

**BLOOMBERG TRADING FACILITY BV**  
**BTFE RULEBOOK**

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## CHAPTER 1. GENERAL

### RULE 101. The Rules

(a) The Rules set out the terms and conditions of each Participant's and Authorised Trader's access to, and use of, BTFE and have been established to facilitate fair and orderly trading on BTFE.

(b) The Rules supplement and form part of the Participant Documentation in respect of access to, and use of, BTFE. In the event of any conflict between the Rules and any of the Participant Documentation, or any other agreement that references, is incorporated into, or that otherwise applies to a Person's access to, or use of, BTFE, the Rules shall prevail.

### RULE 102. Definitions

When used in this BTFE Rulebook (the "**Rulebook**") the following terms shall have the respective meanings as follows:

"**Affiliate**" means, with respect to any Person, any Person who, directly or indirectly, Controls, is controlled by, or is under common Control with, such other Person.

"**AFM**" means the Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets, and any successor or replacement.

"**Agent**" means a Person acting as agent on behalf of another Person to send RFQs, Firm Quotes and Orders, enter into Trades on or otherwise use BTFE.

"**AIOI**" means a firm offer to buy or sell or enter into an Instrument.

"**Algorithmic Trade**" means a Trade arising from Algorithmic Trading.

"**Algorithmic Trading**" has the meaning assigned to it in Article 4(1)(39) of MiFID.

"**Applicable Law**" means, with respect to any Person, any applicable law, statute, regulation or directive, including the laws of any jurisdiction applicable to an RFQ, response to an RFQ, AIOI or Trade and to any use or attempted use of BTFE, any rule, requirement, order, notice or guideline of any Regulatory Authority, market rules and judgments, orders and rulings of any governmental authority or self-regulatory organisation, authority, agency, court or body, applicable to such Person, including the FSA and Data Protection and Privacy Laws and laws with respect to recording messages of Participant employees and officers.

"**Applicant**" means a Person applying to become a Participant.

"**Approved Intermediation Technology**" means an intermediation technology approved by BTF BV or by a BTF BV approved service provider.

**“Authorised Trader”** means any natural person designated by a Participant pursuant to Rule 205(a) who (i) has Trading Access to BTFE acting for and on behalf of a Participant and (ii) is assigned a valid Trader ID.

**“BTF BV”** means Bloomberg Trading Facility B.V., a Netherlands investment firm authorised and regulated by the AFM, with permission to operate an MTF.

**“BTFE”** means the multilateral trading facility (as defined in Article 4(1)(22) of MiFID) operated by BTF BV, and in respect of which BTF BV is authorised and regulated by the AFM.

**“BTFE Market”** means the functionality upon which Instruments are available for trading on BTFE as set forth in a **“BTFE Market Annex,”** in each case forming part of this Rulebook.

**“Business Day”** means a day on which BTFE is open for trading.

**“Cleared Instrument”** means a Derivative Instrument that both Participants involved in a proposed Trade intend to submit to a Clearing House for clearing.

**“Clearing House”** means a central clearing counterparty for Derivative Instrument trades that provides clearing services with respect to Instruments traded on BTFE.

**“Clearing Member”** means a member of a Clearing House that is authorised to clear Trades in Instruments for a Participant or its Principal.

**“Confirmation”** has the meaning given in Rule 303.

**“Control”** means the possession, direct or indirect, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a Person, whether through the ownership of securities, by Instrument, or otherwise. The terms “controlling” or “controlled” shall have meanings correlative to the foregoing.

**“Counterparty”** means a Person that is legally responsible for performance of contractual obligations in connection with the Trade.

**“CSDR”** means Regulation No 909/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 July 2014 on improving securities settlement in the European Union and on central securities depositories.

**“Data Protection and Privacy Laws”** means applicable data protection laws relating to the processing, privacy, use and transfer of personal data, as applicable to BTFE, including without limitation (a) in member states of the European Union, the EU Regulation 2016/679 (“GDPR”), the Privacy and Electronic Communications (EC Directive) Regulations 2003, SI 2003/2426 (“PECR”), and all relevant member state laws or regulations giving effect to the GDPR and PECR, and any laws or regulations implementing Directive 2002/58/EC (ePrivacy Directive); and (b) in the United Kingdom, the GDPR and PECR and any equivalent, replacement or similar laws or

regulations implemented in the United Kingdom, whether in light of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union or otherwise.

“**Derivative**” has the meaning assigned to it in Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 on OTC derivatives, central counterparties and trade repositories (EMIR).

“**DNB**” means De Nederlandsche Bank.

“**EEA**” means the European Economic Area.

“**Eligibility Criteria**” means the criteria set forth in Rule 202.

“**Emergency**” means any occurrence or circumstance that, in the opinion of the BTF BV Management Board, or a Person duly authorised to issue such an opinion on behalf of the BTF BV Management Board, requires immediate action and threatens or may threaten the fair and orderly trading in any Instrument, the liquidation or delivery of any Instrument or the timely collection and payment of funds in connection with clearing and settlement, including: (a) any circumstances which may materially affect the performance of Instruments, including failure of the payment system or the bankruptcy or insolvency of any Participant; (b) any action taken by any Regulatory Authority, or any other market or facility which may have a direct impact on trading or clearing and settlement; (c) at the request of the AFM; and (d) any other circumstance which may have a severe, adverse effect upon the functioning of BTFE.

“**FCM**” means a futures commission merchant registered with the U.S. CFTC.

“**Force Majeure**” means circumstances that BTF BV determines, in its sole discretion, may have an adverse effect upon the functions and facilities of BTFE, including but not limited to, acts of God, fire or other natural disasters, bomb threats, acts of terrorism or war or severely inclement weather.

“**FSA**” means the Netherlands Financial Supervision Act (*wet op het financieel toezicht*), as amended or replaced from time to time.

“**Insolvency**” means, in respect of a Participant: (i) that an order is made by a court of competent jurisdiction, or a resolution is passed, for the liquidation, bankruptcy or administration of the Participant or a notice of appointment of a bankruptcy trustee or administrator of the Participant is filed with a court of competent jurisdiction; (ii) the appointment of a manager, receiver, administrative receiver, administrator, liquidator, trustee or other similar officer of the Participant or in respect of it or all or any part of its assets; (iii) the Participant convenes a meeting of its creditors for the purpose of considering a proposal for a composition in satisfaction of the Participant’s debts or a scheme of arrangement or analogous proceeding; (iv) the Participant makes or proposes any arrangement, reorganisation or composition with, or any assignment for the benefit of, its creditors generally (otherwise than in the course of a reorganisation or restructuring previously approved in writing by BTF BV); (v) the Participant is unable to pay its debts as they become due or admits in writing its inability to pay its debts as they are due or is insolvent; (vi) a petition is presented for the winding up of the Participant, provided that where the petition is presented by a person other than the Participant, Insolvency shall not be deemed to have occurred

due to the filing of a winding-up petition which is discharged, stayed or dismissed within 30 days of commencement; (vii) an attachment before judgment or execution is levied over all or any part of the Participant's property; (viii) a moratorium is agreed, declared or otherwise obtained in respect of or affecting all or any material part of the Participant's indebtedness; (ix) the Participant is subject to the exercise of any stabilisation powers, emergency regulations, resolution measures, intervention measures or equivalent proceedings under any applicable law; or (x) any action occurs in respect of the Participant in any jurisdiction which is analogous to any of those set out in subparagraphs (i) through (ix).

**“Instrument”** means a financial instrument made available by BTF BV for trading on BTFE.

**“LEI”** means a legal entity identifier.

**“Market Abuse”** means any behaviour which constitutes market abuse (as defined in Regulation (EU) No 596/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on market abuse), insider dealing, market manipulation or any similar or analogous behaviour prohibited by Applicable Law.

**“MiFID”** means Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on markets in financial instruments and amending Council Directives 2002/92/EC and 2011/61/EU (recast), as amended, substituted or replaced from time to time.

**“MiFIR”** means Regulation (EU) 600/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on markets in financial instruments and amending Regulation (EU) 648/2012, as amended, substituted or replaced from time to time.

**“MTF”** means a multilateral trading facility (as defined in Article 4(1)(22) of MiFID).

**“MTF Data”** has the meaning set given Rule 403(a).

**“News”** means news disseminated through the Bloomberg Terminal's News function, via the sources "Bloomberg and Editorially Suggested". A Participant that wishes BTF BV to consider (using BTF BV's sole discretion) news in connection with a particular Trade is responsible for identifying such news and providing to BTF BV all relevant information (including any necessary right of use) as determined required by BTF BV, for the purposes of Rule 307(k). Any alternative news source may be considered by BTF BV if deemed as reliable and its publication designed to provide broad, non-exclusionary distribution of information to the public (in the sole opinion of BTF BV).

**“Original Trade”** has the meaning given in Rule 307(f).

**“Package Order”** means an AIOI priced as a single unit: (a) for the purpose of executing an exchange for physical; or (b) in two or more Instruments for the purpose of executing a Package Transaction.

**“Package Transaction”** means: (a) an exchange for physical; or (b) a transaction involving the execution of two or more component transactions in financial instruments and which fulfils all of the following criteria:

- (i) the transaction is executed between two or more counterparties;

- (ii) each component of the transaction bears meaningful economic or financial risk related to all the other components;
- (iii) the execution of each component is simultaneous and contingent upon the execution of all the other components.

