



## THE COMMITTEE OF EUROPEAN SECURITIES REGULATORS

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### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

*In the interest of transparency and to inform interested parties, CESR has published the following (together the “Tables”):*

- *the Correspondence Tables on the CESR Standards for Investor Protection (Ref. CESR/03-416b to 423b, CESR/03-134/Country);*
- *the Correspondence Tables on the CESR Standards for Alternative Trading Systems (Ref. CESR/03-415b, CESR/03-135/Country);*
- *the Synthesis Tables (Ref. CESR/03-427b and CESR/03-432b);*
- *the List of Alternative Trading Systems currently operating in Member States<sup>1</sup> (Ref. CESR/03-497b);*
- *the explanatory notes and caveats attached to the Tables.*

*The Tables were produced by the Members of CESR<sup>1</sup> within the constraints of and solely for the purposes of the CESR Review Panel process of monitoring the status of implementation of the CESR Standards for Investor Protection<sup>2</sup> and the CESR Standards for Alternative Trading Systems<sup>3</sup> in Member States.*

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*The information set out in the Tables is the response of each Member’s self-assessment. For this reason, the content of the Tables regarding a particular Member State has been prepared solely by the relevant Member on a best-efforts basis. (In a next step, the CESR Review Panel is going to conduct a common and collective peer exercise in reviewing the responses from all Members.) In case of discrepancy between the tables containing the responses from all CESR Members and the tables containing the individual responses from a particular CESR Member, the latter should be referred to.*

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*For a more detailed account of the process, methodology and first, interim results, please see the “First Interim Report” by the Review Panel (Ref. CESR/03-414b).*

<sup>1</sup> For reasons of simplicity, the term “Member” in this context refers to all participants in the Review Panel, i.e. CESR Members, CESR Observers, and the Polish securities regulators; this applies to the term “Member State” accordingly.

<sup>2</sup> “A European Regime of Investor Protection - The Harmonization of Conduct of Business Rules” (Ref. CESR/01-014d, April 2002) and “A European Regime of Investor Protection – The Professional and the Counterparty Regimes” (Ref. CESR/02-098b, July 2002).

<sup>3</sup> Ref. CESR/02-086b, July 2002.

**CORRESPONDENCE TABLE ON STANDARDS FOR ALTERNATIVE TRADING SYSTEMS**

**(REF. CESR/02-086B)**

**DENMARK**

**1. Market Integrity Standards for Alternative Trading Systems**

Standard	Implementing authority(ies)	Implementing measure <sup>4</sup>	Comments
<i>1. Investments firms should be required by their home state regulatory authority to notify the establishment of a qualifying system. They should also notify the home state regulatory authority (and, where different, the home state regulatory body in that member state responsible for the oversight of markets) of its key features and significant changes to its operation.</i>	The Ministry of Economic and Business Affairs	Financial Business Act, section 14, par. 2.  An investment firm must inform the competent authority of its main areas of activity in order to gain authorisation.	General remark: The Minister on Economic- and Business Affairs will introduce a bill to the Parliament allowing for the complete implementation of the standards on ATSS. If the bill is passed by the Parliament, the ATS Standards will be implemented by the end of 2004.  There is no explicit obligation to make a notification to the regulator when an investment firm changes areas of activity. The Danish regulation implies that if investment firms operate a market where listed securities are dealt in regularly to a major extent, the supervisory Authority may, according to section 16, paragraph. 2, decide that it shall fulfil the same provisions as a regulated market.

<sup>4</sup> Any derogation to the application of the implementing measures should be mentioned.

<i>2. Investment firms operating a qualifying system should establish trading arrangements that result in fair and orderly trading.</i>	The Ministry of Economic and Business Affairs	The Securities Trading, etc. Consolidated Act, section 16, par 2, and section 18, par 2.  Financial Business Act, section 43, par. 1.  Regulated markets must secure that trading and market quotation is done in a fair and orderly way.	
<i>3. An investment firm operating a qualifying system providing trading in an instrument traded on a regulated market must make publicly available, on a reasonable commercial basis, information about quotes and/or orders that the qualifying system displays or advertises to the system users. Similarly, operators must make publicly available, on a reasonable commercial basis, information relating to completed transactions that the system provides to users.</i>	The Ministry of Economic and Business Affairs	The Securities Trading, etc. Consolidated Act, section 19, par 1.  Regulated markets must establish rules, which will ensure that the users receive all necessary information about the functioning and transparency of the system.	
<i>4. Investment firms operating a qualifying system should monitor user compliance with the contractual rules of the system.</i>	The Ministry of Economic and Business Affairs	The Securities Trading Act, etc. Consolidated Act, section 18.  The Board of a regulated market is responsible that all trade in the system is done in an adequate and satisfactory fashion.	
<i>5. Investment firms operating a qualifying system should, where their home state regulatory authority requires it for the purposes of investor protection and market integrity, establish arrangements with that authority to facilitate satisfactory monitoring of the markets in the instruments traded and the detection of market abuse.</i>	The Ministry of Economic and Business Affairs	The Securities Trading Act, etc Consolidated Act, section 19, 33 and section 33a.  Securities dealers must immediately report every transaction with securities admitted to trading on a regulated market in order to be able to investigate any market abuse that may turn up.	
<i>6. Investment firms operating a qualifying system should be able to demonstrate to the relevant home state regulatory authorities that the system is capable of delivering the proposed service, that there are satisfactory arrangements for the management of the technical operation of the system and that there are satisfactory contingency arrangements in the event of system disruption.</i>	The Ministry of Economic and Business Affairs	The Securities Trading Act, etc Consolidated Act, Section 8, par 2 and section 18, par 2, no. 1.  Regulated markets have to document to The Danish Financial Supervisory Authority that satisfactory trade and information systems have been established.	
<i>7. Investment firms operating qualifying systems should ensure that there is clarity of obligations and responsibilities for the clearing (where applicable) and settlement of transactions.</i>			Not implemented

## 2. Application of Conduct of Business Rules to Alternative Trading Systems

Standard /Rule	Implementing authority(ies)	Implementing measure	Comments
<i>8. Investment firms operating a qualifying system should make clear the nature of the relationship between operator and user.</i>	The Ministry of Economic and Business Affairs	The Securities Trading Act, etc Consolidated Act, Section 19, par 1-2.  Regulated markets must secure that all market users are treated equal and are aware of their rights and obligations.	
<i>9. Investment firms operating a qualifying system should supply sufficient information about the system to enable a user to use the system efficiently and to understand any risks arising in using the system.</i>	The Ministry of Economic and Business Affairs	The Securities Trading Act, etc Consolidated Act, Section 18 and 19.  In connection with an investment decision regulated markets must provide the users of the system with sufficient information about both the type of instruments and any particular conditions, which are valid for the different types of users.	
<i>10. Investment firms operating a qualifying system should provide, or be satisfied that there is access to, sufficient publicly available information to enable users to form an investment judgement, taking into account both the nature of the users and the type of instruments traded.</i>	The Ministry of Economic and Business Affairs		Not implemented