## ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROCESS CHANGE



BNY MELLON DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS

January 25, 2022

We will be making certain changes to our processes in response to the EU Central Securities Depository Regulation's Settlement Discipline Regime.

These changes will be made for the following markets:

- Austria
- Belgium
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Lithuania
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden

For issuance transactions, starting on February 1, 2022, our custodians will not accept shares for the issuance of DRs where the intended settlement date of the transaction is in the past. All other aspects of the process remain the same, including the requirement to provide the custodian with valid onward DR delivery instructions.

For cancellation transactions, starting with DRs received in good order and accepted for cancellation on February 1, 2022, we will use an intended settlement date of the next business day in the relevant home country market for the delivery of ordinary shares transaction. All other requirements of the process remain the same, including the requirement to provide valid onward ordinary share delivery instructions and payment of the cancellation fee.

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