**“Participant”** means any Person that has signed the Participant Documentation and has been granted, and continues to have, Trading Privileges in accordance with the Rules.

**“Participant Documentation”** means the agreements and other documents (together with any applicable schedules, exhibits or appendices thereto required by BTF BV) in form and substance acceptable to BTF BV, that are required to be executed and delivered to BTF BV before a Person may access BTFE as a Participant, including the Bloomberg Trading Facility B.V. MTF Participant Agreement and any information required by BTF BV to be provided to BTF BV electronically via a BTFE screen.

**“Permitted Amendment”** has the meaning given in Rule 307(f).

**“Person”** means a natural person or an entity.

**“Principal”** means a Counterparty (whether or not disclosed to BTF BV) on behalf or in the name of which an Agent sends RFQs, places AIOI, enters into Trades on or otherwise uses BTFE.

**“Professional Client”** means a professional investor as defined in article 1:1 FSA.

**“Prohibited Trading Practice”** means an activity described in Rule 304(a).

**“Process Negotiated Trade”** has the meaning given in Rule 302(b).

**“Regulatory Authority”** means the AFM, DNB, European Securities and Markets Authority, any authority designated by a member state of the European Union in accordance with Article 67 of MiFID and any other relevant regulatory or competent authority, government (or political subdivision), agency, court, commission or entity (whether governmental or non-governmental) having jurisdiction over BTF BV or the trading of, or Persons engaged in the trading of, Instruments available for trading on BTFE.

**“Request for Quote”** or **“RFQ”** means an electronic message sent by a Participant for the purposes of soliciting quotes for an Instrument for such Participant.

**“RTS 1”** means Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/587 of 14 July 2016 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council on markets in financial instruments with regard to regulatory technical standards on transparency requirements for trading venues and investment firms in respect of shares, depositary receipts, exchange-traded funds, certificates and other similar financial instruments and on transaction execution obligations in respect of certain shares on a trading venue or by a systematic internaliser.

**“RTS 2”** means Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/583 of 14 July 2016 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council on markets in financial instruments with regard to regulatory technical standards on transparency requirements for trading venues and investment firms in respect of bonds, structured finance products, emission

allowances and derivatives.

“**RTS 6**” means Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/589 of 19 July 2016 supplementing Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to regulatory technical standards specifying the organisational requirements of investment firms engaged in algorithmic trading.

“**RTS 25**” means Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/574 of 7 June 2016 supplementing Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to regulatory technical standards for the level of accuracy of business clocks.

“**Rules**” means, with respect to any Person, the rules of such Person and the interpretations, resolutions, orders, directives and procedures of the Person thereunder as in effect from time to time, and if no Person is specified, means the rules of BTFE set out in this Rulebook and the interpretations, resolutions, orders and directives and procedures of BTFE thereunder as in effect from time to time.

“**Securities Financing Transaction**” or “**SFT**” has the meaning assigned to it in Regulation (EU) 2015/2365 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 on transparency of securities financing transactions and of reuse and amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012.

“**Service Provider**” in relation to a Participant means any person through whom that Participant accesses BTFE or to whom that Participant delegates or outsources any activities in connection with its use of BTFE.

“**Swap**” means an Instrument defined as “swap” in Section 1a of the U.S. CEA that is a Cleared Instrument.

“**Terms Incorporated by Reference**” has the meaning given in Rule 303(b).

“**Trade**” means any purchase or sale of an Instrument or entering into an Instrument on BTFE.

“**Trade Communication**” has the meaning given in Rule 303(b).

“**Trader ID**” means a unique identifier issued to each Authorised Trader which enables BTF BV to identify the individual entering RFQs, responses to RFQs and AIOI into or otherwise using BTFE for and on behalf of a Participant.

“**Trading Access**” means the right granted to an Authorised Trader to send RFQs, send responses to RFQ, post AIOIs and enter into Trades on or otherwise use BTFE.

“**Trading Account**” means, with respect to each Participant, each account established and maintained by such Participant at BTF BV through which the Participant will trade Instruments and, as applicable, each account through which the Participant will present a cleared Derivative Instrument for clearing to a Clearing House.

“**Trading Arrangement**” means an underlying previously negotiated freestanding agreement(s) that governs the performance and settlement of an Instrument and applicable credit support and default provisions, including, without limitation, ISDA master agreements, other master agreements, terms supplements and master confirmation agreements incorporating industry

definitions.

“**Trading Privileges**” means the right granted to a Participant to use BTFE.

“**Trading Venue**” means any regulated organised trading platform or system, but shall not include any bilateral system on which a single Person enters into each trade for its own account.

“**Transferable Securities**” has the meaning given in MiFID.

“**U.S. CEA**” means U.S. Commodity Exchange Act

“**UTC**” means Coordinated Universal Time.

“**Website**” means the website of BTF BV at <https://www.bloombergmtfe.com>

“**Written**” or “**Writing**” means printing, lithography, photography, and other modes of representing or reproducing words or data in a visible form, including electronic transmissions.

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The following rules of construction shall apply to the Rules:

- (i) the headings are for convenience only and do not affect the construction of the Rules;
- (ii) all references to time are to local time in Amsterdam, the Netherlands except where expressly provided otherwise;
- (iii) words denoting a singular number include the plural number where the context permits and vice versa;
- (iv) where the context permits or requires, any pronoun shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine and neuter forms;
- (v) forms of the word “include” mean that the inclusion is not limited to the items listed;
- (vi) “or” is disjunctive but not exclusive; and
- (vii) references to statutory provisions include those provisions and any rules or regulations promulgated thereunder, each as amended, updated or replaced from time to time.

## **CHAPTER 2. PARTICIPANTS**

### **RULE 201. Application Procedure**

- (a) Applicants may apply to become Participants by submitting executed Participant Documentation, in the form and manner required by BTF BV.

- (b) The admission of an Applicant to Participant status shall be subject to:
- (i) passing required relevant customer due diligence checks, sanctions and anti-money laundering checks, including providing such additional information as BTF BV may require; and
  - (ii) satisfaction of the Eligibility Criteria.
- (c) BTF BV may reject an Applicant in its sole discretion if it does not satisfy the requirements in paragraph (b) or if BTF BV considers that accepting the Applicant as a Participant may prevent BTF BV's complying with Applicable Law.

**RULE 202. Eligibility**

- (a) Participation in BTFE is open to Applicants that satisfy the Eligibility Criteria set forth in this Rule 202 and which in each case:
- (i) provide to BTF BV the Participant Documentation duly completed and executed; and
  - (ii) meet the technical specifications and standards required by BTF BV from time to time and available on request from BTF BV.
- (b) Natural persons, or persons when acting in the capacity of an independent software provider, Trading Venue or unregulated trading platform or system, are not eligible for admission as a Participant.
- (c) An Applicant must satisfy and, if admitted as a Participant, continue to satisfy the following criteria:
- (i) be categorised by BTF BV as a Professional Client; and
  - (ii) be (A) authorised as an EEA credit institution or EEA investment firm; or (B) a Person that has satisfied and will continue to satisfy BTF BV's criteria of being fit and proper to become a Participant, that it is of sufficient good repute, that has a sufficient level of trading ability, competence and experience, that has adequate organisational arrangements in place and that it has sufficient resources for the role(s) it intends to perform on the market.
- (d) Each Applicant represents and warrants that it satisfies the following criteria:
- (i) it complies, and will ensure that its Authorised Traders comply, and, in each case, will continue to comply, with the Rules and Applicable Law;
  - (ii) it has the legal capacity to trade in the Instruments it selects to trade on BTFE;

- (iii) it, or its Principal, has appropriate systems and arrangements for the orderly clearing and/or settlement, as applicable, of transactions in all Instruments it selects to trade on BTFE;
  - (iv) it has all registrations, authorisations, approvals and/or consents required by Applicable Law in connection with trading in Instruments on BTFE;
  - (v) it, and any Principal other than a natural person for which it will trade on BTFE, has and shall maintain a valid LEI compliant with the ISO 17442 standard and included in the Global LEI database maintained by the Central Operating Unit appointed by the LEI Regulatory Oversight Committee; and
  - (vi) it has adequate experience, knowledge and competence to transact in Instruments.
- (e) Each Applicant must satisfy such other criteria as are specified by BTF BV from time to time.
- (f) With respect to Cleared Instruments, each Participant and any Principal must either be a Clearing Member of a Clearing House where the Cleared Instruments are cleared or have a clearing account with a Clearing Member with respect to such Cleared Instruments and must provide BTF BV with evidence of that relationship.
- (g) Each Participant must establish a Trading Account. In addition to all information required by BTF BV, information in each Trading Account for a cleared Derivative Instrument shall at minimum be sufficient to allow BTF BV to present a cleared Derivative Trade for clearing to a Clearing House, if applicable. A Participant must keep such information current and up-to-date.

### **RULE 203. Continuing Obligations of Participants**

- (a) Each Participant must at all times:
- (i) continue to comply with the Eligibility Criteria;
  - (ii) accept responsibility for all RFQs, responses to RFQs, AIOIs, Trades and other actions taken by it and its Authorised Traders;
  - (iii) have appropriate internal systems and controls to ensure that it trades in an orderly manner, to prevent erroneous Trades and to ensure ongoing compliance with, and prevent breaches of, Applicable Law and these Rules;
  - (iv) ensure that its use of any Service Provider complies with the Rules; and
  - (v) pay all applicable fees at the rates and within the time specified by BTF BV in its fee schedule.

