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# ISIN Guidelines 2025

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The ISO 6166 standard describes the structure of the ISIN codes and which organizations are allowed to allocate ISIN codes to which financial or referential instruments. The ISIN is allocated to these instruments regardless of the technology used for creating the respective instruments (e.g. both to instruments in paper form and to instruments in electronic form including tokenized instruments i.e., digital tokens).

Competence on the allocation and maintenance of ISIN codes is split between NNAs and DSB, a numbering agency designed to operate on a global basis with regards to OTC derivatives.

The aim of these guidelines is to obtain a uniform process among the various National Numbering Agencies for the allocation of ISIN codes under their competence.

In line with the ISIN Quality Management concept, as defined by the Association of National Numbering Agencies (ANNA, registration authority for ISO 6166), we encourage the use of the list of [Operational Contacts - as indicated on ANNA web](#) for the majority of NNAs - to ensure timely and proper allocation of ISIN codes.

This document is a live document which shall be reviewed periodically.

For OTC derivatives, the DSB ISIN guidelines should be consulted, available at [www.anna-dsb.com](http://www.anna-dsb.com).

### 1.1 Identification of a financial & referential instrument

The allocation of an ISIN represents the identification of a financial instrument rather than the market a financial instrument trades on (except for options, futures and commodities). *Fungible financial instruments will be identified by one ISIN.*

ISIN allocation follows these principles:

a) Equities, debt instruments, entitlements and structured products The ISIN is allocated to the financial instrument regardless of whether or not it is negotiable. However, in the case of individual bank loans the ISIN is only allocated if the instrument is negotiable.

b) Derivatives The ISIN is allocated to those instruments that are traded in their own right, regardless of whether or not the underlying instrument has been assigned an ISIN.

c) Referential instruments The ISIN is allocated to these products, which are not financial instruments, when they are underlying or reference assets to financial instruments. Crypto assets (e.g. cryptocurrencies) that are not financial instruments in accordance with ISO 10962 CFI classification are treated as referential instruments and therefore are in scope for XT ISIN allocation. Refer to section 3.10.

d) Other instruments (combined instruments, emission allowances and carbon credits, other assets)

For the groups “combined instruments” and “emission allowances and carbon credits”, the ISIN is allocated when they are traded or admitted to trading. The group “other assets (insurance policies, real estate deeds, etc.)” may in any case be identified by an ISIN.

The ISIN is allocated to these instruments regardless of the technology used for creating the respective instruments (e.g. both to instruments in paper form and to instruments in electronic form, including tokenized instruments).

## **1.2 General definition of fungibility**

Set of goods which are equivalent, substitutable, and interchangeable and which are not individualized.

Since financial instruments can be individualized by numbers or through a registered form, we will use the following definition:

Fungibility within the financial instruments industry means that a security ranks *pari passu* in all respects with a different version of the same security and can be exchanged into the other form and vice versa at any time.

## **1.3 Rights potentially attached to fungible financial instruments**

- Right to sell
- Right to vote
- Right to receive payments (interest, dividend, in kind, redemption amount)
- Right to participate in a corporate action in the same way
- Right for any holder to hold any form
- Right to callability, conversion, extension of redemption etc.

## 2. EXCEPTIONS

<p><b>2.1. Specific cases relating to fungibility</b></p>	<p><b>Should the financial instruments be considered as fungible in this case?</b></p> <p>In line with the ISIN Quality Management concept, as defined by the Association of National Numbering Agencies (ANNA, registration authority for ISO 6166), we encourage the use of the list of Operational Contacts - as indicated on ANNA web for NNAs - to ensure timely and proper allocation of ISIN codes.</p>
<p><b>2.1.1</b> Different market places</p>	<p><b>YES</b>, if the security is tradeable in different market places.</p>
<p><b>2.1.2</b> Rights difference between different market places in case of corporate action, payment interest/dividends</p>	<p><b>YES</b>, if it is only a technical difference.          Technical differences are already managed by depositories and clearing organization for their deliveries.  <b>NO</b>, if the financial instruments are lodged in different codes to distinguish the different rights between holders of the various market places.</p>
<p><b>2.1.3</b> Subsequent tranches</p>	<p><b>YES</b>, if the financial instruments have identical terms and may be used to settle trades in either tranches, forms or markets without any delay because of possible actions.  <b>NO</b>, in other cases until the assimilation.</p>
<p><b>2.1.4</b> Financial instruments issued in bearer and/or registered form</p>	<p><b>YES</b>, if the financial instruments are fully exchangeable  <b>NO</b>, if the financial instruments are not fully exchangeable</p>
<p><b>2.1.5</b> Change of issue from bearer to registered form or from registered to bearer form at the request of the issuer or is required by local law.</p>	<p><b>NO</b>, if the holder does not have the same rights until the exchange.</p>
<p><b>2.1.6</b> Representative certificates (excluding non-financial instruments/tokenised financial instruments)</p>	<p><b>YES</b>, in France Euroclear France is allowed to rematerialize French financial instruments to be delivered in some foreign countries. Euroclear France acts in substitution to the issuer and in fact replaces the dematerialized financial instruments by a materialized form. Holders of representative certificates have the same rights as the previous ones.</p> <p>Where share certificates are issued, two general rules will apply:</p> <p><b>NO</b>, if dematerialized (i.e. German, Swiss, Dutch certificates) or materialized (i.e. IDR, ADR) secondary paper is issued.  <b>YES</b>, if no secondary paper is issued.</p> <p>If a NNA - for whatever reason - does not allocate an ISIN then such NNA has to follow the guidelines as mentioned in Section 5. SUBSTITUTE NUMBERING AGENCIES (SNAs).</p>

