



Cboe Europe Index Cessation Policy

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1. Introduction

This policy has been created in accordance with EU Benchmark Regulation (BMR) and based on the IOSCO principles for Financial Benchmarks FR07/13, in particular Principle 13 “Transition”.

A list of current Cboe Europe Indices is available on the Cboe Europe Index website:

<http://www.cboe.com/publish/CboeBATSCCommon/Cboe%20Europe%20Index%20List.pdf>

2. Cessation triggers

Whilst not a common event, there may be circumstances that result in the cessation of a Cboe Europe Index, including but not limited to:

- Market structure change
- Geo-political events
- Regulatory changes
- Product definition change
- Inadequate supply of data and/or other external factors beyond control
- No longer serves its purpose, *e.g.*, no longer representative
- Insufficient demand
- Where cessation is triggered by regulatory changes, the Index team would propose a termination of the respective index for consideration by the Cboe Europe Regulatory Decisions Committee (RDC).
- Where cessation is due to insufficient customer demand, alternative measures are unlikely to be required but will nonetheless be considered by the appropriate Cboe Europe staff.

3. Cessation Steps

Any proposed cessation of an index would be brought to the RDC for consideration by the Index team. The RDC will review the circumstances and impact to stakeholders.

Factors to be taken into account:

- Timing of the cessation will depend on various factors such as the impact of the cessation, number and term of signed licences, products on the benchmark
- Notice to be given
- Transitional measures
- Feedback from licensees and stakeholders
- Potential alternative benchmarks



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4. Timings

For consideration:

- Urgency of when the benchmark should be ceased
- Notice required for alternative arrangements to be made
- Timing of transitional measures
- Timing of internal processes
- Any relevant dates (*e.g.*, expiration date of instrument using the benchmark)
- Regulatory, legal or other provisions that may impact the timing

5. Transition

Transition of an index must take into consideration input from the RDC, licensees and other stakeholders.

6. Engagement with External Stakeholders/Communication

In evaluating whether to terminate an index, Cboe Europe will endeavour to engage external stakeholders to include all interested parties in this decision making process. This would include, but is not limited to, the relevant regulatory body, users of the benchmark, data vendors who redistribute the benchmark, as well as the media, as appropriate.

Reasonable notice will be made to Licensees and Vendors via email notification and the public via the Cboe Europe Index website.

7. Alternative Benchmarks

Where able Cboe Europe will endeavour to provide or recommend an alternative suitable index but is not obligated to offer an alternative.

8. Review

The Cessation Policy will be reviewed annually and is made available on the Cboe Europe Index website: <http://www.cboe.com/indexeurope/rules>