

Annex

Slovakia

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MTS Slovakia is a segment of the MTS Cash Domestic Market Multilateral Trading Facility operated by EuroMTS Limited



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1. General Provisions

1.1. Definitions

1. The MTS Cash Domestic Market Rules apply

In addition the following definitions are also applicable to MTS Slovakia:

“ARDAL”	means the Agentúra pre riadenie dlhu a likvidity (Debt and Liquidity Management Agency of the Slovak Republic);
“CDCP”	means the Slovak central securities depository;
“Primary Dealer”	means an official Primary Dealer as nominated by ARDAL;
“Slovak Banking Holidays”	means Official Slovak Holidays;
“Slovak regulator”	means National Bank of Slovakia (NBS);

1.2. Market Rules

1. The MTS Cash Domestic Market Rules apply.

2. Financial Instruments

2.1. Financial Instruments

1. All Government Bonds and Treasury Bills issued by the Slovak Republic in Euro acting through the Ministry of Finance represented by the ARDAL, which meet the following eligibility criteria, shall be automatically selected as Financial Instruments:
 - a. Nominal Fixed coupon-bearing Financial Instruments;
 - b. Publicly issued floating rate Government Bonds;
 - c. Publicly issued Treasury Bills;

And:

- I. With a remaining term to maturity at the time of the issuance of more than 300 days at the time of selection;

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- II. MTS, after consultation with the Slovakia Market Committee, may, at any time, choose to make available for trading additional Financial Instruments which do not meet the relevant criteria in point 2.1 above. ;

2.2. Minimum Lots

1. The Minimum Quote Size, Minimum Single Side Quote Size, Minimum Trading Size, and the Minimum Increment Quantity for each Financial Instrument can be found in the Regulatory Specifications.

3. Participants

3.1. Participant admission criteria

1. The MTS Cash Domestic Market Rules apply. In addition all opinions of MTS, in accordance with the General MTS Market Rules, are in consultation with the Committee.
2. To participate, either directly or via an agent, to the settlement institution as specified in the Regulatory Specifications. Such institutions may be updated also upon recommendation of the Committee.
3. In addition, the prospective Participant must have concluded an agency contract with ARDAL on the primary dealership of Slovak Government Securities.

3.2. Admission procedures

1. In addition to what is provided in paragraph 1 and 2 of Article 3.2 of the MTS Cash Domestic Market Rules, paragraph 3 shall be amended as follows:
The only category of Participant's in MTS Slovakia is: Market Maker

3.3. Participant on-going undertakings

1. The MTS Cash Domestic Market Rules apply.

3.4. Resignation of Participants

1. The General Domestic MTS Market Rules apply with the following amendment:
Participants may not resign from their membership as long as they are a Primary Dealer of Slovak Government Securities.

3.5. Suspension of Participant from trading

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1. The MTS Cash Domestic Market Rules apply, with the exception that the first sentence of the Article 3.5 of the MTS Cash Domestic Market Rules will be applied with the following amendment to be included in line one after “MTS” and before “determines”: “MTS, where feasible under the circumstances, in consultation with ARDAL, among other things.”

3.6. Exclusion of Participant from trading

1. The MTS Cash Domestic Market Rules apply, with the addition to the provisions of the General Domestic MTS Market Rules that the loss of the status of Primary Dealer in Slovak Government Financial Instruments shall trigger the automatic exclusion from trading on MTS Slovakia.

3.7. Regional Market Committees

1. Any decisions made by the Committee must not contravene any regulatory requirements of the FCA or any other applicable laws, or technical requirements of the System.
2. For the purpose of this Article, all decisions taken by MTS pursuant to the MTS Cash Domestic Market Rules are made upon prior consultation, where feasible under the circumstances, with the Committee and ARDAL.
3. Members of the Committee shall be representatives of ARDAL, MTS, the Primary Dealers. MTS shall appoint the Committee following consultation with ARDAL. MTS shall not remove any Committee member without prior consultation with ARDAL. The Committee shall have such power and authority (including as to the establishment of committees of MTS Slovakia and the delegation of power and authority to such committees) as MTS may determine following consultation with ARDAL.
4. MTS at all times shall have the authority to overrule any decision or action taken by ARDAL or the Committee with respect to commercial, technological or regulatory matters notwithstanding the operation of these Rules or the Committee, with prior information to the Committee and ARDAL.
5. Where there is a conflict between the ARDAL and the Committee, the opinion of ARDAL shall prevail subject to the condition that any such decisions must not contravene any regulatory requirements of the FCA and all other applicable laws, or technical requirements of the System.