Specific cases relating to fungibility continued	Should the financial instruments be considered as fungible in this case?
2.1.7 Corporate actions	<p><b>YES</b>, if the financial instruments confer to the new holders the same rights as to the previous ones (e.g. subscription of shares with the same rights as the old shares).</p> <p><b>NO</b>, if the new shares are not fully exchangeable or if an exchange or a future assimilation is required. Another code permits a distinction between the old and the new financial instruments and the rights attached to those.</p>
2.1.8 Partly paid/fully paid/nil paid	<p><b>NO</b>, until the full payment if an additional payment is required.</p>
2.1.9 ISIN assignment affected by legal sanctions	<p>In the event that one or more sanctions are imposed (within one or more official jurisdictions); the sanctions may have a direct impact on the ISIN assignment process followed by National Numbering Agencies as documented within the ISO 6166 standard and/or ANNA ISIN Guidelines. In such cases, the text and interpretation of the sanction(s) should prevail (for the time the sanctions are effective) and any impacts on ISIN assignment or fungibility should be strictly adhered by the impacted National Numbering Agencies in accordance with the wording of such sanction(s).</p>

## 2.2. Guidance relating to allocation rules (See also footnote 6 on Digital Assets.)

Where an official ISIN has already been issued for a traditional asset, this same ISIN must be used for the tokenized version of that instrument. If no previous ISIN has been allocated then the existing ISIN allocation guidelines must be followed. The ISIN is allocated to the instruments regardless of the technology used for creating the respective instruments (e.g. both to instruments in paper form and to instruments in electronic form, including tokenised instruments).

<p><b>2.2.1</b> Allocation of ISINs in terms of debt instruments, issued with warrant(s) (i.e. cum or technical cum)</p>	<p>Debt instruments cum and ex warrant(s) must be registered separately by the depository bank. Accordingly, the financial instruments should get at least 3 ISINs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 for the debt instrument cum warrant(s)</li> <li>- 1 for the debt instrument ex warrant(s)</li> <li>- 1 for each warrant</li> </ul> <p><u>N.B.</u>: If several kinds of warrants are attached, the number of ISINs assigned increases accordingly. Moreover, all the above ISINs have the same prefix as the one used for the related debt instruments as stipulated in ISO 6166.</p> <p>For tokenised instruments the same conditions apply as mentioned in 2.2.17 Debt issued as Digital Tokens</p>
<p><b>2.2.2</b> Debt issues where tranches are deposited in more than one (I)CSD</p>	<p>If tranches are not fungible, then two ISINs should be assigned. Criteria of non-fungibility: transfer restrictions For tokenised instruments the same conditions apply as mentioned in 2.2.17 Debt issued as Digital Tokens</p>
<p><b>2.2.3</b> Partial reimbursement of capital when repayment equally to all holders at the same time</p>	<p>There is no need to allocate new ISINs, even if the payment effects a change of denomination amount.</p>
<p><b>2.2.4</b> Issues with different denominations</p>	<p><b>Shares</b> If different categories of shares were issued, then each value should receive its own ISIN. If certificates consist of multiple of shares, only one ISIN should be assigned.</p> <p><b>Bonds</b> Only one ISIN for different denominations, if fungible.</p> <p>Where a denomination is not fungible with another, a new ISIN can be issued to distinguish between the two.</p> <p>e.g. Issue A and Issue B</p> <p>Both fixed income financial instruments, with the same issue date, maturity date, coupon rate, payment frequency, issue currency etc. i.e. all instrument attributes are the same (except the defined legal denominations)</p> <p>Issue A is issued with a single denomination of EUR 30,000</p> <p>Therefore Issue A can only trade (and settle) in multiples of EUR 30,000 (ie 30,000 or 60,000 or 90,000 etc.)</p> <p>Issue B is issued with denominations of a minimum size of EUR 100,000 and integral multiples of EUR 10,000 thereafter</p> <p>Therefore issue B can only trade (and settle) with a minimum ticket size of EUR 100,000 or multiples of EUR 10,000 thereafter (i.e. 100,000 or 110,000 or 120,000 or 130,000 etc.)</p> <p>In the above case, Issue A and B would qualify for different ISINs to comply with the defined denominations</p>

