



OTP Bank Group

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New CDCC's Operational Procedures and Pricelist approved by HANFA

Summary: New CDCC's Operational Procedures and Pricelist approved

Central Depository & Clearing Company Inc. (hereinafter CDCC) published on their website the new Operational Procedures and Pricelist that will become effective as of 1 April 2021 with the exception of Articles 500, 500a, 500b, 501, 502, 503, 503a, 503b, 503c and 503d of Procedures, which will come into force on 1 May 2021. Cited articles are primarily focused on transposition of provisions of SRDII and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1212 into CDCC's operational process and legally enable CDCC to engage into disclosure of shareholders' identification, transfer of shareholders' data and facilitation of the exercise of shareholders' rights.

CDCC Procedure amendments are mainly related to the harmonisation to SRD II regulation and Disclosure of Shareholders' Identification and general meetings and facilitating the shareholder rights exercising.

Likewise record date and ex date are defined in more details. Entry of shareholders' identification into the CDCC IT system is possible from record date +1 day until RDDT-1 (RDDT = Response Deadline) from the issuer.

If CDCC is engaged by the issuer in the process of shareholders' identification disclosure, the information must be sent back to the CDCC down the intermediary chain.

Shareholders' identification for segregated custody accounts at CDCC will be pre-filled by CDCC, and subject to amendment/approval by custodian.

CDCC prescribed the timeline to send notifications towards CDCC members custodians by the end of the same business day when the issuer's request or notification has been received by the CDCC, including the pending trades with the settlement date before or equal to the event relevant record date, as well as for balances for shares that will settle in future until the record date.

CDCC prescribes two-way communication between them and market participants:

- via CDCC's proprietary IT system DEPRIN or
- WEB stp service in machine readable way compliant with ISO 20022 format.



Technical specifications are yet to be provisioned by the CDCC in the forthcoming period.

Regarding novelties with general meetings please note the following amendments too:

- necessary meeting notifications by issuers in Croatian and English by the end of the business day when the decision to convene the general meeting was made, including website containing all the details of the general meeting,
- receipt of Confirmation of entitlement
- CDCC possibility to collect applications to register participation on the general meeting, starting from RD+1 until RDDT (necessary disclosure of final beneficial owner details and media of participation: in person or by proxy)
- possibility of electronic voting

Described amendments are followed by the CDCC's introduction of some new fees in the new Pricelist, such as fees for issuers to support General Meeting processing and disclosure of shareholders' identification, and fees for CDCC members for electronic voting (HRK 250,00+VAT), and shareholders' identification disclosure response (HRK 100,00 fixed amount per subjected disclosed ISIN and HRK 10,00 per each beneficial owner shareholder disclosed).

New CDCC's Operational Procedures and Pricelist approved by HANFA need to be added into the request to submit the CSDR licence. For that purpose, HANFA has granted on 9 March 2021 additional 30 days period for CDCC to align all internal procedures which are to be delivered to HANFA within the CSDR licencing procedure.

For any additional questions and clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact us at securitiesservicesnetwork@otpbanka.hr

Impact: If SKDD is engaged by the issuer in the process of shareholders' identification disclosure, the information is to be sent back to the CDCC down the intermediary chain.

Required actions: -

Application date: 1 April 2021

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