4. Trading

4.1. General systems operations

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1. The MTS Cash Domestic Market Rules apply, but a new paragraph 4.1.6 shall be added with the following text: "MTS when determining the Trading Days for a calendar year shall previously consult with ARDAL and the Committee."

4.2. Types of Trade

1. The MTS Cash Domestic Market Rules apply

4.3. Market trading hours

1. Instead of the General Domestic MTS Market Rules the following Trading Hours shall be applicable:
 - a. Trading days: as defined by the TARGET calendar except Slovak Banking Holidays
 - b. The Trading Hours (CET) of the System are: (descriptions of the phases are the same as in the General Domestic Market Rules)

"Pre-Market phase": 8.15 a.m. – 8.45 a.m.

"Offer phase": 8.45 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.

"Open Market phase": 9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

"Closed Market phase": 5.00 p.m. – 8.15 a.m.

4.4. Quotes and Orders

1. The MTS Cash Domestic Market Rules apply.

4.5. Contracts

1. The MTS Cash Domestic Market Rules apply.

4.6. Conclusion and registration of Trades

1. The MTS Cash Domestic Market Rules apply.

4.7. Mid-Price crossing

1. The MTS Cash Domestic Market Rules apply.

4.8. Trade Registration Facility

1. The MTS Cash Domestic Market Rules apply.

4.9. Cancellation of Trades

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4.10. Market Making Agreements

1. In order to comply with applicable regulations, the following provisions of the MTS Cash Domestic Market Rules shall apply:
 - (i) from 4.10.1 to 4.10.7 and 4.10.9;
 - (ii) Article 4.10.8 will be amended in the second sentence as follows: "...where the Market Maker in question fails to honour its Quoting Commitments for three (3) additional consecutive months, MTS shall have the right, in consultation with ARDAL, to initiate the disciplinary procedure as per Section 7 here below." In addition, the last sentence of Article 4.10.8 shall not apply.
2. In addition to the above Participants undertake to MTS, on each Trading Day, to make Quotes on the Market, for at least 4.5 hours within the Trading Hours determined in Article 4.3 above:
 - a. in relation to each of the Financial Instruments assigned to it from time to time by MTS pursuant to these Rules and to do so in compliance with the following table (Quotation/Spread Obligations):

Maturity bucket	Minimum Quote size (face value EUR), providing the difference between the sizes on the bid and the offer is no more than 50%	Maximum Bid-Ask Spread
Less than 8 years	1.000.000	Average price spread quoted by all Participants multiplied by a fixed factor of 1.5.
8+ years	1.000.000	Average price spread quoted by all Participants multiplied by a fixed factor of 1.5

The Bid-Ask Spread is expressed in ticks where 1 tick represents 0.01% of the par value of the Financial Instrument.

4.11. Law governing Trades

1. The MTS Cash Domestic Market Rules apply.

5. Clearing and settlement of Trades

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1. The Market The MTS Cash Domestic Market Rules apply

6. Provision of data and information

6.1. Provision of data to Participants

1. The MTS Cash Domestic Market Rules apply, with the following modifications
 - a. Article 6.1.1(c) becomes: Price, quantity, and time of the last concluded Trade, except for Trades concluded via the Trade Registration functionality.
 - b. Article 6.1.2(c) is added: at the end of each Trading Day: information about Trades executed via the Trade Registration functionality.

6.2. Provision of data to Authorities

1. The MTS Cash Domestic Market Rules apply, with the addition of Participants agreeing to MTS providing information to the Slovak regulator, if and when requested, in accordance with the applicable procedure.

6.3. Provision of data to debt management offices

1. The MTS Cash Domestic Market Rules apply, with the addition of participants agreeing to MTS providing information to the ARDAL, if and when requested.

6.4. Provision of data to the public

1. The MTS Cash Domestic Market Rules apply

6.5. Amendments and communications

1. The MTS Cash Domestic Market Rules apply amended by providing for the prior consultation with the Committee for changes to this Annex.

7. Supervision and Sanctions

7.1. Monitoring the course of trading

1. The MTS Cash Domestic Market Rules apply

7.2. Breach of undertakings

1. The MTS Cash Domestic Market Rules apply

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7.3. Procedure in respect to article 7.2

1. The MTS Cash Domestic Market Rules apply

7.4. Failure to honour Market Makers' Quoting Commitments

1. The MTS Cash Domestic Market Rules apply, with the following amendments:
 - a. On the issues involved in Article 7.4.1 of the MTS Cash Domestic Market Rules, MTS takes decisions in consultation with ARDAL.
 - b. Article 7.4.2 of the MTS Cash Domestic Market Rules is not applied.

8. Final Provisions

8.1. Liability

1. The MTS Cash Domestic Market Rules apply

8.2. Disputes

1. The MTS Cash Domestic Market Rules apply

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