<b>Guidance relating to allocation rules – continued</b>		
<b>2.2.5</b>	Taxable/Non-taxable financial instruments	Tax considerations may not affect the allocation rules of ISINs, if the financial instruments are fungible.
<b>2.2.6</b>	ISINs for rights	ISINs should be allocated for rights or optional stock dividend election (according to ISO 6166).
<b>2.2.7</b>	Issues with 2 or more tranches	Tranches with different issue prices get different ISINs upon issuance, but have to be assimilated after the first coupon payment.
<b>2.2.8</b>	Warrants	<p><b>Warrants issued by foreign branches of banks</b></p> <p>When such branches have no separate legal entity the ISIN-prefix of the headquarters country will be used. If the branch is a separate legal entity (i.e. within a specific local market), the country of the branch should be considered for the allocation and the prefix accordingly (e.g. warrants issued by foreign bank branches). For further exceptions see 2.2.14 Structured Products<sup>3</sup></p> <p><b>Warrants issued pursuant to Regulation S</b></p> <p>Warrants issued pursuant to Regulation S will bear the Alpha-2 country code of the country of the issuer.</p> <p><b>Warrants issued pursuant to Rule 144A</b></p> <p>Warrants issued pursuant to Rule 144A will bear a US prefix without reference to the country of the issuer in accordance with market practice in the United States.</p>
<b>2.2.9</b>	<p>a) European financial and referential instruments</p> <p>b) European Stability Mechanism (ESM) products (inclusive of products issued under Regulation S/144A)</p> <p>c) European Investment Bank (w.e.f. September 1, 2023)</p>	<p>Financial and referential instruments issued in the European Union but not relating to a specific EU country jurisdiction would be allocated an ISIN with an EU-prefix by WM Datenservice.</p> <p>Examples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Financial instrument: EFSF medium term notes EU000A1G0A57</li> <li>- Referential instrument: Euribor 3 months EU0009652783</li> </ul> <p>Debt Products issued into European Central Securities Depositories</p> <p>Fixed income Debt products issued by ESM directly into a European Central Securities Depositories – ‘CSDs’, will be allocated EU prefix ISINs</p> <p>Debt Products issued into ICSDs</p> <p>Debt products issued by ESM directly into the ICSDs (Euroclear Bank and Clearstream Banking), will be allocated XS prefix ISINs.</p> <p>Debt Products issued into non-EU CSDs</p> <p>Debt products issued by ESM directly into non-EU CSDs will be allocated local prefix ISINs as per the existing debt rules defined in the ISO 6166 standard (e.g. issued in DTCC in the United States will receive a US prefix ISIN).</p> <p>New EIB issuances, irrespective of currency/asset class, issued/deposited in the ICSDs; will be allocated an EU-prefix ISIN (see specific note on ECP/ECD instruments below)</p>

	<p>Euro-Commercial paper (ECP)/Euro Certificates of Deposit (ECD) issued/deposited in the ICSDs (as the CSD of deposit) will be allocated XS ISIN</p> <p>Rule 144A/RegS securities, where both securities are issued/deposited in the ICSDs (when XS/XS logic would apply) will be allocated two EU ISINs in case of a dual note structure issued in the ICSDs. Unitary note structures issued/deposited in the ICSDs will be allocated a single EU ISIN. Rule 144A/RegS securities issued/deposited using a combined DTC and ICSD place of deposit logic (where US/XS ISIN logic applied in the past) will be allocated US and EU ISINs respectively</p> <p>Debt securities deposited in LuxCSD will be allocated an EU ISIN prefix.</p> <p>Securities deposited with other EU and non-EU CSDs will be allocated local prefix ISINs as per the existing debt rules defined in the ISO 6166 depending on the CSD of deposit i.e. US, NO, NZ, CA, CH, ISINs etc</p> <p>Warrants are out of scope of the above allocation rule</p> <p>Any issuances (by EIB as the borrower) as a digital token, will follow the same ISIN allocation logic as outlined above.</p>
<p><b>2.2.10</b> Preferred shares</p>	<p><u>Preferred shares issued in unit form</u> (that are being treated as debt) will be assigned the relevant ISIN by the NNA located in the issuer's country of incorporation and set up as equity.</p> <p><u>Preferred shares issued in nominal form</u> (that are being treated as debt) will be assigned an XS ISIN (if being held directly with the ICSDs) and set up as bond.</p> <p><u>Preferred shares that are being treated as equity</u> will be assigned the relevant ISIN by the NNA located in the issuer's country of incorporation and set up as equity.</p>
<p><b>Guidance relating to allocation rules – continued</b></p>	
<p><b>2.2.11</b> RegS/144A debt issues</p>	<p><u>The RegS and/or 144A portion is deposited with a US CSD (only)</u>, it will bear the US prefix.</p> <p><u>The RegS and/or 144A portion is deposited with Euroclear Bank / Clearstream Banking</u>, it will bear an XS-ISIN.</p> <p><u>In case of a bifurcated structure or split note</u>, a minimum of 2 and maximum of 4 unique ISINs will be allocated by the relevant numbering agency in accordance with the place of deposit as described in Annex A entitled “<i>ISIN allocation rules for debt instruments issued under rule 144A and Regulation S</i>” which forms an integral part of these guidelines.</p> <p>For tokenised instruments the same conditions apply as mentioned in 2.2.17 Debt issued as Digital Tokens</p>
<p><b>2.2.12</b> Common investment funds</p>	<p>For funds, the issuer country means the country where the fund is registered. If this information is missing or not available at the time of the ISIN allocation, tax implications (i.e. country where tax is paid) would apply as the reference country for allocation of the ISIN.</p>

<p><b>2.2.13</b> Depositary receipts representing an equity instrument</p> <p>Depositary receipts representing a debt instrument</p>	<p>Equity rule applies where the depositary bank issues the depositary receipt representing equity. Allocation rule is Alpha-2 country code of the country where the depositary bank issuing the depositary receipt is legally registered or, in the absence of registration, has their legal domicile.</p> <p>The rules applicable to the underlying debt instruments also apply to this instrument type.</p>
<p><b>2.2.14</b> Structured Products <sup>3</sup></p>	<p>– Alpha-2 country code of the country where the issuer is legally registered or, in the absence of registration, has their legal domicile if the depot of all such financial instruments upon issuance is made with one or more CSD(s) or there is no depot of all such financial instruments upon issuance with a CSD or ICSD. However, current market practice being applied in major markets is based on Primary Place of Deposit:</p> <p>- XS ISIN prefix must apply if the depot of all such financial instruments upon issuance is primarily made with an ICSD (irrespective if being issued in nominal or unit).</p> <p>For tokenised instruments the same conditions apply as mentioned in 2.2.17 Debt issued as Digital Tokens</p>

