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UPDATE ON FTSE RUSSELL INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION BENCHMARK (ICB) CHANGES

The JSE advised clients on 11 May 2020 ([Service Hotline 112/2020](#)), that in light of the challenges brought about by COVID-19, FTSE Russell decided to extend the implementation of the ICB changes to give clients additional time to implement this change, and the new go-live date was set for **Monday, 22 March 2021**, which is after the March 2021 semi-annual index review.

We have since identified that Monday, 22 March 2021 will be a South African public holiday. The changes will still take place after market close on Friday, 19 March 2021, but now to be effective from start of trading on **Tuesday, 23 March 2021**.

We are currently finalising our internal development and test plans to be in a position to provide test data files (and specifications documents) to assist you with your development and testing. At this stage, we are targeting the end of September 2020 for the first set of Equity and Indices test files to be available but will try and provide it sooner. The BDA Dissemination test files will be distributed in the first week of November 2020. We hope that this will allow enough time for you to plan your required development and test activities accordingly.

In addition, the JSE is planning to conduct an ICB specific information session (electronic session) at the end of September 2020, to provide detailed information of all the changes and impacts to our products and services.

An invitation to the information session will be issued in due course so please look out for it.

Market / Service:

- Equity Market data products
- FTSE/JSE Indices data products
- BDA Dissemination data products

Environment(s):

Production

Additional Information:

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