not available on the website, having had received a copy thereof and having had the chance to discuss it with MTS. MTS can amend the Rules in accordance with the provision of the General Terms and Conditions, as published from time to time on MTS website. Further, the Participant shall examine and comply with the technical documentation available to all Participants on a protected environment, known today as Technical Portal.
- 3. Participants are required, when applicable, to pay fees for the services provided in accordance with the amounts, intervals and time limits established by MTS in the Fee Schedule (a document that form integral part of the Membership Documentation). The fees are set by MTS on the basis of transparent and non-discriminatory criteria.
- 4. These Rules shall be governed by and construed in all respects in accordance with the laws of Italy.

#### 3. Tradable securities

- 1. The market is regulated by the Consolidated Law on Finance and by Market Regulation (Consob Resolution No. 16191 of October 2007 29th, as subsequently amended) and is articulated in:
  - a) the **Regulations**: approved by the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting of the MTS, they establish market principles;
  - b) the **Instructions**: approved by the Board of Directors of the MTS, they serve to implement the Regulations;
- 2. Participants shall be timely notified of any amendments to the Rules and Instructions through appropriate communications via e-mail. Both Rules and Instructions are published on MTS's website.





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## **BOND SEGMENT**

## TITLE II

#### FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

#### 4. Tradable securities

1. The Financial Instruments that, upon MTS decision, can be admitted to trading on the Market in accordance with these Rules, the Instructions and the applicable laws and regulations, are bonds, including structured bonds and any other type of fixed income instrument.

The Instructions shall specify the minimum trading lot

## 5. Admission to trading of Financial Instruments

- 1. Financial Instruments may be admitted to trading by MTS also at the request of Participants. Such Financial Instruments must be freely transferable and there must not be any limitation or hindrance to the exercise of the owner's rights and must comply with the provisions indicated in the Instructions.
- 2. Financial Instruments issued (or announced to be issued) shall meet the eligibility criteria set by MTS.

#### 6. Suspension and exclusion from trading of Financial Instruments

- 1. MTS may suspend or exclude any traded Financial Instrument from trading where there has been:
  - a substantiated request by participants or competent authorities;
  - a prolonged lack of trading;
  - a lack of orderly trading conditions.
- 2. Within six months of the date of suspension of a Financial Instrument, MTS may readmit it if the reasons or causes which led to its suspension no longer exist.





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#### TITLE III

#### **PARTICIPANTS**

## 7. Participants admitted to trading

- 1. Banks and investment companies authorized to trade as principal pursuant to the law of European Union member states and non European Union countries may be admitted to trading on the Market.
- 2. Firms set up in the legal form of a "società per azioni" or a "società a responsibilità limitata" or equivalent limited companies in accordance with the applicable legislation :
  - i. in which the persons performing administrative, management and supervisory functions and those responsible for trading activity and the internal control function satisfy integrity and experience requirements equivalent to those applying to intermediaries that deal in financial instruments; this requirement shall not apply to firms authorised by the competent authority of an EU country to engage in one or more investment services or activities or collective portfolio management;
  - ii. which have established an internal audit function that does not depend hierarchically on any person with operational responsibilities and that makes periodic checks on the activity of trading in financial instruments; MTS may exempt participants from this requirement after evaluating their size (the proportionality principle);
- 3. Also the following entities may be admitted to trading:
  - a) the Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance and Bank of Italy;
  - b) in addition, monetary authorities, central banks, government entities responsible for managing the public debt, other entities with similar functions in the EU or non-EU countries and the Cassa Depositi e Prestiti S.p.A. are also admitted to trading subject to the conditions set forth in Art. 25, comma 2, of the T.U.F..