<b>Guidance relating to allocation rules – continued</b>	
<b>2.2.15</b> Combined instruments <sup>2</sup>	The allocation rule for these instruments is “Alpha-2 country code of the country of the issuer”.
<b>2.2.16</b> Issues denominated in different currencies	For Collective Investment Vehicles: -If the currency is defined as a specific class in the prospectus, then each currency class shall have its own ISIN.  -If a dedicated class is denominated in different currencies, then only one ISIN can be issued for the particular class.
<b>2.2.17</b> Debt issued as Digital Tokens	– the depot of all such financial instruments upon issuance is made with the Central Securities Depository (CSD) of one country  Alpha-2 country code of the country of the CSD.  – the depot of all such financial instruments upon issuance is made with the CSD of more than one country or with an International Central Securities Depository (ICSD) XS ISIN prefix  – Where there is no depot of such financial instruments with a CSD or ICSD. Alpha-2 country code of the country where the issuer is legally registered or, in the absence of registration, has their legal domicile.
<b>2.2.18</b> Individual negotiable bank loans	In the case of individual bank loans the ISIN is only allocated if the instrument is negotiable.  Alpha-2 country code of the country where the borrower is legally registered or, in the absence of registration, has its legal domicile
<b>2.2.19</b> Technical Right Lines	In the case where Issuer will be issuing technical rights lines in 2 or more jurisdictions, two or more unique ISINs would be assigned by the responsible NNAs (as appropriate). Issuer must ensure that the mutual exclusivity and principle of non-fungibility is maintained across applicable jurisdictions throughout the lifecycle of the securities.
<b>2.2.20</b> Loyalty Shares	A new ISIN should only be assigned to shares with acquired or reinforced or enhanced rights if they are no longer fungible with ordinary shares or if required by local market practice. Otherwise, no additional ISIN is necessary.

<b>2.3. Country specific assignment practices</b>	
Refer to point 10 'Numbering Agencies not in line with Guidelines'	
<b>2.3.1</b> Australia	<p>Delisted instruments – A temporary ISIN can be allocated in cases where a security is de-listed from the ASX (Australian Stock Exchange).</p> <p>Re-use of ISIN for warrants – ISIN codes for Australian warrants contain the ASX code for the issuer and characteristics of the instrument type. Re-use can occur after at least 45 business days.</p> <p>2 separate ISINs can be allocated for an Exchange Traded Dual Access Fund Structure on technical grounds, one ISIN allocated for the On-Market (listed) units and the other for the Off-Market (unlisted) units.</p>
<b>2.3.2</b> Russia	<p>Separate ISIN allocation for new issue of equity shares, with same rights, until they are merged with the principal shares.</p> <p>New shares circulate separately from principal shares for several months and are not fungible during this time. The new shares can be cancelled by the Regulator during this period. Upon confirmation from the regulator, the new shares will rank pari passu and the ISIN for the new shares will be made inactive.</p>
<b>2.3.3</b> Italy	<p>Different tranches of Italian debt financial instruments subject to pro rata temporis taxation under the provisions of Legislative Decree 239 of 1 April 1996 (LD 239/96) are also fungible, and bear the same ISIN, if the issue price, redemption price, issue date and redemption date to be used for tax purposes are identical (e.g. through application of Article 11 (2) of LD 239/96).</p>
<b>2.3.4</b> International market	<p>No change of ISIN in cases of change of place of deposit from common depository to common safekeeper (NGN/NSS).</p>
<b>2.3.5</b> Ireland	<p>With effect from March 15, 2021; Irish corporate debt and equities migrated from Euroclear UK and Ireland (EUI) to Euroclear Bank (EB) as the new Central Securities Depository (CSD). This structure mirrors the existing service Euroclear Bank provides for Irish government debt (as per a decision passed by the Central Bank of Ireland in December 2014).</p> <p>To effect the transition, issuers of Irish corporate debt or equity securities must have passed a resolution at an AGM approving the migration from EUI to EB as the new CSD. The legal form and structure of Irish debt and equity instruments is not similar to international debt instruments issued into EB (identified with an XS ISIN today) – therefore the migration presents no impact on ISIN allocation rules for Irish securities as a result of this change. Euronext Dublin continues as the responsible NNA for Irish Government debt, Corporate debt and corporate equity instruments (using IE prefix ISINs).</p>
<b>2.3.6</b> United Kingdom (including Great Britain, Jersey, Guernsey & Isle of Man)	<p>Where a change of domicile is concerned, a new ISIN must be issued for the new organisation/entity which is now registered in the new jurisdiction. The old organisation/entity will be made inactive by the relevant business registry in that jurisdiction.</p> <p>This cannot be regarded as a continuation of the same company as a new organisation/entity must be registered in the new jurisdiction.</p>

