

DMO TECHNICAL NOTICE: NOTICE OF INTENDED PROCEDURAL CHANGES IN "WHEN-ISSUED" TRADING FOR GILTS

The UK Debt Management Office (DMO) is today announcing a future change to some procedures attached to the trading of UK Government Bonds (gilts) ahead of an auction, where the stock being auctioned is a re-opening of an existing line of gilts with a pre-existing ISIN code, and where the auction bonds become immediately fungible with their parent bonds upon issue and first settlement date.

The DMO will no longer be declaring a "When Issued" (WI) trading period (under London Stock Exchange rule 1530) for such re-openings, nor will it be issuing a separate WI ISIN code for new tranches of existing gilts. In addition, Gilt-Edged Market Maker firms will no longer be obliged to submit closing prices in such bonds.

It is anticipated that these changes will come into effect from 1 April 2015.

Please note that the existing listing, trading and reporting procedures will still apply in the case of a new line of gilts being launched by auction, including the WI trading period.

This announcement will also be published as a technical notice on the DMO's website at: <www.dmo.gov.uk>.

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