- (b) Each Participant must comply with all requirements set forth in each applicable BTFE Market Annex.
- (c) Each Participant must undertake such conformance testing relating to BTFE system changes as may be specified by BTF BV, and in the manner and in the time specified by BTF BV.
- (d) Each Participant must provide BTF BV with the information necessary for BTF BV to establish Trading Accounts as instructed by BTF BV from time to time and in a form specified by BTF BV, and keep such information up-to-date at all times.
- (e) The Trading Privileges granted to a Participant or the Trading Access granted to an Authorised Trader pursuant to the Rules may not be transferred, assigned, sold or leased.
- (f) Each Participant must obtain, maintain and provide to BTF BV in the time and manner specified by BTF BV such information as may be necessary to enable BTF BV to operate BTFE in accordance with Applicable Law, including, where applicable, any information necessary to enable BTF BV to file a compliant transaction report, with respect to any Trade, to the AFM in accordance with Article 26 MiFIR. Such information shall include, without limitation, whether or not the Participant is itself required to transaction report in accordance with MiFIR. Each Participant shall at all times ensure that the information provided is full, accurate and kept up-to-date. Where a Participant is required to provide underlying client details, this information must be provided by noon (Amsterdam time) on the business day following the day of Trade execution.
- (g) A Participant shall be responsible for acts or omissions of any Person that the Participant uses to access BTFE or to which a Participant outsources or delegates any activity during the course of accessing BTFE.

**RULE 204. Information**

- (a) Subject to Rule 204(c), BTF BV may require a Participant to disclose information or produce documents in its possession, custody or control, whether located on Participant's system or premises or on a system or premises of a third party, in each case relevant to its activity on BTFE, for the purposes of determining compliance with these Rules, or in response to a legal obligation or request by a Regulatory Authority.
- (b) Participant shall provide all reasonable assistance to BTF BV regarding a possible breach of these Rules. Subject to Rule 204(c), such assistance may include providing access to information and individuals reasonably within the control of the Participant with such reasonable advance notice by BTF BV as is practicable under the circumstances.
- (c) Nothing in this Rulebook shall oblige a Participant to provide information or documents to BTF BV: (i) that reveal the identity of a Participant's clients for which the Participant is not acting as an agent on BTFE; (ii) that is confidential to a third party and disclosure by a Participant of that information or documents would result in Participant's breach of an existing obligation of confidentiality to such third party; (iii) that is the subject of Participant's attorney-client privilege or attorney work product privilege (or any

equivalent protection under Applicable Law); or (iv) where it would be contrary to the Applicable Law to do so; unless such information is required by BTF BV to meet its obligations under Applicable Law or the relevant Regulatory Authority instructs BTF BV that such information must be obtained by BTF BV and/or submitted to the Regulatory Authority by BTF BV. To the extent the information in the forgoing sentence is required to be disclosed to a relevant Regulatory Authority in accordance with the Applicable Law and BTF BV is not obliged to make such disclosure, Participant will disclose such information directly to the relevant Regulatory Authority in response to that relevant Regulatory Authority's request rather than disclosing to BTF BV. Where a Participant is not obliged, pursuant to this Rule 204(c), to submit to BTF BV information requested by BTF BV, the Participant shall provide to BTF BV as soon as possible a written explanation of the reasons why it cannot satisfy the request and a list of alternative documentation that would satisfy the request.

**RULE 205. Authorised Traders**

- (a) Each Participant shall designate one or more individuals as Authorised Traders.
- (b) Each Participant shall ensure that each of their Authorised Traders:
  - (i) is a natural person;
  - (ii) satisfies any other requirements as may be prescribed by BTF BV from time to time; and
  - (iii) has a Trader ID.
- (c) Each Participant shall ensure on an ongoing basis that each of its Authorised Traders:
  - (i) is sufficiently trained and adequately supervised in accordance with any applicable requirements of the relevant Regulatory Authority and maintains any approvals required by and is duly authorised under Applicable Law to trade on BTFE;
  - (ii) is technically proficient and holds appropriate qualifications; and
  - (iii) conducts its business in accordance with the Rules.
- (d) To designate an Authorised Trader, a Participant must follow the procedures established by BTF BV.

**RULE 206. Trader IDs**

- (a) BTF BV shall issue each Authorised Trader a Trader ID.
- (b) Each RFQ, response to an RFQ, or AIOI entered into BTFE by an Authorised Trader must contain such Authorised Trader's Trader ID.

- (c) Each Participant must ensure that use of any Trader ID is limited to its Authorised Traders and shall adopt, implement and enforce access control procedures that limit access to BTFE to its Authorised Traders.
- (d) No Person may use a Trader ID to send an RFQ, respond to an RFQ or submit an AIOI except as permitted by these Rules, nor may any Person knowingly permit or assist the unauthorised use of a Trader ID.
- (e) Each Participant shall ensure the accuracy of the registration information of its Authorised Traders at all times.
- (f) Each Participant shall notify BTF BV promptly upon becoming aware of:
  - (i) any unauthorised disclosure or use of any Trader ID assigned to it or any of its Authorised Traders; and
  - (ii) any unauthorised access to BTFE by any Person using a Trader ID assigned to its Authorised Traders.
- (g) Each Participant shall be bound by any actions taken through the use of a Trader ID assigned to its Authorised Traders, including the submission of RFQs, responses to RFQs, or AIOIs and resulting Trades, whether or not such actions were taken or authorised by such Participant or Authorised Trader, as the case may be.
- (h) Each Participant must ensure that it makes and retains records sufficient to enable it to provide to BTF BV the full audit trail of each Trade, including all deal tickets and telephone records, indications of interest, and names of Authorised Traders that placed each indication of interest, RFQ, response to an RFQ, or AIOI.

#### **RULE 207. Required Disclosures of Participants**

Except to the extent prohibited by Applicable Law, each Participant shall promptly notify BTF BV upon becoming aware of any of the following events:

- (a) such Participant or any of its Authorised Traders has breached or is otherwise unable to comply with the Rules;
- (b) any material change to any information previously provided to BTF BV, including information in the Participant Documentation, any change to the LEI of the Participant or any of its Principals and information relating to Chapter 2 of the Rules;
- (c) any damage to, or failure or inadequacy of, the systems, facilities or equipment of the Participant to effect Trades pursuant to the Rules or to perform in a timely manner the Participant's financial obligations under or in connection with any Trades of such Participant;
- (d) any revocation, suspension or conditioning of any registration or license of a Participant necessary to trade on BTFE granted by any relevant Regulatory Authority;

- (e) any conviction of or civil law judgement against the Participant for any offence involving fraud, dishonesty, misleading statements or misleading impressions or Market Abuse;
- (f) the commencement of enforcement or other proceedings whether before any court or tribunal by any Regulatory Authority to the extent that such action or proceedings could impair, restrict or prevent the Participant's complying with the Rules except to the extent that such notification or disclosure is prohibited by Applicable Law or any relevant Regulatory Authority;
- (g) any investigation by a Regulatory Authority relating to use of BTFE of which BTFE would reasonably be expected to be notified except to the extent that such notification or disclosure is prohibited by Applicable Law or any relevant Regulatory Authority;
- (h) suspension from trading or termination of access to, or trading privileges on, any Trading Venue regulated by a regulatory authority designated by a member state of the European Union in accordance with Article 67 of MiFID where such suspension or termination was a result of a breach of a rule of the Trading Venue by a Participant; or
- (i) the occurrence of an event of Insolvency with respect to the Participant or the 10% owner or greater owner of the Participant.

Notifications are to be made directly to [MTFCOMP@bloomberg.net](mailto:MTFCOMP@bloomberg.net).

**RULE 208. Suspension or Termination**

- (a) BTF BV may, in its sole discretion, issue a Written warning, suspend, impose conditions on or terminate a Participant's or Authorised Trader's ability to access BTFE in the following circumstances:
  - (i) such Participant and/or any of its Authorised Traders are in breach of the Rules, Applicable Law or the Participant Agreement or fail to meet Rule 201(b)(i) admission criteria on a continuous basis;
  - (ii) such Participant has failed to pay any amounts due to BTF BV within 30 calendar days of the date of the applicable invoice;
  - (iii) such Participant does not meet the Eligibility Criteria;
  - (iv) in the event of an Emergency or Force Majeure;
  - (v) the Participant does not enter into Trades on BTFE for a period of one year or longer;
  - (vi) any event listed in Rule 207(c), (d), (e), (f), (h) or (i) has occurred;
  - (vii) at the request of a relevant Clearing Member, Clearing House, where provided for in the Rules of the Clearing House, or Regulatory Authority; or

- (viii) such action is, in BTF BV's reasonable opinion, necessary to preserve the security or integrity of BTFE, to ensure orderly market conditions and/or to protect Participants or ensure compliance with Applicable Law.
- (b) A Participant may cease to be a Participant by terminating the Participant Documentation in accordance with its relevant terms or otherwise by providing notice to BTF BV in accordance with such procedures as may be established by BTF BV for such purpose.
- (c) To request the termination or suspension of an Authorised Trader, the Participant must notify BTF BV following the procedures established by BTF BV. BTF BV will terminate access of such Authorised Trader to BTFE promptly upon receipt of such notice from the Participant. From the time when an Authorised Trader's suspension or termination on BTFE is effective, BTF BV will disable access of such Authorised Trader to BTFE.
- (d) From the time when a Participant's suspension, termination or withdrawal is effective:
  - (i) all rights and Trading Privileges of such former Participant and all Trading Access granted to its Authorised Traders shall be suspended or terminated, as applicable;
  - (ii) the former Participant must immediately withdraw all RFQs, responses to RFQs, AIOIs and/or quotes submitted by such former Participant and its Authorised Traders, failing which BTF BV shall promptly cancel such RFQs, responses to RFQs, AIOIs and/or quotes;
  - (iii) such former Participant shall remain liable for:
    - (A) any contractual obligations relating to any Trades entered into by such former Participant and its Authorised Traders prior to such suspension, termination or withdrawal;
    - (B) the payment of any fees, costs, or charges incurred prior to such suspension, termination or withdrawal;
    - (C) its and its Authorised Traders' acts done and omissions made during its tenure as a Participant; and
  - (iv) such former Participant must comply with any reasonable requests for information from BTF BV in relation to its tenure as a Participant.
- (e) BTF BV will notify a Participant of a decision to take any action under this Rule 208 unless it is prohibited from doing so by Applicable Law.