### 3. REFERENTIAL INSTRUMENTS

Instruments		Example	
<b>3.1. Currencies</b>	<p>The ISIN should bear the prefix of the issuer country in case of single currency. For cross rates, the prefix should correspond to the issuer country of the fixed currency of the ratio.</p> <p>For Digital Currencies, refer section 3.10</p>	<p>Euro</p> <p>USD</p>	<p>EU0009656420</p> <p>US9117941131</p>
<b>3.2. Indices</b>	<p>The ISIN will bear the prefix of the jurisdiction of the Benchmark Administrator<sup>5</sup> and should be assigned for each index based on its unique attributes<sup>4</sup>.</p> <p>LEI of the Benchmark Administrator should be used to determine the correct jurisdiction for ISIN allocation. Where the LEI cannot be obtained or confirmed, the NNA shall encourage the requestor to obtain LEI. Only in the absence of LEI, the NNA should procure more entity information from the requestor about the Benchmark Administrator.</p> <p>ISIN requests should be submitted or validated by Benchmark Administrators. The exception being where a Benchmark Administrator does not want to be involved in the ISIN application process or has transferred this obligation to the calculating agent, being a different corporate entity to the Benchmark Administrator.</p> <p>The Benchmark Administrator name should be used as the issuer name unless an alternative is specified by the Benchmark Administrator. The Benchmark Administrator must include a rationale for use of an alternative issuer name.</p> <p>Refer the section 4.1 – Consequence of Corporate Actions, in relation to impact on Index ISINs due to Benchmark Administrator change of domicile.</p>	<p>FTSE 100 Index</p> <p>IBEX 35</p> <p>S&amp;P500 Index</p>	<p>GB0001383545</p> <p>ES0SI0000005</p> <p>US78378X1072</p>

Instruments		Example	
<b>3.3. Interest rates</b>	Referential interest rates as defined by term and currency, used in the financial sector and calculated by financial institutions. The ISIN should bear the prefix of the originator's country.	1-Year MIBOR 12-Month LIBOR	ES0S00000018 GB00B5M93442
<b>3.4. Commodities</b>	One ISIN per good and domicile of the exchange, even if several exchanges exist in the same country. The different quality degrees within the same good should not be taken into account.	Lampante Olive Oil	ES0SM0032042
<b>3.5. Options</b>	Each contract defined by expiration date, option type, strike price, currency and underlying instrument will get an ISIN. The ISIN gets the prefix of the country of the exchange or MTF issuing or registering and clearing the specific derivative instrument.	MEFF OPC 06 2012 VTA TEF 16,00  LIFFE PEARSON CALL OPTION 15/06/12 GBX100	ES0A00482836   GB00DBYV2Y13



<p><b>3.10 Cryptoassets</b> (Tokenised Referential Instruments) and Digital currencies</p>	<p>For digital assets as defined in Footnote 6, Crypto assets that are not financial instruments in accordance with ISO 10962 CFI classification are treated as referential instruments and therefore are in scope for ISINs with the XT prefix, to be assigned by the Designated Numbering Agency responsible for XT ISINs.</p> <p>Note 1: Jurisdiction-agnostic approach has been applied due to regulatory divergence in the treatment of crypto assets across jurisdictions.</p> <p>Note 2: Centralised approach has been applied due to an absence of clear definition and identification of an issuer for such referential instruments.</p> <p>Includes:</p> <p><b>-Cryptocurrencies</b> Cryptocurrency uses distributed ledger technology to operate, with no central authority or banks; managing transactions and the issuing of tokens is carried out collectively by the network. Intended predominantly as a store of value and a medium of exchange for both digital and physical goods and services.</p> <p><b>-Stablecoins</b> Stablecoins could be backed by/pegged against different collaterals held by a centralized custodian. Frequently used collaterals are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One or more fiat currencies</li> <li>• One or more digital currencies</li> <li>• Algorithmic system which values the asset on par with fiat currencies</li> <li>• Precious metals</li> <li>• Commodities</li> <li>• Or a combination of the collateral mentioned above.</li> </ul>	<p>Specific examples of types of cryptoassets are provided below.</p>
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	Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDC) and Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs) are currently out of scope.	
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## 4. CONSEQUENCES OF CORPORATE ACTIONS

Event and Definition	ISIN rules
<p><b>4.1 Change of domicile</b></p> <p><u>Change of Country</u> Domicile of company changes to another country</p> <p><b>Additional guidance:</b> Where a corporate action includes a change of domicile, the NNA in the new domicile may consider the following points in order to determine if a new ISIN is required:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consideration of the explicit details of the corporate action, in particular, the impact of the redomicile on the existing issued securities.</li> <li>2. Local market practices - where a change of domicile is concerned, where the organisation/entity registered in the old jurisdiction is made inactive &amp; a new organisation/entity must be registered in the new jurisdiction. (Not regarded as a continuation of the same company). *See Section 2.3.7. United Kingdom.</li> <li>3. Whether the existing securities continue to remain fungible with securities issued in the new jurisdiction.</li> </ol> <p><u>European Company - Societas Europaea (SE)</u></p> <p>A change of seat / registered office from one country to another.</p> <p>A Societas Europaea (SE) is re-registered as UK Societas.</p>	<p>A new ISIN only if the old security is exchanged for a new one.</p> <p><b>For Paperless Financial Instruments-</b></p> <p>With respect of Indices, where pre-existing ISINs have been assigned by one jurisdiction but future ISINs fall under a new jurisdiction, the pre-existing ISINs should remain active to ensure persistence in identification and to minimise downstream impact to users.</p> <p>No change of ISIN for financial instruments already existing.</p> <p>A change of ISIN for financial instruments already existing.</p>
<p><b>4.2 Merger</b></p> <p><u>Merger by absorption:</u> One of the companies incorporates the other(s) which legally disappear(s)</p> <p><u>Merger by amalgamation:</u> The two companies merge to form a new legal entity after a certain period</p>	<p>ISINs of shares of the former companies must become inactive after a certain period.</p> <p>A new ISIN has to be allocated for the stock of the new company and the former ISINs must become inactive.</p> <p><b>For Physical Certificates -</b> <u>N.B.</u> In both above cases, for bonds, a new ISIN is created only if the old certificates are exchanged for new ones.</p>

