

Market Notice

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Financial Markets Bill-Revised Draft Bill and Workshop Notification

The Financial Markets Bill was released on 4 August 2011 for public comment, and a public workshop to explain the bill and offer a preliminary response to comments received followed on 5 October 2011.

A revised draft bill, with tracked changes on the 4 August version and taking into account comment received on that draft, is released for consideration today 11 November 2011. This document will form basis for three workshops:

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| 16 November 2011 | 8am – 2pm | CSD participants and banks | To be held at Institute of Bankers in South Africa | rsvp to BASA: VeronicaS@banking.org.za |
| 17 November 2011 | 2pm - 5pm | Issuers, primary dealers, brokers/authorised users | To be held at the National Treasury | rsvp to NT: linda.vanzyl@treasury.gov.za |
| 22 November 2011 | 2pm - 5pm | Issuers, primary dealers, brokers/authorised users (second date) | To be held at the National Treasury | rsvp to NT: linda.vanzyl@treasury.gov.za |

The workshops have been targeted towards stakeholder groups, on the grounds that these entities submitted similar comments, meaning that the workshops can focus on those similar areas of interest and relevance.

The intention of the workshops is to have active engagement and discussion on main areas of contention raised over the comments period, to consider the extent to which these concerns have been addressed in the revised bill. Workshop attendees may be requested to provide alternative wording should a policy/regulatory principle be agreed to.

The workshops of the 17th and 22nd are repeats, to ensure that stakeholders are able to attend at least one session i.e. you will not need to attend both of these sessions.



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Please contact National Treasury for the version of the Bill with tracked changes. A clean copy of the Bill may be found at <http://www.treasury.gov.za/public%20comments/default.aspx>

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