

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

National Securities Clearing Corporation



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**DATE:** December 27, 2005

**TO:** **ALL PARTICIPANTS**

**ATTENTION:** MANAGING PARTNER/OFFICER,  
OPERATIONS PARTNER/OFFICER,  
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS,  
MANAGER CUSTOMER ACCOUNT TRANSFER DEPARTMENT,  
MANAGER MARGIN DEPARTMENT,  
DATA PROCESSING MANAGER,

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**SUBJECT:** ACATS FUND/SERV MODIFICATIONS – CONTINGENT DEFERRED SALES  
CHARGE (CDSC)

Effective April 10, 2006, National Securities Clearing Corporation (NSCC) will make modifications to ACATS Fund/SERV to reflect changes to CDSC transfer information. There are indicators found on the ACATS Fund Registration (FR) record, ACATS-Fund/SERV Transfer File (018) and Transfer Acknowledgment File (019) records that have been used to identify the parties that must provide and receive CDSC information. However, this information can be determined based solely on the information provided by the deliverer on the ACATS Asset (AT) record in the "CDSC Indicator Deliverer" data field. For this reason, the "Receiving Firm CDSC Transfer Indicator" and "Fund Company CDSC Indicator" will no longer be needed and will be removed from the applicable records.

Participants are expected to make the necessary systems changes to support this enhancement. Modifications will also be made in Fund/SERV and Networking to support these changes. A separate Important Notice detailing those modifications will be distributed by NSCC's Fund/SERV group and can be found on NSCC's website, <http://funds.dtcc.com>.

## **Input Modifications**

### **Asset (AT) Record Modifications:**

The CDSC Indicator Deliverer input data field on the Asset (AT) input record will be modified. The new name of the field will be Share Aging Indicator Deliverer.

#### **Variable Record Length – 36667**

- Field name in Byte 466 will be modified

Fixed Record Length - 32667

- Field name in record 9, Byte 41 will be modified

There are three valid values for the CDSC Indicator Deliverer field (Share Aging Indicator Deliverer) on Asset (AT) input record:

0 = Not Applicable

1 = Delivering firm will provide CDSC information within Networking

2 = Delivering firm will provide CDSC information outside Networking

ACATS will remove value 0 = Not Applicable and rename values 1 & 2 as follows:

Value	Description
1	The delivering firm or fund company will provide the share aging information in an automated fashion through the Networking Share Aging file.
2	The delivering firm or fund company will provide the share aging information outside of the system.

Fund Registration (FR) Record Modifications:

The CDSC Indicator Receiver data field on Fund registration (FR) input record will be changed to filler field.

Variable Record Length - 36667

- Byte 289 will be made filler field

Fixed Record Length - 32667

- Record 3, Byte 70 will be made filler field

**Output Modifications**

The following ACATS output files will be modified to reflect these changes:

- Multi-Cycle Transaction MRO, AutoRoute 02090716 (Variable Record Length)
- Multi-Cycle Transaction MRO, AutoRoute 02090722 (Fixed Record Length)
- End-of-Day Transaction MRO, AutoRoute 02090717 (Variable Record Length)
- End-of-Day Transaction MRO, AutoRoute 02090723 (Fixed Record Length)
- ACATS Position MRO, AutoRoute 02090718 (Variable Record Length)
- ACATS Position MRO, AutoRoute 02090724 (Fixed Record Length)
- ACATS Fund/SERV Statistics MRO, AutoRoute 02090720 (Variable Record Length)
- ACATS Fund/SERV Statistics MRO, AutoRoute 02090726 (Fixed Record Length)

**PC Web Direct Changes**

Changes supporting the updated Share Aging Transfer Indicator will also be made to ACATS on PC Web Direct. Firms will have the updated Share Aging information on the Asset (AT) input screen.

**Testing**

Beginning March 27, 2006, testing of the new record layouts will be accommodated in the Participant Services Environment (PSE) region. Participants wishing to test must contact the Enterprise Service

Center (ESC) by calling the NSCC Production Support Hotline at 212-855-1144, option 5, option 2. To ensure proper set up for the PSE region, at least three days prior notice should be provided to ESC.

**Additional Information**

Complete versions of all ACATS file formats can be obtained from the ACATS web site <http://acats.nsc.com> and from the NSCC's file formats web site <http://formats.nsc.com> in the appropriate ACATS section. ACATS Important Notices can be obtained from NSCC's ACATS web site <http://acats.nsc.com> in the Important Notice section. If you have any questions regarding these ACATS modifications, please contact your DTCC Relationship Manager, or the undersigned at (212) 855-5667.

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