#### 8. Admission conditions

- 1. The admission of Participants to trading shall be subject to verification by MTS of fulfilment of the following requirements on a continuing basis:
  - a. have net assets equal or equivalent to one million Euro, as resulting from the last audited financial statements
  - b. sufficient staff with adequate professional qualifications in relation to the types of activity carried on;
  - c. adequate organizational mechanisms and internal control procedures for trading activity;





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- d. overall level of business in Financial Instruments permitting the Participant to play a potentially significant role on the Market;
- e. reliable procedures for the settlement and clearing of contracts; the reliability of the clearing and settlement procedures can be periodically verified by MTS;
- f. presence of a compliance officer whose name must be communicated to MTS. Such person must have a good knowledge of these Regulations and of the rules governing the functioning of the Market and must provide adequate support to the Participant's structures in their application. Among other things, the compliance officer shall be entrusted with relations with MTS's trading supervision office. The compliance officer shall appoint a deputy with analogous qualifications in the event of his or her absence.
- 3. The Participants authorized to trade on the Market pursuant to Article 25, paragraph 2, of the T.U.F.: (a) undertake also to follow the Guidelines on systems and controls in an automated trading environment for trading platforms, investment firms and competent authorities, issued by
- 4. ESMA on February 24, 2012, in such a manner and to the extent required by the relevant regulatory body; and (b) declare to have the adequate operations and internal control procedures of the trading activity, mentioned in the paragraph 1, letter c) above, also in relation to the rules of the platform and the management of risk.

#### 9. Admission procedure

- 1. Entities referred to in Article 6 wishing to be admitted to trading on the Market must submit a written application to MTS in accordance with the Instructions.
- 2. The Instructions shall specify the participation documentation that must be produced together with the application referred to in paragraph 1.
- 3. MTS shall examine applications for admission on the basis of the criteria listed in the Instructions, and shall normally issue its ruling within ten days of the date of receipt of the application fulfilling the requirements set out in the preceding paragraphs. MTS can deny admission based on the applicant not meeting the admission requirements and/or when the admission could negatively affect the orderly operation of the Market. Once admitted, the Participant will be able to start trading from the date to be indicated by MTS.

#### 10. Participants' obligations

- 1. Each participant shall:
  - a) comply with these Regulations and the Instructions;





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- b) maintain conduct based on principles of fairness and honesty and operate in accordance with criteria of professionalism and diligence in relations with Market counterparties, obligations towards MTS and use of the trading Markets.
- 2. Participants shall promptly notify the MTS of any circumstances of which they are aware, including technical problems with their Markets that prejudice or might prejudice their compliance with these Regulations.
- 3. Participants shall be liable vis-à-vis the MTS for the conduct of their employees and collaborators. Conduct by traders that violates these Regulations shall be considered as the conduct of the Participant.
- 4. Participants shall refrain from acts that may prejudice the integrity of the Markets. Inter alia they may not:
  - a) commit acts that are likely to give a false or misleading impression to other Market participants;
  - b) commit acts that may impede Liquidity Providers in fulfilling their commitments;
  - c) carry out fictitious transactions, whose objective is not to transfer ownership of the financial instruments traded or to modify their exposure to the Market;
  - d) carry out, directly or through a nominee, transactions under a prior agreement for the execution and offsetting thereof:
  - e) distributing the Market data which are provided by or obtained from the System and shall use the market data exclusively to trade on the System. Market data are exclusive property of the MTS

#### 11. General conditions for the supply of services

- 1. The relationship between MTS and the Participants concerning participation in trading on the Market shall be governed by the general conditions for the supply of services.
- 2. Participants are required to pay fees for the services provided in accordance with the amounts, intervals and time limits established by MTS on the basis of transparent, non-discriminatory criteria and indicated in the Price List attached to the Membership Documentation, as amended from time to time.

#### 12. Continued fulfilment of the participation requirements and admission conditions

1. Participants shall ensure continued fulfilment of the requirements referred to in Article 7 and of the admission conditions referred to in Article 8. MTS may request Participants, including individual Participants, to provide any information, data or document, including auditors' certificates, which it deems necessary for such purpose.





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- 2. Participants shall notify MTS, as soon as possible, of every material change in the conditions with respect to which the information provided and the documentation produced at the time of submission of the application for admission refer.
- 3. MTS may request Participants to supply all the information and documentation needed to verify fulfilment of the participation requirements and admission conditions.

