



CSDs: Euroclear Finland (Finland), VP (Denmark), Euroclear Sweden (Sweden)

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CCP for Nordic Markets - Update

Further to our previous newsflash, the Swedish, Finnish and Danish Financial Supervisory Authorities have now approved the optional CCP clearing. The service is launched today, 20 March 2009.

The optional clearing (Phase 1) is available until 9 October 2009, when the mandatory CCP phase 2 will begin (subject to regulatory approval). Members can join Phase 1 at any time, after completion of a mandatory test and signing of the 'Statement of Compliance' document. During Phase 1, only T+3 is allowed for the reporting of on-exchange manual trades where the trader is configured for optional clearing and the instrument in question is under the CCP scope.

The official announcement is available through the following link:

http://nordic.nasdaqomxtrader.com/newsstatistics/Market_Notices/Market_Notices_Article/?releaseId=415596&lang=EN

CSD Risk Impact

Euroclear Finland (Finland)

CSD Rating: AA-

CSD Flash Impact: Positive

Impacted Risk Type: Counterparty Risk

Current Rating = AA
Flash Impact = Positive

The introduction of a CCP mechanism on the Nordic markets will improve the model for handling counterparty risk. In addition, this will increase the clearing and settlement efficiency through the entire securities transaction chain.

VP (Denmark)

CSD Rating: AA-

CSD Flash Impact: Positive

Impacted Risk Type: Counterparty Risk

Current Rating = AA-Flash Impact = Positive

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Euroclear Sweden (Sweden)

CSD Rating: AA

CSD Flash Impact: Positive

Impacted Risk Type: Counterparty Risk

Current Rating = AA Flash Impact = Positive

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Denmark

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Finland

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Sweden

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Infrastructure Risk Ratings Impact

Denmark

Market Rating: AA-

Market Flash Impact: Positive

Impacted Risk Type: Counterparty Risk

Current Rating = AA-Flash Impact = Positive

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Finland

Market Rating: AA-

Market Flash Impact: Positive

Impacted Risk Type: Counterparty Risk

Current Rating = AA Flash Impact = Positive

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Sweden

Market Rating: AA

Market Flash Impact: Positive

Impacted Risk Type: Counterparty Risk

Current Rating = AA Flash Impact = Positive

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