<p><b>4.3 Assimilation</b> Event which makes the use of an existing separate ISIN superfluous. For example: full dividend rights for new shares, call of outstanding amount on partly paid shares</p>	<p>The ISIN of the new stock has to become inactive when old and new shares become fungible unless a re-use is planned.</p>
<p><b>4.4 Redemption</b> Repayment of capital debt financial instruments or redeemable shares (fully redeemed)</p>	<p>The ISIN has to become inactive after redemption date, unless the bonds are in default.</p>
<p><b>4.5 Conversion</b>  The exchange of a convertible type of security into another type of security.  Convertible bonds or Convertible shares (fully converted)</p>	<p>Convertible bonds The ISIN has to become inactive after conversion period end date, unless the bonds are in default.  Convertible shares The ISIN has to become inactive after conversion date.</p>
<p><b>4.6 Bankruptcy</b> Forced liquidation of a company</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Full or partial compensation of shareholders/creditors</li> <li>- Discontinuation of the legal proceedings because of lack of assets</li> </ul>	<p>The ISIN has to become inactive after deletion of the company in the register of commerce.  The ISIN has to become inactive after deletion of the company in the register of commerce.</p>
<p><b>4.7 Change of share capital</b> Change of issued capital (issued stock) of a company</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increase by issue of additional stocks</li> <li>- Increase by change of nominal value</li> <li>- Decrease by change of nominal value</li> </ul>	<p>A new ISIN has only to be allocated for stocks with different rights. <b>Paperless Financial Instruments-</b> The ISIN code remains unchanged <b>Physical Certificates-</b> A new ISIN is required in case of exchange of the old certificates  <b>Paperless Financial Instruments-</b> The ISIN code remains unchanged <b>Physical Certificates-</b> A new ISIN is required in case of exchange of the old certificates</p>
<p><b>4.8 Liquidation</b> Voluntary dissolution of a company</p>	<p>The ISIN has to become inactive after deletion of the company in the register of commerce.</p>
<p><b>4.9 Change of name</b> Renaming of a company</p>	<p><b>Paperless Financial Instruments-</b> <u>For Shares and Debt Financial Instruments:</u> The ISIN code remains unchanged.</p>

	<p><b>Physical Certificates_</b></p> <p><u>For shares:</u></p> <p>A new ISIN is allocated for shares in case of exchange of the old certificates.</p> <p><u>For debt financial instruments:</u></p> <p>If the bonds have to be exchanged for new certificates, the ISIN must be changed.</p>
<b>4.10 Stock split</b> Subdivision	The ISIN may remain the same unless there is a mandatory exchange of shares.*
<b>4.11 Reverse split</b> Consolidation	A new ISIN is required and the previous ISIN must become inactive.*
<b>4.12 Renewal of coupons</b>	<p><b>For Paperless Financial Instruments -</b> Not applicable.</p> <p><b>For Physical Certificates -</b> No new ISIN will be allocated in such a case provided that the certificate does not need to be exchanged.</p>
<b>4.13 Official stripping</b> Separate trading of registered interest and principal of financial instruments. In case of official stripping, the issuer designates the underlying issue as eligible for stripping and appoints strip dealers.	The rules applicable to the underlying debt instruments also apply to official stripping.
<b>4.14 Unofficial stripping</b> Unofficial stripping is generally issued by a Trust or SPV (special purpose vehicle) which repackages the underlying issue without the authorization of the issuer. In this case, evidence of ownership is in the form of a certificate issued by the Trust or the SPV. The certificates are not the primary obligation of the issuer of the underlying security and in the event of default of the Trust or the SPV no claim can be made by certificate holders against assets of the issuer of the underlying bond in order to recoup their principal and interest.	Alpha-2 country code of the country of the entity that strips the issue.
<b>4.15 Change of Primary place of deposit</b> <sup>1</sup> Place of deposit is changed from one (I)CSD to another (I)CSD	<p><b>For Paperless Financial Instruments –</b> No change of ISIN for paperless/immobilised financial instruments</p> <p><b>For Physical Certificates-</b> A new ISIN only if the old security is exchanged for a new one.</p>
<b>4.16 Change of Issue</b> There is a transfer of financial instruments from one issuer to another.	<p><b>For Paperless Financial Instruments -</b> No change of ISIN for financial instruments already existing.</p> <p><b>For Physical Certificates-</b> A new ISIN only if the old security is exchanged for a new one.</p>
<b>4.17 Transfer of sub fund</b>	