### **RULE 209. Algorithmic Trading**

(a) Each Participant engaging in Algorithmic Trading on BTFE shall (in such manner as may be specified by BTF BV to Participants from time to time) flag each RFQ or Algorithmic Trading AIOI in such a way as to enable BTF BV to be able to identify:

- (i) the algorithm used for the creation of an AIOI; and
- (ii) the person(s) responsible for the algorithm.

(b) Each Participant engaging in Algorithmic Trading on BTFE shall meet, and continue to meet, to the satisfaction of BTF BV the relevant standards set out in Chapter II (“Resilience of Trading Systems”) of RTS 6 and any other requirements specified by BTF BV in relation to that Participant's use of Algorithmic Trading including in particular, if required by BTF BV, conformance testing prior to any substantial change to or the introduction of a new Participant trading system, trading algorithm or trading strategy.

### **RULE 210. Clock Synchronisation**

Each Participant shall synchronise the business clocks it uses to record the date and time of any RFQ, response to RFQ, AIOI or Trade (being a “reportable event” under MiFID) according to the standards set out in RTS 25.

## **CHAPTER 3. TRADING**

### **RULE 301. BTFE Instruments and Eligibility**

(a) BTF BV shall determine the Instruments eligible for trading on each BTFE Market and shall set out the Instrument eligibility criteria in the relevant BTFE Market Annex. BTF BV may amend the Instrument eligibility criteria at its sole discretion and at any time.

(b) A Participant may at any time identify whether an Instrument is eligible for trading on a BTFE Market by using functionalities provided by BTF BV.

(c) A Package Order may only be placed for the purpose of executing a Package Transaction.

### **RULE 302. Methods of Execution on BTFE Markets**

(a) Methods of execution for each BTFE Market are set forth in the corresponding BTFE Market Annex. BTFE may impose limits on the operation of each BTFE Market as set out in each BTFE Market Annex and/or by notice to Participants.

Where BTFE makes the functionality available, Participants may arrange outside a trading venue a potential Trade between themselves and submit it to BTFE for execution pursuant to the Rules of BTFE (a “Process Negotiated Trade”), provided that, for equity Instruments, the Process Negotiated Trade is not subject to pre-trade transparency obligations by virtue of BTFE applying the large in scale waiver (Article 4(1)(c) of MiFIR).

The terms of a Process Negotiated Trade must be submitted to BTFE in a manner

prescribed from time to time by BTFE as soon as technologically practicable, but in any event within 15 minutes of the Process Trade's being arranged. A Process Negotiated Trade will not be deemed to become a Trade on BTFE until concluded by BTFE.

### **RULE 303. Confirmations**

(a) BTF BV shall promptly, following execution of a Trade, provide each Participant or its Agent that is involved in such Trade with a Written record of the Trade (the “**Confirmation**”). Subject to the Rules, and any other agreement between the counterparties to such Trade, the Confirmation shall be conclusive evidence of those counterparties having entered into a valid, legally binding contract.

(b) A Confirmation shall consist of the Trade Communication and, if applicable, the Terms Incorporated by Reference. In the event of any conflict between (x) the Trade Communication and (y) the Terms Incorporated by Reference, the Trade Communication shall prevail to the extent of any inconsistency and the Trade Communication will state the same.

“**Trade Communication**” shall mean a Written communication provided by BTF BV to each Participant involved in a Trade containing the economic terms of the Trade agreed by the Participants on BTFE.

“**Terms Incorporated by Reference**” shall mean the Trading Arrangements governing the Trade memorialised in the Trade Communication.

(c) A Participant or its Agent must notify BTF BV as soon as possible upon receipt if it is not in agreement with any details of the Confirmation.

### **RULE 304. Prohibited Trading Practices**

(a) It shall be a violation of the Rules for a Participant or any of its Authorised Traders to engage, directly or indirectly, in any of the following activities:

- (i) any act or omission that would constitute fraud;
- (ii) making any fraudulent or misleading communication in relation to one or more Instruments or BTFE Markets;
- (iii) breaching or causing BTFE or BTF BV to be in breach of any Applicable Law;
- (iv) any action or omission resulting in disorderly trading conditions, the disruption of fair and orderly trading or system functionality;
- (v) engaging in any action for the purpose of employing a “high-frequency algorithmic trading technique” as defined in Article 4(1)(40) of MIFID;
- (vi) entering any RFQ, response to RFQ, AIOI or any message into BTFE for the purposes of testing or workflow validation;

- (vii) engaging in any action which is likely to damage the fairness, stability or integrity of BTFE or to bring BTFE or BTF BV into disrepute; or
- (viii) any act or omission that would constitute Market Abuse.

(b) No Participant or Authorised Trader shall make any knowing misstatement of material fact to BTF BV or any of BTF BV's directors, officers, employees or agents.

**RULE 305. Market Surveillance**

(a) BTF BV shall monitor compliance with the Rules and shall have procedures and arrangements to identify disorderly trading conditions and any conduct that may be in violation of these Rules. In determining whether conduct or a Trade breaches these Rules, BTF BV may utilise such information and consult with any relevant parties that it deems appropriate.

(b) BTF BV may take such actions as permitted by these Rules to facilitate fair and orderly trading on BTFE.

**RULE 306. BTFE Risk Controls**

(a) BTF BV may at any time suspend, postpone or extend trading on BTFE as a whole, or in respect of one or more Instruments or BTFE Markets, where BTF BV reasonably considers such action necessary:

- (i) to maintain the stability or integrity of BTFE;
- (ii) to ensure fair and orderly trading;
- (iii) to avoid violation of Applicable Law;
- (iv) to prevent erroneous execution of Trades; and/or
- (v) as otherwise required by Applicable Law or pursuant to an order or request of a Regulatory Authority or court of competent jurisdiction.

(b) If trading in an Instrument or on a BTFE Market is suspended in whole or in part pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Rule 306, no new AIOIs or RFQs may be submitted to the relevant BTFE Market in respect of such Instrument or BTFE Market for the duration of the suspension and all unfilled and outstanding AIOIs at the time of suspension shall be cancelled.

(c) BTF BV shall, to the extent practicable, promptly notify Participants of any decision to suspend, postpone or extend trading pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Rule 306.

(d) BTF BV may cancel an RFQ, response to RFQ or AIOI which is clearly erroneous, or is of a size or at a price that BTFE not unreasonably considers may damage the fairness, stability or integrity of a BTFE Market.

**RULE 307. Trade Cancellation and Amendment**

(a) BTF BV may cancel a Trade executed on BTFE if:

- (i) both affected Participants agree to cancel such Trade and provide to BTF BV consent to cancel in Writing; and
- (ii) the Trade was a result of clerical or operational error by one or both affected Participants.

(b) BTF BV may cancel a Trade executed on BTFE which is clearly erroneous, or is of a size or at a price that BTFE not unreasonably considers may damage the fairness, stability or integrity of a BTFE Market.

(c) BTF BV reserves the right to require the parties to cancel any Trade executed on BTFE if BTF BV not unreasonably considers that:

- (iii) the Trade was a result of a BTFE system error;
- (iv) the Trade appears to be Market Abuse or otherwise manipulative or indicative of system abuse or misuse;
- (v) the Trade appears to be deceptive or fraudulent;

- (vi) such cancellation is necessary to preserve the integrity of the market and maintain fair and orderly trading; or
- (vii) the Trade is contrary to Applicable Law.

(d) Each Participant acknowledges and agrees that if BTF BV determines that a Trade should be cancelled in accordance with this Rule 307, the affected Participants shall take such steps as may be necessary to effect such cancellation in accordance with normal market convention.

(e) A Trade can only be cancelled by BTF BV. Subject to (i) below, each Participant must notify BTF BV of any alleged error Trade as soon as possible but in no event later than the end of the Business Day following the execution of such alleged error Trade. Should a Participant wish to cancel a Trade, the Participant must submit a request to BTF BV that the Trade be cancelled and provide the grounds for such request.