## 13. Suspension from trading

- 1. Without prejudice to paragraph 2, MTS, when it finds or has good reason to presume that even one of the conditions referred to in Article 7 is no longer satisfied or finds non-compliance with Article 11(2), may suspend the relevant participant.
- 2. In the event of ceasing to be adequate procedures for the settlement of contracts referred to in Article 7(d), the suspension may be restricted to the Market segment in which the contracts traded are to be settled via the settlement service in question.
- 3. A Participant shall be automatically suspended if the competent authorities have issued an order suspending it from providing investment services and from dealing for own account, without prejudice to any measures adopted by the supervisory authorities to ensure the closure of any positions still open, or following the declaration of Market insolvency by Consob pursuant to Article 72 of the Consolidated Law on Finance.
- 4. MTS may suspend or exclude the Participant from trading in the event of the suspension of its administrative bodies under Article 53 of the Consolidated Law on Finance or Article 76 of the Consolidated Law on Banking, or of extraordinary administration, compulsory administrative liquidation or another bankruptcy procedure, or of suspension or exclusion measures issued by other Italian or foreign regulated Market management companies.
- 5. Suspension may also be ordered in the cases referred to in Article 31, in accordance with the procedures laid down in Article 32.
- 6. Suspension shall be revoked when the reasons which led to their imposition no longer exist.

## 14. Exclusion from trading

- 1. MTS shall exclude a participant from trading if:
  - a) it ceases to belong to the categories referred to in Article 6;
  - b) it is in a state of confirmed insolvency in accordance with the applicable laws;





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- c) it has been suspended from trading pursuant to Article 12(1) and 12 months have elapsed without having demonstrated that the conditions referred to in Article 6 have been restored.
- 2. Exclusion may also be ordered in the cases referred to in Article 31, in accordance with the procedures laid down in Article 32.
- 3. Participants admitted to trading on the Market may request to be excluded.

#### TITLE IV

#### LIQUIDITY PROVIDERS

#### 15. Authorisation to act as Liquidity Providers

1. shall file an application with MTS indicating on which Financial Instruments it intends to operate as Liquidity Provider they have signed a

#### 16. Liquidity Providers' undertakings

- 1. Market Maker Liquidity Providers shall undertake to support all Market functionalities as specified in the Instructions.
- 2. Market Maker Liquidity Providers shall undertake to provide price indications for a significant number of Financial Instruments.
- 3. Market Maker Liquidity Providers shall undertake to maintain competitive Price conditions and carry out trades in line with the general conditions of the Market and the movements in the prices of Financial Instruments.
- 4. Where there are serious and justifiable reasons, Liquidity Providers may apply to MTS for the temporary suspension of the undertakings referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2.
- 5. To deal in investments as principals.

#### 17. Continued fulfilment of the requirements to act as Liquidity Provider

1. Market Maker Liquidity Providers shall ensure continued fulfilment of the requirements referred to in Article 14.





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2. Market Maker Liquidity Providers shall inform MTS, as soon as possible, of every material change in the conditions to which the information provided at the time of submission of the application to act as a Liquidity Provider refer.

## 18. Suspension of the authorisation to act as a Liquidity Provider

1. MTS, when it finds or has good reason to presume that even one of the conditions referred to in Article 14 is no longer satisfied or finds non-compliance with Article 16(2), may suspend the relevant authorisation to act as a Liquidity Provider. Further, MTS may suspend the activities of a Liquidity Provider on the Market in order to preserve the correct operation of the entire Market or following a breach of contract.

## 19. Other applicable provisions

1. For all matters not excluded by or incompatible with these rules on Liquidity Providers, the rules for Participants shall apply to each Liquidity Provider.

