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То:	ALL MEMBERS AND LIMITED MEMBERS
From:	WEALTH MANAGEMENT SERVICES – MUTUAL FUNDS
Attention:	MANAGER MUTUAL FUNDS OPERATIONS, MANAGER DATA PROCESSING, MANAGER CASHIERS, MANAGER P&S DEPARTMENT
Subject:	Settlement Cycle Modifications to Facilitate Industry Move to T+2

The U.S. T+2 Industry Steering Committee, organized by The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation and co-chaired by the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association and the Investment Company Institute, announced the industry target date of September 5, 2017 for the U.S. move from a T+3 to a T+2 settlement cycle.

To facilitate the move to T+2 and avoid significant client impact, National Securities Clearing Corporation (NSCC) will systematically update the Mutual Funds Fund/SERV system for specific securities with a settlement cycle of T+3 to T+2, **effective September 5, 2017**. The modifications will only **pertain to the following Fund/SERV domestic security types**:

- ➤ 15 UIT (Unit Investment Trust)
- > 24 Money Market Fund
- > 25 Load Mutual Fund
- ≥ 26 No Load Mutual Fund
- ➤ 27 Closed End Fund
- > 55 GIC (Guaranteed Investment Contract)
- > 56 Stable Value Fund
- > 57 Separate Account
- > 58 Bank Collective Investment Trust
- ➤ 60 BIC (Bank Investment Contract)
- ➤ 61 Section 529 Account- Qualified Tuition Program

For the aforementioned Security Types, the following settlement cycles will be updated to T+2 in instances where the settlement cycle is T+3:

- Order
- As of Order
- Cash Adjustment
- Exchange
- Alternate Order

The following non-U.S. Fund/SERV Security Types will be **excluded** from the systematic update to T+2:

- > 59 Offshore U.S. dollar (NRA)
- ► 62 Offshore U.S. dollar
- ➤ 63 Offshore Non-U.S. dollar

Updates may be requested for these security types through the existing process of submitting a Fund/SERV Security Issue ID Modify Form.

Important Notes:

- The USD and USN Currency Type codes for a security will not be modified. For additional information on USD and USN codes please refer to Fund/SERV Technical Manual Chapter 2 (Section A "USD/USN Currency Type Considerations").
- Firms will continue to have the ability to override the settlement date on individual Fund/SERV orders by populating the 'Anticipated Settlement Date' field.
- Only domestic securities with a T+3 settlement cycle will be modified to a T+2 settlement cycle.
- Domestic securities with a settlement cycle less than or greater than T+3 will not be modified.
- After NSCC performs the systematic updates to T+2, Funds will continue to have the ability to change a security's settlement cycle through the existing process of submitting a Fund/SERV Security Issue ID Modify Form.
- For additional information on the industry move to T+2, please visit www.ust2.com

SECURITY EXCLUSIONS

A qualifying Fund or a specific security can be excluded from the systematic update to T+2. To accomplish this, the Fund will be required to list each security id to be excluded on a new *T2 Mutual Fund Security Exclusion Form*, and email the completed form to the NSCC <u>WMST2@dtcc.com</u> mailbox. All exclusions must be submitted to NSCC by **August 18, 2017**.

This form is available on the DTCC.com website at: http://www.dtcc.com/~/media/Files/Downloads/Investment-Product-Services/user%20documentation/T2-Mutual-Fund-Security-Exclusion-Form.xlsx

TESTING

Clients have the ability to test a variety of settlement cycles, including T+2 today in the Participant Services Environment (PSE) region. Securities with T+3 settlement cycles will **NOT** be systematically modified to T+2 in PSE. Fund clients may request a security's settlement cycle be modified to T+2 by submitting a Fund/SERV Security Issue ID Modification form and include a note in the Special Instructions field stating the change is applicable to PSE only.

This Important Notice serves as the initial announcement of the aforementioned changes to Fund/SERV securities and processes therein. Follow up notifications will be sent as a reminder.

Questions and comments regarding this Important Notice should be directed to Wealth Management Services at (212) 855-8877.

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