(f) Subject to paragraph (b) of this Rule 307, a Trade may be amended if both Participants involved in the Trade agree and all requirements set forth in this paragraph are satisfied. Participants that intend to amend a Trade (the “**Original Trade**”) must obtain BTF BV’s consent to the amendment prior to amending the Trade. The Participants may amend any attribute of the Original Trade except: (i) an element of a description of the Instrument that is the subject of the Original Trade; (ii) an element of a description of a counterparty, other than the account allocations; or (iii) an element of a description of an Authorised Trader involved into the Original Trade (a “**Permitted Amendment**”). Any Permitted Amendment must be completed using the facilities of BTF BV and must be completed by the end of the Business Day following the date of the execution of the Original Trade. For the avoidance of doubt, BTF BV will permit amendments only if BTFE offers a protocol supporting an amendment.

(g) With respect to Cleared Instruments, if BTF BV is notified that the relevant Clearing House has not accepted a Trade, BTF BV shall void the Trade *ab initio* and notify each relevant Participant.

(h) Where a bond is traded ahead of its issuance date, any failure of the issuer to release the bond on the scheduled date will result in any Trades in such bond being cancelled by BTF BV *ab initio*. For avoidance of doubt, this Rule will only apply to Trades in bonds traded ahead of its issuance date and not to Trades in issued bonds.

(i) BTF BV may also cancel a Trade executed on BTFE by a Participant using an Approved Intermediation Technology if a system error or workflow failure has occurred in connection with the relevant Approved Intermediation Technology.

In the event a Trade using an Approved Intermediation Technology has failed to execute, or has been duly cancelled for any reason by BTF BV hereunder, then a corresponding offsetting Trade will be automatically cancelled.

By way of derogation to (e) above, in respect of a trade executed on BTFE using an Approved Intermediation Technology, each Participant must notify BTF BV of any alleged

error Trade as soon as possible, but (i) if the Participant believes a Trade meets the conditions under (b) above, within 30 minutes of the execution of such alleged error Trade, (ii) in all other circumstances no later than the end of the Business Day following the execution of such alleged error Trade. If BTF BV determines to cancel Trades executed using an Approved Intermediation Technology, it will notify all parties to such Trades promptly.

(j) For Trades in IRS/CDS Cleared Instruments, with respect to paragraphs (a) to (h) of this Rule 307, a cancel shall refer to an error-offset and an amend shall refer to an error-correction.

(k) BTF BV may cancel a Trade executed on BTFE by a Participant using an Approved Intermediation Technology if:

(i) as soon as possible but no later than within 30 minutes of execution, a Participant to such Trade requests in Writing that the Trade be cancelled on the basis that:

(a) News, affecting the price of the Instrument traded was published within 15 minutes prior to the Trade's execution; and

(b) the price at which the Trade was executed did not reflect the market impact of the News; and

(ii) BTF BV determines, in its sole discretion, that the circumstances in Rule 307(k)(i), as asserted by the requesting Participant, factually do apply.

The Participant requesting cancellation of the Trade must identify the relevant News in the cancellation request.

### **RULE 308. Execution, Clearing and Settlement**

(a) In respect of Cleared Instruments:

(i) BTF BV will submit each Trade in a Cleared Instrument to a Clearing House mutually selected by the Participants;

(ii) the relevant Clearing House's Rules will govern the clearing of such Trades in addition to the remaining provisions of this Rule 308;

(iii) each Participant shall, or shall cause its Principal to, comply with the Rules of the relevant Clearing House;

(iv) if BTF BV is notified that a Trade in a Cleared Instrument is not accepted by a Clearing house, such Trade shall be void *ab initio*;

(v) where the Rules of the relevant Clearing House conflict with this Rule 308, the Rules of the relevant Clearing House shall take precedence;

(vi) when a Swap Trade executed by a U.S. Person on BTFE is a "customer" position subject to U.S. CEA section 4d, the Trade must be cleared through an

FCM at a Clearing House registered with the CFTC;

- (vii) When a Swap Trade executed by a U.S. Person on BTFE is a “proprietary” position under CFTC Regulation 1.3(y), the Trade must be cleared either through a Clearing House registered with the CFTC or a clearing organization that has been exempted from registration as derivatives clearing organization by the CFTC pursuant to U.S. CEA section 5b(h) (an "Exempt DCO"); and
- (viii) When a Swap Trade is subject to the CFTC's clearing requirement under Part 50 of the CFTC's regulations, and is entered into by a Person that, pursuant to U.S. CEA section 2(h)(1), is subject to such clearing requirement the Trade must be cleared either through a Clearing House registered with the CFTC or an Exempt DCO; provided that if the Trade is a "customer" position subject to U.S. CEA section 4d, it must be cleared through an FCM at a Clearing House registered with the CFTC, and cannot be cleared through an Exempt DCO.

(b) With respect to each Instrument that is not a Cleared Instrument, each Participant or its Principal must have a Trading Arrangement with each other Participant with which the Participant intends to enter into Trades in such Instrument or with a Principal of such Participant.

(c) With respect to Trades in Instruments that are not Cleared Instruments, the settlement of all executed Trades shall take place directly between the Participants in accordance with the terms of the Trade and the Trading Arrangement applicable to the Trade.

(d) BTF BV may specify a default settlement date for certain Instruments in accordance with the CSDR. Participants may agree a different settlement date for a Trade to the extent permitted under the CSDR.

(e) If requested by BTF BV, a Participant shall provide promptly (and, in any event, by the end of the Business Day following the day on which a request is made by BTF BV) any details relating to settlement of a Trade.

(f) Except to the extent prohibited by Applicable Law, each Participant shall promptly notify BTF BV upon becoming aware of any inability by a Participant or any Principal for which it acts as Agent to clear or settle an Instrument in accordance with the Rules, Applicable Law or acceptable industry practice, such as a loss of access to a relevant settlement and/or clearing system.

### **RULE 309. Trade/Transaction Reporting**

(a) Each Participant shall be solely responsible for any trade reporting, transaction reporting or other reporting and/or filing requirements as may be imposed upon the Participant under Applicable Law in connection with the use of BTFE by such Participant.

(b) Where required in accordance with Article 26 MiFIR, BTF BV shall submit a transaction report for a Trade.

### **RULE 310. Taxation**

Each Participant shall be liable for the payment of any taxes, including stamp duty reserve tax, which may arise in connection with trading on BTFE by such Participant.

#### **RULE 311. Sponsored or Direct Market Access Restricted**

A Participant shall not permit or allow any third party to access BTFE using the Participant's Trading Privileges via any means, including via sponsored access or direct market access.

#### **RULE 312. CSDR Compliance**

A Participant that is subject to the CSDR shall ensure that (from such time as the CSDR comes into force in relation to such obligation):

a) Trades in Transferable Securities are recorded in book entry form on or before the intended settlement date; and

(a) where applicable it takes measures to limit the number of settlement failures, including making arrangements to: (i) ensure prompt allocation, or the communication by a Principal of an allocation, of Transferable Securities to the Trade; (ii) confirm that allocation; (iii) confirm the acceptance or rejection of terms in good time before the intended settlement date; (iv) settle Trades in Transferable Securities on the intended settlement date as required by the CSDR; and (v) comply with any buy-in obligation imposed under the CSDR or other Applicable Law.

### **CHAPTER 4. MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **RULE 401. Notices**

(a) Each Participant must provide BTF BV with its current electronic mail address and telephone number and the electronic mail address and telephone number of any Person who may use a Trader ID associated with such Participant. Each Participant must update the contact information described in this paragraph (a) whenever it changes no later than the end of the Business Day following the change.

(b) Communications from BTF BV to Participants may be transmitted by electronic mail, posted on the Website or made available in such other formats as may be required by Applicable Law.

(c) Subject to Rule 410(d), a notice from or by BTF BV posted on the Website shall take effect on the date stated in it. A Participant shall be bound by a notice even if, for any reason, the Participant did not receive it.

#### **RULE 402. Timely Publication of Information, Waivers and Deferrals**

(a) BTF BV shall publish such information relating to BTFE Markets and the Instruments available for trading on BTFE as required by Applicable Law.

(b) BTF BV shall not publish MTF Data relating to any AIOI which is subject to the transparency obligations under MiFIR and is eligible for the application of a waiver as set

forth in the applicable BTFE Market Annex. A waiver will apply automatically without prior request from a Participant.

(c) BTF BV shall not publish MTF Data relating to any Trade which is eligible for the application of a post-trade publication deferral as set forth in the applicable BTFE Market Annex until the applicable publication deferral period has expired. Such deferral of publication will apply automatically without prior request from a Participant.

(d) For the avoidance of doubt, a waiver or deferral from publication referred to in paragraphs (b) or (c) above shall only apply subject to AFM approval and where circumstances permit.

#### **RULE 403. Market Data**

(a) Subject to each Participant's rights in its own data (and the data of its Principal) as set forth in the Participant Documentation, BTF BV shall own all rights, title and interest, database rights and trade secret rights in and to all data and other information contained in, displayed on, generated by or derived from BTFE or Trades entered into pursuant to the Rules, including AIOIs, prices and volumes (“MTF Data”).

(b) Participants and Authorised Traders shall not, and shall cause their Affiliates, Principals, clients and customers not to, distribute, sell or retransmit MTF Data or other information obtained via BTFE, provided that any such restrictions shall not apply to Participant's own data (and the data of its Principals, clients or customers).

(c) BTF BV may at any time restrict or establish utilisation fees in respect of MTF Data and/or the format and presentation thereof with respect to Participants, Principals, clients and customers, provided that any such fees shall not apply to Participants' use of Participant's own data (and the data of its Principals, clients or customers).

