### CSDs: DECEVAL (Colombia)

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# BVC Amends the Settlement Postponement Procedures

The Colombian Stock Exchange (Bolsa de Valores – BVC) has made some changes to the rules regarding the extension of the settlement cycle for equities and fixed income transactions. The changes, which took effect on 2 January 2009, are as follows:

#### Equity Transactions

BVC withdrew the facility whereby the settlement date, which is normally T+3, could be postponed until T+6. However, in the event that an extension is needed, the counterparty and the stock exchange can agree on postponing the settlement to T+4 provided a special request has been made. The extension will be subject to a penalty fee which will be based on the maximum interest rate approved by the Superintendence of Finance (market regulator).

Note: the maximum interest rate is published on the Superintendence of Finance website on a quarterly basis.

#### Fixed Income Transactions

The postponement period for the settlement for fixed income transactions has been reduced from T+5 to T+3. The normal settlement cycle is T+0 and extending the settlement is not subject to penalty fees.

# **CSD** Risk Impact

### DECEVAL (Colombia)

CSD Rating: A CSD Flash Impact: Positive

Impacted Risk Type: Counterparty Risk Current Rating = A-Flash Impact = Positive

The changes to the maximum settlement postponement periods for equities and fixed income transactions reduce the periods when counterparties are exposed to each other; hence, the impact on counterparty risk is 'Positive'. Furthermore, the penalty applied to the settlement postponement of equities trades will encourage participants to settle on the standard T+3 cycle.

## Market Information Impact

### Colombia

This information affects the data contained in the Settlement sections of the Securities Market Information Service.

# Infrastructure Risk Ratings Impact

### Colombia

Market Rating: A Market Flash Impact: Positive

Impacted Risk Type: Counterparty Risk Current Rating = BBB Flash Impact = Positive

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