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NOTICE OF SANCTION

September 28, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Nicolas Fontaine TFS Espana Sociedad de Valores S.A.U. Po. de la Castellana 31, Planta 6, 28046 Madrid

Dear Mr. Fontaine:

As the Authorized Representative and Compliance Representative of TFS Espana Sociedad de Valores S.A.U., you are receiving this Notice of Sanction as a result of a trading review conducted into your firm's pre-arranged trade execution procedures. Pursuant to Regulation 37.201(b) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"), Tradition SEF ("TSEF") must enforce compliance with its Rules. In accordance with CFTC Regulation 37.9(b)(1), TSEF Rule 529(b)(3) requires a 15 second delay between entering the first and second orders of a pre-negotiated required transaction on the TSEF platform, as required under CFTC regulations and TSEF's rulebook.

In reference to NFA Inquiry Letter dated August 15, 2023 TSEF has found that TFS Espana Sociedad de Valores S.A.U. may have violated Rule 529(b)(3) in 2 instances by not exposing the first side of a prearranged transaction for the required 15 seconds. The violations relate to the following two (2) trades:

- Deal ID's 549300MBO45EHETL4438N0AIR230808031010000005L2 and 549300MBO45EHETL4438N0AIR230808031010000005L1 - Trade Date August 8, 2023
- Deal ID's 549300MBO45EHETL4438N0AIR230808031010000006L2 and 549300MBO45EHETL4438N0AIR230808031010000006L1 – Trade Date August 8, 2023

In both of the above instances, the transactions were pre-negotiated prior to the orders being entered into the Order Book on the TSEF platform. However, the first order was not exposed to the market for the required minimum 15 seconds on the Order Book prior to entry of the matching contra order.

As a result of these findings, TSEF is imposing a sanction in the form of a fine in the amount of \$1,500 on TFS Espana Sociedad de Valores S.A.U. in accordance with TSEF Rule 615(a)(4). Please remit \$1,500 to TSEF within 30 days on this notice. Please review payment instructions in order to arrange payment.

Continuation of this conduct may be cause for TSEF to impose further sanctions, including a warning, fines or denial of access, on TFS Espana Sociedad de Valores S.A.U. This letter does not preclude TSEF from taking enforcement action based upon the conduct described herein. Please note CFTC Regulations prohibit TSEF from issuing more than one warning letter per rolling 12-month period for the same violation.

Please feel free to contact me at <u>william.clarke@tradition.com</u> or Eric Earnhardt at <u>eric.earnhardt@tradition.com</u> if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

William Clarke SEF Surveillance Officer Tradition SEF, LLC

CC: Eric Earnhardt, CCO