(d) Subject to Rule 405, BTF BV may make MTF Data and other information it may deem appropriate available to Participants and other Persons at such times and in such manner (whether through BTFE, a ticker, financial information services or otherwise) as it may consider necessary or advisable (to enable BTF BV to comply with its obligations under Applicable Law or otherwise) from time to time. Each Participant or other Person receiving any such information through BTFE may redistribute such information only to such extent and in such manner as may be permitted by BTF BV from time to time.

(e) Waivers and deferrals described in the Market Annexes shall apply subject to AFM approval.

#### **RULE 404. BTF BV Compliance with Applicable Law; Cooperation with Regulatory Authorities**

(a) BTF BV will comply with all Applicable Law and any request of the AFM or other relevant Regulatory Authority.

(b) BTF BV may provide full assistance to, and will also supply any relevant information without delay to the AFM and, as required by Applicable Law, to any other Regulatory Authority, in connection with any investigation and prosecution of or enforcement action regarding any actual or suspected Prohibited Trading Practice

occurring on or through BTFE.

(c) BTF BV may report to the AFM, and to the extent that such reporting is required pursuant to Applicable Law to any other relevant Regulatory Authority, any breaches of the Rules, disorderly trading, system disruptions in relation to a financial instrument and/or Prohibited Trading Practices.

(d) BTF BV may disclose information and documents received from any Participant to any Regulatory Authority for any purpose including (without limitation) enabling any Regulatory Authority to commence or pursue any investigation or enquiry, or institute, continue or defend any proceedings.

(e) Each Participant shall provide full assistance to the AFM and any other Regulatory Authority, including providing information and documents directly to the AFM or such Regulatory Authority if such direct provision of information is permitted by AFM or such Regulatory Authority, in connection with: (i) any actual or suspected breach of Applicable Law; and/or (ii) any investigation or prosecution of or enforcement action regarding any actual or suspected Prohibited Trading Practice; in each case, to the extent related to such Participant's MTF activities.

#### **RULE 405. Confidentiality**

(a) All material non-public information provided by a Participant or Authorised Trader to BTF BV shall be held in confidence and shall not be made known to any other Person except as follows:

- (i) with the prior written consent of the Participant providing such information;
- (ii) to Bloomberg Trading Facility B.V. (“**BTF BV**”) if the Participant enters into an agreement with BTF BV under which BTF BV will provide MTF services to the Participant;
- (iii) to a Regulatory Authority if BTF BV is requested or legally required to do so by such Regulatory Authority;
- (iv) pursuant to a lawful discovery request;
- (v) to a Clearing House of which such Participant is a member or in connection with the clearing of a Participant's Trade cleared by such Clearing House;
- (vi) to other Participant(s) to facilitate Participant's trading on BTFE;
- (vii) subject to appropriate confidentiality requirements, to any Person providing services to BTF BV;
- (viii) subject to appropriate confidentiality requirements, to BTF BV employees, the management board, the supervisory board, board committees, attorneys, auditors, and agents, independent contractors or other Persons that have been engaged by BTF BV, in each case, who require such information in

- connection with the discharge of their duties to BTF BV; and
- (ix) as required under Applicable Law or otherwise permitted under these Rules.

(b) All information and data obtained or received by BTF BV from inspections of accounting and other records will be treated as confidential by BTF BV; however, this Rule does not supplant Rule 208 (Suspension or Termination), in case of Emergency or Force Majeure to the extent that it is necessary to transfer information or data to another duly appointed and, if applicable, duly authorised entity, or any other requirement of legal process or law.

Where a Participant provides to BTF BV personal information about its directors, officers, shareholders, employees, beneficial owners and related or associated parties (“Relevant Persons”) in order to facilitate the carrying out of customer due diligence, sanctions and anti-money laundering checks, the Participant: (i) confirms its compliance with Data Protection and Privacy Laws; (ii) warrants that it has all rights, consents, permissions and valid legal bases to disclose the personal information of Relevant Persons to BTF BV, and to allow BTF BV to process their information for the purposes described in Bloomberg’s KYC Program Privacy Notice available at <https://www.bloomberg.com/notices/kyc-program-privacy-notice> (“Privacy Notice”), including the sharing of personal information with other Bloomberg group entities and/or authorized partners, deemed necessary for the purposes described in the Privacy Notice; and (iii) undertakes to provide an up-to-date copy of the Privacy Notice to the Relevant Persons and maintain records that Participant has done so.

#### **RULE 406. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY, NO WARRANTIES**

(a) NONE OF BTF BV, ITS AFFILIATES OR ANY CONTRACTORS AND SUB-CONTRACTORS PROVIDING SERVICES RELATED TO BTF BV OR BTFE, NOR ANY OF THEIR RESPECTIVE SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS, DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, PARTNERS, CONSULTANTS OR LICENSORS (EACH, A “**DISCLAIMING PARTY**”) SHALL BE LIABLE TO ANY PERSON (INCLUDING ANY PARTICIPANT, AUTHORISED TRADER, PRINCIPAL, AGENT OR ANY MARKET PARTICIPANT THAT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY EFFECTS A TRANSACTION ON BTFE) FOR ANY LOSSES, DAMAGES, COSTS OR EXPENSES (INCLUDING LOSS OF PROFITS, LOSS OF USE, AND DIRECT, INDIRECT, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES), ARISING FROM:

(i) ANY FAILURE, MALFUNCTION, FAULT IN DELIVERY, DELAY, OMISSION, SUSPENSION, INACCURACY, INTERRUPTION, TERMINATION, OR ANY OTHER EVENT, IN CONNECTION WITH THE FURNISHING, PERFORMANCE, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, USE OF OR INABILITY TO USE ALL OR ANY PART OF ANY OF BTFE OR SERVICES OF THE DISCLAIMING PARTY, OR SERVICES, EQUIPMENT OR FACILITIES USED TO SUPPORT SUCH BTFE OR SERVICES, INCLUDING ELECTRONIC MESSAGE ENTRY/DELIVERY, TRADING THROUGH ANY ELECTRONIC MEANS, ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION OF MARKET DATA, MTF DATA OR INFORMATION, WORKSTATIONS USED BY PARTICIPANTS, AUTHORISED TRADERS, PRINCIPALS, OR AGENTS, PRICE REPORTING SYSTEMS AND ANY AND ALL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS,

SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE RELATING THERETO;

(ii) ANY FAILURE, MALFUNCTION, FAULT IN DELIVERY, DELAY, OMISSION, SUSPENSION, INACCURACY, INTERRUPTION OR TERMINATION, OR ANY OTHER EVENT, OF BTFE OR ANY SERVICES OF A DISCLAIMING PARTY, OR SERVICES, EQUIPMENT OR FACILITIES USED TO SUPPORT SUCH TRADING SYSTEMS OR SERVICES, CAUSED BY ANY THIRD PARTIES INCLUDING INDEPENDENT SOFTWARE VENDORS OR NETWORK PROVIDERS;

(iii) ANY ERRORS OR INACCURACIES IN INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE DISCLAIMING PARTY OR IN ANY OF THE DISCLAIMING PARTY'S SYSTEMS, SERVICES, EQUIPMENT OR FACILITIES;

(iv) ANY UNAUTHORISED ACCESS TO OR UNAUTHORISED USE OF ANY OF THE DISCLAIMING PARTY'S SYSTEMS, SERVICES, EQUIPMENT OR FACILITIES BY ANY PERSON; OR

(v) BTF BV'S PERFORMANCE OF ITS REGULATORY OBLIGATIONS AS AN OPERATOR OF BTFE OR ANY ACTION TAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE RULES OR WITH ITS GOOD FAITH UNDERSTANDING OF APPLICABLE LAW.

THE FOREGOING LIMITATION OF LIABILITY SHALL APPLY WHETHER A CLAIM ARISES IN CONTRACT, TORT, NEGLIGENCE, STRICT LIABILITY, CONTRIBUTION OR OTHERWISE AND WHETHER THE CLAIM IS BROUGHT DIRECTLY OR AS A THIRD PARTY CLAIM.

(b) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (a), (c) or (e) OF THIS RULE 406, IN NO EVENT SHALL ANY AFFILIATE OF BTF BV ACTING AS MTF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES PROVIDER BE LIABLE TO ANY PERSON NOR SHALL ANY PERSON BRING ANY LEGAL ACTION (WHETHER IN TORT, NEGLIGENCE, OR BREACH OF CONTRACT) FOR ANY LOSSES, DAMAGES, COSTS OR EXPENSES INCLUDING LOSS OF PROFITS, LOSS OF USE, DIRECT, SPECIAL, PUNITIVE, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, ARISING FROM THE USE OF BTFE.

(c) WITHOUT LIMITING BTF BV'S INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATION UNDER RULE 407, THERE ARE NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES OR REPRESENTATIONS (INCLUDING WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR USE) PROVIDED BY ANY DISCLAIMING PARTY RELATING TO ANY SYSTEMS OR SERVICES OF ANY DISCLAIMING PARTY OR SERVICES, EQUIPMENT OR FACILITIES USED TO SUPPORT SUCH SYSTEMS OR SERVICES.

