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From:	Settlement and Asset Services
Attention:	Operations Managers / Cashiers/ Officers
Subject:	Internet Security

DTC is diligently working on a plan to address the publicly reported POODLE vulnerability to the Internet security protocol SSLV3 (Secure Socket Layer).

Consistent with the approach of many other financial institutions, DTC plans to discontinue support of SSLV3 and use only the TLS (Transport Layer Security) security protocol across all our platforms and services. After careful assessment and analysis, **the decision has been made to disable SSLV3 from DTC's web facing systems starting on January 24** to protect the on-going integrity of our system and the ability of our broad client base to connect to our systems. **This means that clients who continue to leverage the SSLV3 protocol will be unable to access all DTC web applications, including but not limited to: Participant Browser Service (PBS), CA Web, Settlement Web, SMART/Track for Buy-ins, SMART/Track for Corporate Actions Liability Notices and SMART/Track for Agency Lending Disclosure.**

DTC has been actively and regularly communicating our plans to clients across our business lines. DTC is committed to achieving a seamless transition to a TLS environment so that our clients can access our services and continue processing without incident once this change is permanently made.

Prior to our **January 24 shut down** for SSLV3, a due diligence test will be offered for DTC's web-based clients. **This testing will take place starting Saturday, January 10 at 9:00 EST through Sunday, January 11 at 3:00 p.m.** to provide our clients with as much opportunity as possible to determine what if any impact our move to a strictly TLS environment will have on their connection to our services. **DTC strongly recommend that all clients test their connectivity during this time.** Clients can test their connectivity by confirming that they are able to access DTC's environment during this window of time. There is no need to process any transactions.

DTC recommends that you check with your internal IT department if your systems can support TLS prior to the testing weekend. If you have an issue connecting to DTCC services during the

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test, please reach out to your technical IT department as this is the only way to ensure that TLS is enabled within your environment.