

IMPORTANT NOTICE

National Securities Clearing Corporation



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DATE: August 22, 2008
TO: ALL PARTICIPANTS
ATTENTION: MANAGING PARTNER/OFFICER,
OPERATIONS PARTNER/OFFICER,
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS,
MANAGER CUSTOMER ACCOUNT TRANSFER DEPARTMENT,
MANAGER MUTUAL FUNDS OPERATIONS,
MANAGER MARGIN DEPARTMENT,
DATA PROCESSING MANAGER,
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SUBJECT: ACATS - Bank Holiday Processing (Columbus Day and Veteran's Day)

At the request of the Customer Account Transfer Division Bank Subcommittee, please be advised that the National Securities Clearing Corporation (NSCC) will allow transactions with bank participants in the Automated Customer Account Transfer Service (ACATS) on bank holidays (Columbus Day and Veteran's Day). This change will allow transactions to be processed to and from bank participants and should reduce the number of purges for transfers with banks already in progress on these days. Additionally, bank participants are advised that a non-standard transfer (e.g. PTD) could be submitted against them for next day settlement so staffing should be available to monitor ACATS transaction activity on these days. ACATS member firms are advised to program their systems to enable processing with banks on these holidays starting **October 13, 2008 (Columbus Day)** and going forward.

Please note this modification will not change the settlement processing of an ACATS transfer. As it currently is today, no ACATS transfer will stage to "Settle Prep" or "Settle Close" on the Friday evening before a bank holiday. Additionally, no acceleration of a transfer can occur on the Friday before a bank holiday. More information about this will be outlined in the NSCC important notice issued just before holiday processing.

If any bank participant(s) have questions or concerns regarding the new bank holiday procedures detailed above, please contact your Relationship Manager.

A copy of this Important Notice can be obtained from the ACATS section of DTCC's website at the following URL address: http://www.dtcc.com/products/cs/equities_clearance/acats.php. For additional questions, please contact your Relationship Manager or Bill Kapogiannis at (212) 855-5667 or the undersigned at (212) 855-4223.

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