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Termination of or Material changes to Benchmarks and transitional arrangements

Any termination of or material change to a benchmark (including those due to a lack of demand, market structure change or other reason) must be undertaken in an orderly manner, taking into consideration the potential impact to the client(s) and market integrity. Other than where there are no outstanding products linked to a benchmark, termination of or material change to a benchmark will require escalation to and approval by the Benchmark Oversight Committee and the Board of Markit N.V., the benchmark Administrator.

Examples of material changes to a benchmark include:

- Changes to the index calculation process or formula;
- Changes to the index selection rules;
- Significant change to the objective of the index; or
- Termination of the index.

When considering whether to discontinue or terminate a benchmark, the Administrator will:

- Make available to stakeholders the rationale for the termination, along with the proposed timing and content of the termination;
- Confirm whether there are any instruments which reference the relevant benchmark;
- Conduct a stakeholder consultation process, where the BOC considers it appropriate to do so, which will provide a clear timeframe during which stakeholders may provide feedback;
- Make available upon request a summary of the comments received during any consultation process along with the Administrator's responses, except where a commenter has requested confidentiality;
- Following the consultation process, the termination of the Benchmark will be approved by the BOC if the decision is taken to continue with the termination;
- The BOC shall report its findings to the Board of the Administrator within one month of the conclusion of its review;
- A notification of the decision will be published to stakeholders, along with adequate notice of the date on which termination will take place, taking into account the type of benchmark and the extent of its use.

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