<p><u>Scenario 1</u> A sub fund merges/is transferred from one (fund) company to a new/existing (fund) company.</p> <p>The form of the giving/receiving (fund) company, e.g. SICAV vs. FCP and/or if the giving (fund) company continues or ends to exist is irrelevant for this change.</p> <p>The sub fund being merged/transferred and the receiving (fund) company may have different jurisdictions of domicile.</p> <p>N.B. If a name change is involved this should be treated according to existing rule 4.8 Change of Name.</p> <p><u>Scenario 2</u> The management company of an FCP will be transformed into a SICAV and thus will inherit the ISINs of the FCP.</p> <p><b>Additional guidance:</b> Where a corporate action includes a change of domicile, the NNA in the new domicile may consider the following points in order to determine if a new ISIN is required:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consideration of the explicit details of the corporate action, in particular, the impact of the redomicile on the existing issued securities.</li> <li>2. Whether the existing securities continue to remain fungible with securities issued in the new jurisdiction.</li> </ol>	<p><u>Scenario 1</u> No change of ISIN required as sub fund does not merge with another new/existing sub fund. Sub fund becomes a new compartment within the receiving (fund) company.</p> <p><u>Scenario 2</u> No change of ISIN required as the transformation of the management company does not have an impact on the underlying sub funds.</p>
<p><b>4.18 Bankruptcy Reorganization</b></p> <p>Reorganization of an entity that emerges from a bankruptcy plan of reorganization (for example, Chapter 11 bankruptcy in United States)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All issued and outstanding shares are cancelled and exchanged for new shares pursuant to the bankruptcy plan of reorganization.</li> </ul>	<p>If reorganisation has any impact on existing shares on its par value or any rights or restriction on shares, the ISIN for the existing shares must be made inactive and a different and new ISIN must be allocated for the newly issued shares.</p>

\*exceptions may be due to local market practices.

## **5. SUBSTITUTE NUMBERING AGENCIES (SNAs)**

If a NNA - for whatever reason - does not allocate an ISIN for a certain financial instrument, the designated Substitute Agency would allocate an ISIN with prefix XA, XB, XC or XD (XA used by CUSIP Global Services, XB by NSD Russia, XC by WM Datenservice Germany and XD by SIX Financial Information Ltd.) according to their geographical responsibilities and based on their own basic number.

In the event an SNA does not deal with a request it should take the responsibility to coordinate the distribution of such a request with other SNA.

## **6. RE-USE OF ISIN CODES**

ISINs should never be re-used. This rule applies to all kinds of financial and referential instruments.

## **7. ISIN Code Structure**

ISIN code is a 12-character alphanumeric code allocated in accordance with ISO 6166 containing first two alpha-characters as ISIN prefix and last digit as check digit.

To maintain the persistence of an ISIN, as far as reasonably practicable, and to enable use of all permutations possible, ISIN codes should not contain any embedded intelligence.

Where possible, random number generation logic should be used including a sequence of alpha numeric characters.

The methodology applied must also comply with ISO 6166 (Annex C – Normative) - Formula for computing modulus 10 “Double-Add-Double” check digit requirements.

## **8. ISIN Documentation**

The responsible NNA is required to complete due diligence and KYC checks to verify the Requestor, Issuer, and the instrument details on a best endeavours basis. When submitting an ISIN application, the Requestor is required to provide supporting documentation verifying the issuance request. The NNA may request additional supporting material based on their requirements.

Supporting documentation to evidence Requestor, Issuer or Collective Investment Schemes may include, incorporation details, company articles, Fund management details, financial statements, Legal Entity Identifier etc.

The Requestor is encouraged to provide comprehensive documentation to support their application. The documentation must enable the NNA to verify the issuance details and carry out its due diligence processes at its discretion.

Examples of supporting documentation to evidence the Instrument are detailed in the Appendix 1.

Due to insufficient or inadequate information, an ISIN will not be assigned.

## **9. LEI & ISIN Linkage**

Endorsed by the G20 and Financial Stability Board, the [Legal Entity Identifier \(LEI\)](#) is a 20-character, alphanumeric code based on the ISO 17442 standard. It connects to key reference information that enables clear and unique identification of legal entities when issuing a financial instrument and/or participating in financial transactions.

As the LEI captures data at the entity level and the ISIN at the security level, linking the two identifiers will allow for an enriched data set providing additional layers of information that ultimately forms a comprehensive profile of the entity, its identity, company structure and financial exposure.

Each NNA shall capture or request the LEI of the issuing entity at the time of an ISIN request to assist with increasing the LEI-ISIN coverage. Where the LEI cannot be obtained or confirmed (which means verification of the presence of the LEI and legal entity name with the GLEIF database: <https://www.gleif.org/en/lei/search#>), due to the increased prominence and importance of its broad adoption in global financial markets, including regulatory mandates (such as MiFID II and the Prospectus Directive in Europe) in some jurisdictions, the NNA shall encourage the requestor to [obtain an LEI](#).

Due to regulatory requirements in some jurisdiction (such as CSDR in Europe), some NNAs may require an LEI before ISIN issuance can take place.

## **10. NUMBERING AGENCIES NOT IN LINE WITH THE GUIDELINES**

National Numbering Agencies are required to adopt and implement ISIN in line with their obligations as an ANNA Member or Partner. Should this not be possible for certain events, the long-term goal should be to come in line with the Guidelines as soon as practical.

## **11. INSTRUMENTS OUT OF SCOPE OF ISO 6166**

Examples such as:

- Bills for discount
- Credit facilities (overdraft, revolving)
- Documentary credits
- Collection items, etc.

## 12. FOOTNOTES

### <sup>1</sup> Primary Place of Deposit:

The primary place of deposit is the (International) Central Securities Depository which physically holds the financial instruments in custody or, for dematerialized financial instruments, which hosts primary issuance and supports settlement of the security.

### <sup>2</sup> Combined Instruments:

Packages of different financial instruments issued and/or traded as one single unit. They can be separated during their life cycle and be traded individually.

