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As mentioned in Important Notice MBS# 630-18, the Single Security Initiative is a joint initiative between Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, under the direction of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, to develop a common mortgage-backed security referred to as the Uniform Mortgage-Backed Securities (“UMBS”).¹ Subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission’s approval, Fixed Income Clearing Corporation (“FICC”) will accept UMBS for processing through the Mortgage-Backed Securities Division (“MBS”) and the Government Securities Division (“GSD”) (for purposes of GSD GCF Repo® Transactions backed by mortgage-backed securities).²

As indicated by both Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the Single Security Initiative is scheduled to go live June 3, 2019 with the issuance of the first UMBS. **Listed below are the FICC deadlines for when MBS Members are expected to have completed testing:**

MBS Clearing Members: March 29, 2019
EPN-Only Members: May 31, 2019

Testing is **mandatory** for all MBS Clearing Members and EPN-Only Members. Please contact FICCSupport@dtcc.com to receive a copy of the test script and to sign up for testing.

If a service bureau will be testing on behalf of an MBS Member, both the service bureau and MBS Member (i.e., MBS Clearing Members and EPN-Only Members) are required to notify FICC in advance of the test. This notification should be sent to FICCSupport@dtcc.com.

For MBS Members that have already completed testing, thank you for your participation. Any MBS Member that has not signed up or completed testing, please reach out to FICCSupport@dtcc.com as soon as possible to be in conformance with this initiative.

Please contact your Relationship Manager with any questions.

¹ For more information on the Single Security Initiative, please refer to <http://www.freddiemac.com/mbs/single-security/> or <http://www.fanniemae.com/singlesecurity>.

² The proposed rule change would amend the Mortgage-Backed Securities Division Clearing Rules, and the Government Securities Division Rulebook.