#### TITLE V

## **TRADING**

## 20. Eligible contracts

- 1. The Financial Instruments referred to in Article 3 may be traded by means of Sale and purchase, spot or forward through one of the following functionalities:
  - a) Request for Quote (RFQ), which includes outright, switch, spread and multi-leg; and
  - b) Executable order (ClickToTrade).

The settlement cycle will follow the Market practice for each security.

The Instructions will specify the Market Hours.

## 21. Conduct of trading

- 1. Trading shall take place solely through connections to the Market, which allows the entry of a Requests for Quote and an Executable Order by End Users, the display of quotes by Liquidity Providers and the transmission to Participants of information relating to Market conditions.
- 2. The MTS shall lay down the operational and informational functioning of the Market in the Instructions and make all the changes to the Market that are necessary or desirable to improve its functioning, giving prompt notice thereof to Participants.





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- 3. Market Liquidity Providers shall trade in their own name and for their own account.
- 4. The operation of the Market depends on the presence of a sufficient number of Participants and Liquidity Providers to ensure an adequate level of competition between them.
- 5. Trading shall take place continuously during the hours specified in the Instructions. These may specify different trading hours for different Categories of Financial Instruments.

#### 22. Quotes

- 1. Quotes may only be displayed by Liquidity Providers and shall be binding to the extent indicated in paragraph 3 below
- 2. Quotes may be formulated for Amounts equal to at least the minimum lot.
- 3. End Users may request changes to the original quote. Liquidity Provider may change the Quotes they have formulated at any time. However, it must conclude the Contract if the Quote is accepted by the End User at the proposed price, for not more than the Amount offered, and within the validity period. If the End User sends an acceptance at a Price which is no longer active, the Liquidity Provider may agree to conclude the contract.
- 4. Quotes are ordered by the Market by Price and, for a given Price, according to the time of input into the Market.
- 5. At the close of each day's trading, Quotes still displayed on the Market will be deleted automatically.

Trading Proposals not accepted by the end of each trading session will be automatically cancelled.

#### 23. Requests for Quotes, Executable Orders

- Requests for Quote and Executable Orders may only be acted upon by End Users and are binding on Liquidity
  Providers only as specified in paragraph 2. Requests for Quote and Executable Orders may also be sent with
  reference to Quotes which are no longer active. In such case the Liquidity Provider may agree to conclude the
  contract.
- 2. Requests for Quote may be sent to the maximum number of Liquidity Providers established in the Instructions.
- 3. Requests for Quote and Executable Orders may refer to whether it is for a bid or an offer, the Price, the Amount, the settlement date, the currency, or a combination thereof.

#### 24. Conclusion of contracts

1. Contracts shall be concluded when the Quote is accepted by the Participant, in accordance with the procedures established in the Instructions.





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2. Participants shall send settlement instructions, using the procedures established by the relevant settlement system, in accordance with the time limits agreed between the parties. Trade-checking shall be performed in accordance with procedures and within time limits that permit orderly settlement.

#### 25. Cancellation of contracts

- 1. MTS may cancel contracts concluded on the Market on the basis of a bilaterally agreed request by the two interested parties if the trade was concluded accidentally or as a result of a Market malfunction.
- 2. If only one of the two Participants requests the cancellation of a contract, MTS, in order to maintain equitable and orderly Market conditions and prevent Participants from being unfairly penalized as a consequence of material errors, shall check the Market conditions existing at the time of the trade, using the official cancellation procedure as indicated in the Instructions.
- 3. The cancellation procedure referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 above must be requested within the time limits established in the Instructions.

#### **TITLE VI**

#### PROVISION OF INFORMATION

#### 26. General principles

1. MTS shall make the information necessary for the correct performance of trading activities available to participants in accordance with the procedure indicated in the Instructions.

#### 27. Pre and post-trading transparency

- 1. For each Financial Instrument traded on the Market, MTS shall make available to the public with at least the following information in real time prices and quantities of the best purchase and sale Price indications displayed by Liquidity Providers in accordance with Article 15(2);
- 2. At the close of each trading day, MTS shall publish a bulletin prepared in accordance with the Instructions, which shall include for every Financial Instrument traded on the Market at least the minimum, maximum and weighted average prices as well as total trading volumes, calculated on the basis of all Trades concluded during the day.





