

Extension of Deadlines to Furnish the CMA with Statutory and Regulatory Requirements

Greetings,

Based on the Capital Market Authority's (CMA) interest in business continuity and in support of facilitating the measures to be taken in a manner that ensure the safety of workers in market institutions and their clients under the current conditions to address the effects of the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID19), and in reference to the CMA circular dated 16/03/2020 which is included in paragraph (6) thereof "should the market institution request an extension to furnish the CMA with periodic requirements as per the Capital Market Law and its implementing regulations and any instructions issued by the Authority, they may contact in this regard the concerned department." and in reference to the CMA's circular dated 21/03/2020 regarding freezing the suspension of investment accounts, please be informed that the CMA decided the following:

Extension the deadlines to publish/provide the CMA with the regulatory requirements, as follows:

1. The possibility to suspend updating the investment account, as per the requirements of Article Fourteen of the Instructions of Investment Accounts until 23/09/1441 H corresponding to 16/05/2020.
2. The possibility to suspend the freezing of the investment account as per Article Fifteen requirements of the Instructions of Investment Accounts until 23/09/1441 H corresponding to 16/05/2020.
3. Amending the disclosure period to the CMA of any information related to the investment account for any of the clients mentioned in Paragraph (-2a) of Article Sixteen of the Investment Account Instructions, to be within a maximum period of five working days from the date of the request, until 23/09/1441 H Corresponding to 16/05/2020.
4. Extending the submittal period of the annual audited financial statements for the fiscal year 2019 for an additional two months from the end of the statutory period. Such reports shall be therefore submitted within five months from the end of the fiscal year of the authorized person.
5. Extending the submittal period of the Board of Directors' report for the fiscal year 2019 for an additional two months from the date of the end of the statutory period. Such reports shall be therefore submitted within five months from the end of the fiscal year of the authorized person.
6. Extending the period for the Authorised Person to furnish the CMA with the auditor's report on its compliance with the Client's Funds Rules for the fiscal year 2019 for an additional two months from the end of the statutory period. Such reports shall be therefore submitted within six months from the end of the fiscal year of the authorized person.
7. Extending the collection period of licenses renewal fees from 20/06/2020 to 30/09/2020.
8. Extending the requirement deadline to obtain the International Certificate in Wealth and Investment Management for the persons to be registered under the management activity for an additional period of three months until 30/09/2020.
9. Extending the period specified for the publication of the information on the third pillar for an additional two months, to be five months from the end of the financial year of the Authorised Person.
10. Extending the period specified for submitting the report of the Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (ICAAP) for an additional two months to be seven months from the end of the financial year of the authorized person.
11. Extending the periodic daily requests regarding providing the Market Surveillance and Analysis Department with an IP address so that it will provide the CMA with it within 30 days from the date of the task assignment.
12. The Market Surveillance and Analysis Department shall be provided with periodic monthly requests within 30 days from the date of the task assignment.
13. Exemption from submitting a paper copy of the report prepared by the auditor of the Authorised Person on its compliance with the rules of client funds, and sending an electronic copy instead.

Concerning other information, data, or documents related to authorised persons and registered persons requested by the Authorisation Department, the authorized person shall submit them as needed.

- The authorized person shall be continuing to take the precautionary measures issued by the competent authorities or the Capital Market Authority until further notice.

We wish you well during this challenging time and hope everyone keeps safe.