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This notice of intention relates to the 'ESMA Guidelines on stress test scenarios under the MMF Regulation (ESMA34-49-291)'1 (the Guidelines) which the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) published on 29 June 2021. The Guidelines apply from 29 August 2021.

The Guidelines apply to competent authorities, MMFs and managers of MMFs as defined in Regulation (EU) 2017/1131 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2017 on money market funds (MMF Regulation).

A previous version of the Guidelines, 'the 2019 Guidelines' was published in 2020.

The Guidelines apply in relation to Article 28 of the MMF Regulation and establish common reference parameters for the stress test scenarios to be included in the stress tests conducted by MMFs or managers of MMFs in accordance with that Article.

ESMA have noted that these Guidelines will be updated at least every year taking into account the latest market developments.

The Central Bank of Ireland will, in due course, consult on the incorporation of a provision in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations and AIF Rulebook that all managers of MMFs adhere to the Guidelines. In the interim, the Central Bank of Ireland expects full compliance with the Guidelines from 29 August 2021.

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¹ https://www.esma.europa.eu/sites/default/files/library/esma34-49-291 2020 guidelines on mmf stress.pdf

https://www.esma.europa.eu/sites/default/files/library/esma34-49-172 guidelines on mmf stress tests en.pdf