(d) ANY DISPUTE ARISING OUT OF THE USE OF SYSTEMS OR SERVICES OF ANY DISCLAIMING PARTY OR SERVICES, EQUIPMENT, OR FACILITIES USED TO SUPPORT SUCH SYSTEMS OR SERVICES IN WHICH THE DISCLAIMING PARTY OR DISCLAIMING PARTIES IS A PARTY SHALL BE SUBJECT TO

ADJUDICATION AS PROVIDED IN RULE 411 AS IF THE DISCLAIMING PARTY WERE BTF BV AND THE OPPOSITE PARTY OR PARTIES WERE A PARTICIPANT. ANY ACTIONS, SUITS OR PROCEEDINGS BROUGHT AGAINST ANY DISCLAIMING PARTY MUST BE BROUGHT WITHIN ONE YEAR FROM THE TIME THAT A CAUSE OF ACTION HAS ACCRUED. THIS PARAGRAPH (d) SHALL IN NO WAY BE CONSTRUED TO CREATE A CAUSE OF ACTION (OR MODIFY THE LIMITATION ON ACTIONS PROVIDED IN RULE 406(a)) AND SHALL NOT AUTHORIZE AN ACTION THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE PROHIBITED BY THE RULES.

(e) TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, THE TOTAL COMBINED AGGREGATE LIABILITY OF BTF BV SHALL NOT EXCEED (i) € 20 000 (TWENTY THOUSAND EUROS) FOR ALL LOSSES AND CLAIMS FROM ALL CAUSES SUFFERED ON A SINGLE DAY, (ii) € 100 000 (ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND EUROS) FOR ALL LOSSES AND CLAIMS FROM ALL CAUSES SUFFERED IN A SINGLE CALENDAR MONTH; AND (iii) € 1 000 000 (ONE MILLION EUROS) FOR ALL LOSSES AND CLAIMS FROM ALL CAUSES SUFFERED IN A SINGLE CALENDAR YEAR.

IN NO EVENT SHALL TOTAL COMBINED AGGREGATE LIABILITY OF BTF BV FOR ALL CLAIMS AND CLAIMS AGAINST DISCLAIMING PARTIES ARISING OUT OF ANY FAILURES, MALFUNCTIONS, FAULTS IN DELIVERY, DELAYS, OMISSIONS, SUSPENSIONS, INACCURACIES, INTERRUPTIONS, TERMINATIONS, OR ANY OTHER CAUSES, IN CONNECTION WITH THE FURNISHING, PERFORMANCE, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, USE OF OR INABILITY TO USE ALL OR ANY PART OF ANY OF BTFE OR SERVICES, EQUIPMENT OR FACILITIES USED TO SUPPORT BTF BV OR BTFE, OR THE NEGLIGENCE OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE OF BTF BV EMPLOYEES, AGENTS OR SUBAGENTS EXCEED € 1 000 000 (ONE MILLION EUROS) IN ANY GIVEN CALENDAR YEAR.

IF THE NUMBER OF ALLOWED CLAIMS ARISING OUT OF ANY FAILURES OR MALFUNCTIONS ON A SINGLE DAY, SINGLE MONTH OR SINGLE YEAR CANNOT BE FULLY SATISFIED BECAUSE OF THE ABOVE LIMITATIONS, ALL SUCH CLAIMS SHALL BE LIMITED TO A PRO RATA SHARE OF THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT FOR THE RESPECTIVE PERIOD.

(f) THE LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY IN THIS RULE 406 SHALL NOT APPLY TO BTF BV'S INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATION UNDER RULE 407 AND SHALL NOT PROTECT ANY PARTY FOR WHICH THERE HAS BEEN A FINAL DETERMINATION (INCLUDING EXHAUSTION OF ANY APPEALS) BY A COURT TO HAVE ENGAGED IN FRAUD OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT.

(g) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS EXCLUDING OR RESTRICTING: (i) ANY DUTY OR LIABILITY OF BTF BV TO PARTICIPANT UNDER THE APPLICABLE REGULATORY LAW (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FSA, MIFID, MIFIR AND FURTHER REGULATIONS THERETO) EXCEPT IF AND TO THE EXTENT THAT EXCLUSION OR RESTRICTION OF LIABILITY IS PERMITTED (AND ACCORDINGLY ANY RIGHTS PARTICIPANT MAY HAVE

UNDER THE APPLICABLE REGULATORY LAW ARE NOT AFFECTED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT); (ii) ANY LIABILITY OF BTF BV FOR DEATH OR PERSONAL INJURY INsofar AS SUCH DEATH OR INJURY RESULTS FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF BTF BV; OR (iii) ANY LIABILITY OF BTF BV IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE OR TO THE EXTENT THAT LIABILITY CANNOT BE EXCLUDED OR RESTRICTED BY LAW.

**RULE 407. Indemnification by BTF BV**

BTF BV, at its expense, shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend Participant against any loss, claim, demand or expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) ("Claim") that BTFE or any portion thereof infringes, misappropriates or violates any intellectual property or proprietary rights of any third party; provided, however, that BTF BV shall not be required to indemnify Participant for any Claim to the extent it arises from or in connection with any (a) additions, changes or modifications by Participant to BTFE, which changes were not provided by BTF BV, (b) use of BTFE in combination with other products or services not provided by BTF BV, or (c) use of BTFE other than as expressly permitted by the Rules or the Participant Documentation. BTF BV shall control such defence and all negotiations relative to the settlement of any such Claim. Participant shall promptly provide BTF BV with Written notice of any claim which falls within the scope of this paragraph (provided that failure to provide such notice shall not relieve BTF BV of its indemnity obligations hereunder except to the extent it is prejudiced thereby).

**RULE 408. Force Majeure**

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Rules, BTF BV shall not be obligated to perform its obligations under the Rules, or any other agreement with a Participant (including the Participant Documentation), or to compensate any Person for losses occasioned by any delay or failure of performance, to the extent a delay or failure of performance is the result of a Force Majeure.

**RULE 409. Extension or Waiver of BTFE Rules**

BTF BV may, in its sole discretion, waive, or extend the time period for performing, any act or acts designated by the Rules, but only to the extent such waiver or extension is not inconsistent with the Applicable Law or other applicable regulations.

**RULE 410. Amendment, Repeal or New Rule**

(a) BTF BV may in its sole discretion amend or repeal any Rule and/or adopt new Rules. Any such amendment or repeal of a Rule or adoption of a new Rule, shall, upon the effective date of such amendment, repeal or adoption, as applicable, be binding on all Participants and Authorised Traders.

(b) If an amendment or repeal of a Rule or adoption of a new Rule does not materially change the terms or conditions of an Instrument and does not affect the value of open Instruments, then the effective date of any amendment or repeal of a Rule or adoption of a new Rule relating to Instruments is binding on all Instruments entered into before and after the effective date of such amendment, repeal or adoption and, to the extent applicable, before the effective date of such amendment, repeal or adoption.

(c) If an amendment or repeal of a Rule or adoption of a new Rule materially changes the terms or conditions of an open Instrument or affects the value of open Instruments, then the amendment, repeal or adoption of a new Rule shall not affect any open Instruments and shall be binding only on (i) new Instruments listed for trading after the effective date of such amendment, repeal or adoption, and (ii) Instruments listed as of the effective date of such amendment, repeal or adoption with no open positions then in existence, unless, in each case, otherwise specifically provided by the BTF BV board of directors.

(d) BTF BV will publish any amendments to this Rulebook, other than those amendments which BTF BV makes in response to an Emergency, on the Website 10 Business Days prior to the effective date of such amendments. Any such publication shall specify the date on which the amendment takes effect. Continued participation on BTFE following the effective date of the amendment constitutes deemed acceptance by the Participant of the amendments and acknowledgement of the revised Rulebook.

#### **RULE 411. Governing Law and Jurisdiction**

This Rulebook, any matters arising out of this Rulebook and the relationship between BTF BV and each Participant shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York without regard to choice-of-law principles that would lead to the application of the law of another jurisdiction. The Participants hereto agree to submit to the jurisdiction of each of the federal and state courts located in New York County, New York, in connection with any matters arising out of this Agreement and not to assert a defence of forum non conveniens, sovereign immunity, Act of State or analogous doctrines in connection with any action.

## BTFE MARKET ANNEX A— RFQ AND RFT FUNCTIONS

### 1. Financial Instruments available for trading via RFQ Function and RFT Function:

- (a) Credit Default Swaps (“CDS”)
- (b) Interest Rate Swaps (“IRS”)
- (c) Bonds, including Exchange-Traded Commodities (“ETC”), Exchange-Traded Notes (“ETN”) and Asset-Backed Securities (“ABS”) Bond types
- (d) Securities Financing Transactions (repurchase transactions, buy-sell and sell-buy back transactions) (“SFT”)
- (e) Exchange-Traded Funds (“ETF”)
- (f) Foreign Exchange Derivatives (non-deliverable forwards; non-deliverable swaps; average rate forwards; options; deliverable forwards and deliverable swaps) (“FX”)
- (g) OTC Equity Options and OTC Equity Index Options (“Equity Derivatives”)

### 2. Method of Execution

- (a) RFQ Functionality.

A Participant may use the RFQ Function to send a Request for Quote to other Participants. A Participant receiving a Request for Quote (the “**RFQ Recipient**”) can respond to the sender (the “**RFQ Requestor**”) with a quote. Responses to the RFQ will be displayed to the RFQ Requestor. If it wishes to transact, the Requestor may send or accept an AIOI. If the RFQ Requestor accepts an AIOI, BTFE will execute the Trade. If the RFQ Requestor sends an AIOI in response to an indicative quote, the RFQ Recipient may accept or reject it. If the Recipient accepts the AIOI, BTFE will execute the Trade.