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## 28. Recording of contracts and Information provided to the Authorities

- 1. All the Contracts concluded on the Market shall be recorded by MTS and sent by the same to Consob in compliance with Article 65 of Legislative Decree 58/1998 and the implementing regulation referred to therein.
- 2. At the close of each day's trading, all the information available on Requests for Quote, Quotes and Price indications entered in the Market and on the contracts concluded shall also be recorded.
- 3. MTS shall supply Consob with data and information on the Contracts concluded and the activities performed by Participants on the Market.

## 29. Ownership of data

1. Each Participant acknowledges and agrees that MTS owns all right, title and interest, including all intellectual property rights, in the aggregate data posted to the Market by all Participants and/or generated by the Market.

## **TITLE VII**

#### MARKETMARKET SURVEILLANCE

## 30. Controls and measures concerning trading

- 1. MTS, through a specific monitoring department, shall supervise the conduct of trading, verify compliance with these Regulations and the Instructions and adopt all the measures necessary to ensure the smooth operation of the Market.
- 2. Inter alia MTS shall:
  - a) monitor the general conditions of the market and the prices of the individual financial instruments;
  - b) monitor the conduct of Participants on the market and market makers' compliance with their undertakings;
  - c) apply to Participants for information deemed necessary in relation to particular market conditions;
  - d) verify the appropriate updating of records, procedures and any other matters necessary to ensure orderly trading;
  - e) monitor the operation of the technical equipment and transmission networks of the Market;
  - f) regulate trading conditions in accordance with the procedures referred to in Articles 24 and 30 and paragraphs 3 and 5 of this article;
  - g) promptly inform Participants of the measures it adopts that affect trading on the market.





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- 3. In the exercise of its market management activity, inter alia MTS may:
  - a) in order to improve the functioning of the market, postpone the start of trading on the entire market or for individual Categories of Financial Instruments, or extend the duration of trading beyond the standard hours;
  - b) temporarily suspend trading on the entire market or for individual categories of financial instruments in the event of serious technical malfunctions or other exceptional events;
  - c) request Participants to send data and information, including periodically, and to transmit documents, relating to on- and off-market trading in the instruments traded on the market;
  - d) for the sole purpose of checking compliance with these Regulations, perform audits on participants' premises in accordance with the procedures described in the Instructions
- 4. Without prejudice to any measures necessary for the electronic management of trading or to Articles 25, 26 and 27, MTS shall ensure the confidentiality of all the information it obtains in the course of its market management and supervision activities.
- 5. MTS, proceeding on its own authority, shall cancel contracts involving securities whose issue has been announced by the issuer if such securities are not actually issued, or the quantity of the issue is significantly smaller than that announced.

# 31. Handling of technical breakdowns

- 1. In order to handle technical breakdowns transparently, MTS:
  - shall establish the procedures for handling technical breakdowns in the Instructions;
  - b) may order the temporary suspension of trading in the event of a technical breakdown;
  - c) shall inform the Market of the measures adopted in accordance with this article where they impinge on Participants' operations or the trading of Financial Instruments.
- 2. MTS shall promptly inform Participants and Consob of the breakdowns that occur and the measures adopted.





