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FTSE RUSSELL INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION BENCHMARK (ICB) CHANGES – AVAILABILITY OF UPDATED SENS SPECIFICATIONS

Further to [Service Hotline 019/2020](#) issued 3 February 2020, clients are reminded that FTSE Russell will be implementing changes to the current Industry Classification Benchmark (ICB) standards in March 2021. The ICB changes will be **effective in production** in the JSE systems from **Tuesday, 23 March 2021**.

The FTSE Russell ICB structure is used by the JSE to classify all JSE and NSX listed instruments which also includes instruments that are not index constituents.

The Stock Exchange News Services (SENS) announcements for both the JSE and NSX are published via the real-time Regulatory News Gateways and form part of the end of day SENS products. Announcements currently include the ICB SubSector field as an **embedded tag** within the **NewsML** of the *EncodedText* repeating block field of the *News* message. There is no impact to the *News* message published via the real-time Gateways.

The ICB **SubSector field size** will **increase from four to eight characters**. As it is a tagged field embedded within the NewsML, clients who process this tag must ensure they cater for the increased field size in their downstream systems and in systems in which they either store, process or display this field.

For e.g. see highlighted below the new ICB details for Gold Mining

Industry code	55
Industry	Basic Materials
Supersector code	5510
Supersector	Basic Resources
Sector code	551030
Sector	Precious Metals and Mining
Subsector code	55103025
Subsector	Gold Mining

Please see overleaf for the **Services Documentation updates** published and now available for download.

Service:

- Live SENS Market Data Service
- End-of-Day SENS Market Data Service

Environment(s):

Production (PROD)

Additional Information:

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SENS Services Documentation updates

These following documents are available for download at the following link:

Services Documentation	Status	Description of Changes
JSE SENS Real Time Overview	Updated	A guidance note for JSE and NSX users writing solutions to receive and process the JSE SENS real time messages. Document updated to include the scheduled Industry Classification Benchmark (ICB) structure changes that come into effect in production on 23 March 2021. The ICB Sub-Sector field will increase in length from 4 characters to 8 Characters.
JSE SENS Real Time NewsML Specifications	Updated	A guidance note for software developers to understand the JSE NewsML specification as implemented within the JSE Stock Exchange News Service (SENS). Document updated to include the scheduled Industry Classification Benchmark (ICB) structure changes that come into effect in production on 23 March 2021. The ICB Sub-Sector field will increase in length from 4 characters to 8 Characters.
SENS XML Files		
SENS NewsML catalog	No Change	Provides a list of scheme alias and their respective URLs used in the NewsML messages.
SENS NewsML knowledge item	No Change	Provides the definition of JSE defined elements used in the NewsML. XML file updated to include the amendments to the announcement types and subtypes
SENS NewsML extensions	No Change	Schema file provides the specifications for SENS extensions to the NewsML schema
SENS End-Of-Day Product Specification		
SENS End Of Day market Data Product Specifications	Updated	A guidance note for End-Of-Day SENS product subscribers and developers to understand the JSE NewsML specification as implemented within the JSE Stock Exchange News Service (SENS). Document updated to include the scheduled Industry Classification Benchmark (ICB) structure changes that come into effect in production on 23 March 2021. The ICB Sub-Sector field will increase in length from 4 characters to 8 Characters.

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