- (b) Request for Trade (“**RFT**”) Functionality (not available for ETC and ETN Bond types, SFTs, ETFs, and Equity Derivatives).

A Participant (“**RFT Sender**”) can use the RFT Functionality to send an AIOI to another Participant (“**RFT Recipient**”). If the RFT Recipient accepts the AIOI, BTFE will execute the Trade.

### 3. Waivers and Deferrals

- (a) Waivers:

- (i) With respect to an AIOI on the RFQ Functionality, BTF BV will apply waivers to ETFs as specified in MiFIR Article 4(1)(c).

(b) Deferrals:

(i) with respect to ETFs, BTF BV will apply:

the “large in scale” deferral as specified under MiFIR Article 7(1), RTS 1 Article 15(1)(b) and RTS 1 Annex II Table 5;

(ii) with respect to CDS and IRS (where in scope pursuant to Article 10(1) MiFIR), BTF BV will apply:

- the “large in scale” deferral under MiFIR Article 11(1)(a), RTS 2 Article 8(1)(a), and for package trades RTS 2 Article 8(1)(d)(ii);
- the “not a liquid market” deferral under MiFIR Article 11(1)(b), RTS 2 Article 8(1)(b), and for package trades RTS 2 Article 8(1)(d)(i);
- the “size specific to the instrument” deferral under MiFIR Article 11(1)(c), RTS 2 Article 8(1)(c), and for package trades RTS 2 Article 8(1)(d)(iii);

(iii) with respect to Bonds (except ETCs, ETNs and structured finance products), BTF BV will apply a price and/or volume deferral not exceeding the applicable duration specified for transactions in categories 1 through 5, in accordance with RTS 2 Article 8a(1) and Table 2.6 of Annex III, augmented as applicable by any extended deferrals permitted by ESMA or the relevant national competent authority under MiFIR Article 11(3);

(iv) With respect to ETCs, ETNs and structured finance products, BTF BV will apply a price deferral not exceeding the end of the second trading day and a volume deferral not exceeding two weeks after the transaction date in accordance with RTS 2 Article 8a(2).

## **BTFE MARKET ANNEX B — E-BOND ROMANIA**

### **1. Financial Instruments available for trading:**

Bonds with ticker ROMGB (“**e-Bond Romania Instruments**”)

### **2. Additional Eligibility Requirements**

In addition to the Eligibility Criteria set forth in Rule 202, each Participant of e-Bond Romania must either (i) be a Person with a Romania LEI, or (ii) access e-Bond Romania from a location in Romania.

### **3. Method of Execution**

#### **(a) RFQ Functionality**

A Participant may use the RFQ Functionality to send a Request for Quote to other Participants. A Participant receiving a Request for Quote (the “**RFQ Recipient**”) can respond to the sender (the “**RFQ Requestor**”) with a quote. Responses to the RFQ will be displayed to the RFQ Requestor. If it wishes to transact, the Requestor may send or accept an AIOI. If the RFQ Requestor accepts an AIOI, BTFE will execute the Trade. If the RFQ Requestor sends an AIOI in response to an indicative quote, the RFQ Recipient may accept or reject it. If the Recipient accepts the AIOI, BTFE will execute the Trade.

#### **(b) BTFE Firm Quote Posting (“**FQP**”) Functionality**

The BTFE FQP Functionality allows a Participant to post an AIOI in an e-Bond Romania Instrument, as applicable, to be viewable by all other Participants in e-Bond Romania. When a Participant that satisfies all appropriate approvals from the posting Participant accepts a posted quote, BTFE will execute the Trade.

### **4. Cooperation with the Ministry of Public Finance of Romania (the “**MOPF Romania**”)**

Without prejudice to Rule 403, BTFE shall have the right to provide to MOPF Romania:

- (i) quotations contributed and/or AIOI sent by Participant to e-Bond Romania and related completed Trade data; and
- (ii) intraday high and low traded prices of completed Trades by a Participant, end-of-day price quotations contributed and/or AIOI and RFQs sent by the Participant and end-of-day composite market Trade volumes

### **5. Deferrals**

With respect to Bonds (except ETCs, ETNs and structured finance products), BTF BV will apply a price and/or volume deferral not exceeding the applicable duration specified for transactions in categories 1 through 5, in accordance with RTS 2 Article 8a(1) and Table 2.6 of Annex III, augmented as applicable by any extended deferrals permitted by ESMA or the relevant national

competent authority under MiFIR Article 11(3).

## BTFE MARKET ANNEX C— E-BOND BULGARIA

### 1. Financial Instruments available for trading:

Bonds with ticker BULGGB (“e-Bond Bulgaria Instruments”)

### 2. Additional Eligibility Requirements

In addition to the Eligibility Criteria set forth in Rule 202, each Participant of e-Bond Bulgaria must:

(i) for purposes of using the RFQ Functionality, (a) be a primary dealer recognized by the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Bulgaria (the “**MOF Bulgaria**”) for the e-Bond Bulgaria Instruments (a “Primary Dealer”), (b) be a member of the Bulgarian National Bank Government Securities Settlement System with the right to settle the e-Bond Bulgaria Instruments, or (c) have a Bulgarian LEI; and

(ii) for purposes of using the BTFE Firm Quote Posting (“**FQP**”) Functionality, be a Primary Dealer.

### 3. Method of Execution

#### (a) RFQ Functionality

A Participant may use the RFQ Functionality to send a Request for Quote to other Participants. A Participant receiving a Request for Quote (the “**RFQ Recipient**”) can respond to the sender (the “**RFQ Requestor**”) with a quote. Responses to the RFQ will be displayed to the RFQ Requestor. If it wishes to transact, the Requestor may send or accept an AIOI. If the RFQ Requestor accepts an AIOI, BTFE will execute the Trade. If the RFQ Requestor sends an AIOI in response to an indicative quote, the RFQ Recipient may accept or reject it. If the Recipient accepts the AIOI, BTFE will execute the Trade.

#### (b) FQP Functionality

The FQP Functionality allows an eligible Participant to post an AIOI in an e-Bond Bulgaria Instrument, as applicable, to be viewable by all other eligible Participants in e-Bond Bulgaria. When a Participant that satisfies all appropriate approvals from the posting Participant accepts a posted quote, BTFE will execute the Trade.

### 4. Cooperation with the MOF Bulgaria:

Without prejudice to Rule 403, BTFE shall have the right to provide to the MOF Bulgaria:

- (i) quotations contributed and/or AIOI sent by Participant to e-Bond Bulgaria and related completed Trade data; and
- (ii) intraday high and low traded prices of completed Trades by a Participant, end-of-day price quotations contributed and/or AIOI and RFQs sent by the Participant and end-of-day composite market Trade volumes.

## **5. Deferrals**

With respect to Bonds (except ETCs, ETNs and structured finance products), BTF BV will apply a price and/or volume deferral not exceeding the applicable duration specified for transactions in categories 1 through 5, in accordance with RTS 2 Article 8a(1) and Table 2.6 of Annex III, augmented as applicable by any extended deferrals permitted by ESMA or the relevant national competent authority under MiFIR Article 11(3).

## **BTFE MARKET ANNEX D— E-BOND NORWAY**

### **1. Financial Instruments available for trading:**

Bonds with ticker NGTB and bills with ticker NGB (“**e-Bond Norway Instruments**”)

### **2. Additional Eligibility Requirements**

In addition to the Eligibility Criteria set forth in Rule 202, each Participant of e-Bond Norway must be a party to a Primary Dealer Agreement with Norges Bank (the “**Norges Bank**”) for the e-Bond Norway Instruments.

### **3. Method of Execution**

#### **(a) RFQ Functionality**

A Participant may use the RFQ Functionality to send a Request for Quote to other Participants. A Participant receiving a Request for Quote (the “**RFQ Recipient**”) can respond to the sender (the “**RFQ Requestor**”) with a quote. Responses to the RFQ will be displayed to the RFQ Requestor. If it wishes to transact, the Requestor may send or accept an AIOI. If the RFQ Requestor accepts an AIOI, BTFE will execute the Trade. If the RFQ Requestor sends an AIOI in response to an indicative quote, the RFQ Recipient may accept or reject it. If the Recipient accepts the AIOI, BTFE will execute the Trade.

#### **(b) BTFE Firm Quote Posting (“**FQP**”) Functionality**

The BTFE FQP Functionality allows a Participant to post an AIOI in an e-Bond Norway Instrument, as applicable, to be viewable by all other Participants in e-Bond Norway. When a Participant that satisfies all appropriate approvals from the posting Participant accepts a posted quote, BTFE will execute the Trade.

### **4. Cooperation with the Norges Bank:**

Without prejudice to Rule 403, BTFE shall have the right to provide to the Norges Bank:

- (i) quotations contributed and/or AIOI sent by Participant to e-Bond Norway and related completed Trade data; and
- (ii) intraday high and low traded prices of completed Trades by a Participant, end-of-day price quotations contributed and/or AIOI and RFQs sent by the Participant and end-of-day composite market Trade volumes.

## 5. Deferrals

With respect to Bonds (except ETCs, ETNs and structured finance products), BTF BV will apply a price and/or volume deferral not exceeding the applicable duration specified for transactions in categories 1 through 5, in accordance with RTS 2 Article 8a(1) and Table 2.6 of Annex III, augmented as applicable by any extended deferrals permitted by ESMA or the relevant national competent authority under MiFIR Article 11(3).