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TO:	ALL PARTICIPANTS
FROM:	PRODUCT MANAGEMENT
SUBJECT:	ACATS REVERSAL TESTING - ADDITIONAL TESTING DATES ADDED

In Important Notice A#7869 P&S#7439, NSCC announced the participant testing of the ACATS reversals process beginning in September 2014.

NSCC is adding a test scenario for the testing of two default brokers where one defaults during the settlement cycle and one defaults after the settlement cycle. **The testing of this scenario will be offered starting April 14th and ending on May 7, 2015.**

During this cycle, broker 0123 will default during the settlement cycle and broker 0122 will default after the settlement cycle. The main change for this scenario will be your receipt of **two versions of each reversal output file on the same day**, one version for each defaulting broker. The Autoroute numbers for the two versions will be the same. During the previous tests, firms only received one version of the reversal output file that included both defaulted brokers. As a part of the reversal process that occurs on Thursday of each testing week, ACATS will produce two versions of the following files:

Output File	Autoroute #
ACATS Reversal MRO File – variable format	02981008
ACATS Reversal Comma Delimited File – fixed format	02981657
ACATS Mutual Fund Reversal Output – variable format	02981076
ACATS Mutual Fund Reversal Comma Delimited File – fixed format	02981077

Example:

On Thursday, Broker 0123 is reversed at 10:00 AM. You receive an ACATS Reversal MRO and/or comma delimited file with the transfers where broker 0123 is the counterparty shortly after 10:00 AM. On the same day, ACATS processes reversals for Broker 0122 at 3:30 PM. You receive an ACATS Reversal MRO and/or comma delimited file shortly after 3:30 PM.

File Note: It is advised that firms have the multiple file set up for reversal output files. If you are not setup for multiple files, there is risk that the second file may overwrite the first file. To confirm your setup of multiple files, please contact NSCCSupport@DTCC.com.

Updated Testing Schedule

ACATS reversal testing will follow this revised schedule.

Two brokers default, after the settlement cycle	February 24, 2015 – April 2, 2015
Two brokers default, one during and one after settlement cycle*	April 14, 2015 – May 7, 2015

*Please note that testing dates may change as testing proceeds. NSCC will give participants notice if dates change.

Testing Documentation

Please use the Excel Test Case document that is currently posted to the ACATS website.

<https://dtcclearning.com/learning/clearance/topics/acats.html>

For cases related to Receiving Broker 0123, use the “Reversals during cycle” sheet. For cases related to Receiving Broker 0122, use the “Reversals after cycle” sheet.

Additional Information

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