### <sup>3</sup> Structured products:

Structured instruments can be divided into:

#### **Structured instruments (capital protection)**

Capital protected structured instruments offer investors exposure to chosen underlying in various approaches and by a large variety of asymmetric pay-off profiles. There are one or more reference entities underlying in the product. Redemption is made at least in the amount of conditional capital protection at maturity, provided that no credit event of the reference entity has occurred. Conditional capital protection only applies to the nominal and not to the purchase price. The general functioning of a capital guaranteed structured instrument is as follows: the notional amount is split into a zero bond, that will deliver the capital guarantee at maturity, and the difference between the zero bond's value (=present value of the guarantee level at maturity) and the notional amount is used for structuring the performance component with options which deliver the agreed pay-off profile of the structured instrument.

#### **Structured instruments (without capital protection)**

A structured instrument without capital protection is a short-term note linked to an underlying stock. The security offers a steady stream of income due to the payment of a coupon rate. The redemption at the end of the term is determined on the basis of the performance and final fixing of the underlying: a redemption at the nominal value is guaranteed as long as the underlying has not touched its barrier during the relevant barrier monitoring. If the underlying has touched its barrier but is again above the strike price at final fixing, the nominal price is also repaid. Nevertheless, if the underlying has touched its barrier during barrier monitoring and closes below the strike price at final fixing, the underlying is delivered or cash compensation paid, provided that no credit event of the reference entity has occurred. Depending on the characteristics of the product, either a coupon or a discount to the underlying can apply. A coupon is paid out regardless of performance of the underlying, provided that no credit event of the reference entity has occurred.

#### **Structured instruments (Participation)**

The construction is generally based on a Low Exercise Price Option LEPO (base value less discount future dividends) or a direct investment in the Underlying or a LEPO combines with other options, which guarantee the desired disbursement profile.

**Structured instruments (Entitlements – Leverage Products):** Warrants, Spread warrants, Miscellaneous leverage products without Knock-Out, Knock-Out warrants, Open-end Knock-Out warrants, Mini-Future, Double Knock-Out warrants, Miscellaneous leverage products with Knock-Out Certificates, Constant Leverage Certificates and Miscellaneous Constant leverage products

For further information please consult

[https://eusipa.org/wp-content/uploads/European\\_map\\_20160530\\_2016.pdf](https://eusipa.org/wp-content/uploads/European_map_20160530_2016.pdf)

### <sup>4</sup> Index Attributes

Index attributes need to be taken into consideration to ensure unique ISIN identification. The relevant attributes also need to be visible as part of the index description to allow differentiation between indices and their respective ISINs. Examples of attribute types used to uniquely define an index are as follows - Index weighting types, Index return type, Index asset type, Index currency, Index style, Index category, Type of interest rate, Frequency of calculation, Index strategy, Index family, Hedged, Rebalance Frequency, Exclusions, Composite

### <sup>5</sup> Benchmark Administrator:

A Benchmark Administrator according to the IOSCO Principles for Financial Benchmarks, Annex A - Glossary of Key Items (<https://www.iosco.org/library/pubdocs/pdf/IOSCOPD415.pdf>) is:

An organisation or legal person that controls the creation and operation of the Benchmark Administration process, whether or not it owns the intellectual property relating to the Benchmark. In particular, it has responsibility for all stages of the Benchmark Administration process, including:

- a) The calculation of the Benchmark;
- b) Determining and applying the Benchmark Methodology; and
- c) Disseminating the Benchmark.

#### **6 Digital Token\***

A fungible digital asset which uses distributed ledger technology for its issuance, storage, exchange, record of ownership, or transaction validation.

Note 1 to entry: Digital assets described by non-standard terms including but not limited to, cryptocurrency, virtual currency, digital currency, utility token, security token, cryptoasset, payment token, stablecoin, or colored coin could be considered digital tokens for the purpose of this specification.

#### **7 Digital Asset\***

An asset that exists only in digital form or which is the digital representation of another asset.

#### **8 Distributed Ledger Technology\***

A technology that enables the operation and use of distributed ledgers.

#### **9 Distributed Ledger\***

A ledger that is shared across a set of DLT nodes and synchronized between the DLT nodes using a consensus mechanism.

Note 1 to entry: a distributed ledger is designed to be tamper resistant, append-only and immutable containing confirmed and validated transactions.

[\*SOURCE: ISO/FDIS 22739, 3.22]

**Any queries or clarifications regarding the ISIN Guidelines, including the assignment process should be directed to the ANNA Secretariat – [secretariat@anna-web.org](mailto:secretariat@anna-web.org)**

Appendix 1

Examples of supporting documentation to evidence the Instrument in an ISIN application:

	Security	Prospectus	Base Prospectus	Admission/ Listing Particulars	Term Sheet	Key Investor Information Document (KIID)	Fact Sheet	Index Methodology	Contract Specifications	Private Placement Memorandum	Other documentation - Whitepaper for digital tokens	Subscription Agreement	Share Certificate or Register of Members	Articles of Incorporation / Corporate Charter	Custodian or Transfer Agent Confirmation	Fund Constitution or Trust Deed	Contract notes
Equities	Shares	✓	✓	✓						✓		✓	✓	✓			
	Preference shares	✓	✓	✓						✓		✓					
	Depository Receipts	✓	✓	✓													
	Units	✓	✓	✓						✓		✓	✓	✓			
Debt Instruments	All Debt Instruments	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓							
	Country/Government Debt instruments	✓	✓	✓	✓												
	Depository Receipts	✓	✓	✓													
Collective Investment Vehicles	Funds - All issues	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Derivatives	Listed Options								✓								
	Listed Futures								✓								
Referential instruments	Indices						✓	✓									
Structured products	all	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓							