



*Important Notice*

**Fixed Income Clearing Corporation – GOV**

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| <b>To:</b>       | Government Securities Division Members |
| <b>Category:</b> | Service Update                         |
| <b>Subject:</b>  | SSLv3 POODLE Vulnerability Update      |

Dear Client:

As previously communicated to you, DTCC and its subsidiary companies are diligently working on our remediation 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, we plan 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, we have decided to disable SSLv3 from DTCC'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.

We have been actively and regularly communicating our plans to clients across our business lines. DTCC 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.

On the weekend of December 6, we conducted due diligence tests so that clients using DTCC services via the web could assess their connectivity in an environment in which SSLv3 is disabled. We are pleased to note that the results of our testing have been positive.

Prior to our January 24 shut down for SSLv3, we will offer one additional due diligence test for DTCC's web-based FICC, NSCC, DTC, Deriv/SERV's DDR and WTC, DDRL, DDRS, and DDRJ clients. This testing will take place starting Saturday, January 10 at 9:00 a.m. EST through Sunday, January 11 at 3:00 p.m. EST to provide our clients with as much opportunity as we can to determine what if any impact our move to a strictly TLS environment will have on their connection to our services. We strongly recommend that all clients test their connectivity during this time.

Our approach for Omgeo's services will vary slightly and an update on our testing and remediation plan as it relates to Omgeo will be communicated separately.

Clients who choose to test their connectivity on the weekend of January 10 should confirm that they are able to access our environment. There is no need to process any transactions.

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

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