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## **TITLE IX**

#### SUPERVISION AND DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

## 32. Disciplinary measures

- 1. Participants that fail to fulfil the undertakings deriving directly or indirectly from the application of these Regulations and the Instructions or otherwise fail to comply with the operational procedures laid down for the operation of the Market shall be liable to one of the following disciplinary measures, taking account of the gravity of the violation and any previous violations committed by the same participant:
  - a) written warning;
  - b) a fine of between €1,000 and €25,000;
  - c) suspension from trading for a period not exceeding two months;
  - d) exclusion from trading;
  - e) suspension from functions of Market Maker for a period not exceeding two months.
- 2. MTS shall apply the disciplinary measures in a non-discriminatory way.
- 3. A Market Maker that, after being subjected to one of the disciplinary measures referred to in paragraph 1(a) or 1(b) of this article due to an ascertained violation of the obligations set out in Article 15(3), violates the same obligations again within six months, shall be suspended for a period of not less than 10 days.
- 4. In the event of suspension or exclusion from trading, the Participant in question shall remain authorised, as regards trading on the market, exclusively to settle, under the supervision of MTS, for contracts still outstanding on the day on which the disciplinary measure comes into effect.
- 5. The disciplinary measures referred to in paragraph 1 shall be adopted by the Appeals Board on behalf of MTS at the end of the procedure referred to in Article 32. The Board shall consist of a Chairman, two members and two alternates, appointed by the Board of Directors for three years among independent persons of proven expertise on markets in financial instruments; the appointments may be renewed. The fees payable to members of the Appeals Board shall be established by the Board of Directors at the time of their appointment.
- 6. Resolutions of the Wise Men Committee referred to in paragraph 4 above shall be passed by a majority vote of its members. A member who performs an administrative, management or supervisory function in a participant or has a consultancy arrangement with it shall be replaced by an alternate in decisions relating to the conduct of that participant.





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- 7. The operating rules of the Wise Men Committee shall be established by the Board itself and approved by the Board of Directors.
- 8. A party excluded from trading may be readmitted, at MTS' discretion, on presentation of a new application after not less than one year has elapsed from the notification of the exclusion order.

# 33. Procedure for the application of disciplinary measures

- 1. If MTS considers that a Participant has committed one of the violations referred to in Article 31(1), it shall send the participant in question a written notice containing a description of the alleged violation, and invite it to justify its conduct.
- 2. Within ten days of service of the notice referred to in paragraph 1 above, the Participant in question may submit written counterarguments and documents at MTS' registered office, and may ask to be heard. This time limit shall be halved if the notice concerns a violation of the obligations referred to in Article 15(3).
- 3. When the period referred to in paragraph 2 above has elapsed, the Appeals Board, having heard the Participant in question if it has so requested and examined the written counterarguments and documents submitted, shall impose one of the disciplinary measures referred to in Article 31(1) if it considers that the alleged violation has been committed, and if not, it shall declare the disciplinary proceedings closed.
- 4. Reasons shall be given for the decisions referred to in paragraph 3, which shall be notified in writing to the relevant Participant and, if they impose disciplinary measures, to the Ministry for the Economy and Finance, the Bank of Italy and Consob.
- 5. If the decision referred to in paragraph 3 imposes a sanction, it shall establish the forms in which the decision is to be published, in daily newspapers and/or the information pages of the Market. Such publication may be excluded if the disciplinary measure is a written warning or a fine.
- 6. Whenever it is necessary, for the protection and the correct and reliable operation of the market, and in cases of particular urgency or if there are good reasons for believing that a participant has committed serious violations or is suspected of being insolvent, MTS may order the immediate suspension of the participant in question from trading as a precautionary measure. MTS shall immediately notify the decision to the Ministry for the Economy and Finance, the Bank of Italy and Consob. The period of precautionary suspension shall not normally exceed twenty days. The precautionary suspension measure shall in any case cease to be effective on the day on which the decision taken pursuant to paragraph 3 is notified to the participant.
- 7. Except as specified in paragraph 6, disciplinary measures shall take effect on the date on which they are adopted, unless otherwise established and notified to the participant.





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## **TITLE IIX**

#### **FINAL PROVISIONS**

## 34. Applicable law

1. Contracts concluded on the Market shall be governed by Italian law and related disputes shall be subject exclusively to Italian jurisdiction, except in both cases when there is a different prior agreement between the parties in accordance with applicable law. The choice of a non-Italian law and/or jurisdiction shall be null and void, however, if it can lead, directly or indirectly, to failure to apply provisions contained in the Regulations, the Instructions and the Membership Documentation.







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