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Short Selling Update - Belgium, France, Italy and Spain

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Belgium

Creation of new net economic short positions or the increase of existing net economic short positions in relation to certain Belgian financial sector stocks is prohibited:

A copy of the English version of the FSMA statement including the affected securities is available here.

France

The French financial markets regulator, the Autorité des Marchés Financiers (AMF), has announced that, with immediate effect for a period of 15 days, the creation of new net short positions or the increase of existing net short positions in relation to certain French financial sector stocks is prohibited. A copy of the English version of the AMF statement including the affected securities is available here.

Italy

CONSOB has banned the taking of net short positions or the increase of existing net short positions in a prescribed list of issuers. A copy of the English version of its restriction on short selling including the affected securities can be found here.

Spair

CNMV has announced that, with immediate effect for a period of 15 days, the creation of new net short positions or the increase of existing net short positions in relation to certain Spanish financial sector stocks is prohibited.

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