

Department: Inspection	Segment: All
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Subject: Treatment of Inactive Trading Account

To All Members,

This has reference to Exchange circulars no. MSE/INSP/8653/2020 dated February 10, 2020, MSE/INSP/9795/2020 dated December 01, 2020 and MSE/INSP/10941/2021 dated September 30, 2021 with respect to guidelines on Treatment of Inactive Trading Account.

In view of the representations received from Brokers' Industry Standards Forum and after consideration of the same by SEBI, members are requested to note revised guidelines on Treatment of Inactive Trading Account as under:

1. Definition of Inactive Trading Account: In case of trading account, the term inactive account refers to such account wherein any of below mentioned activities has not been carried out by client since last 24 (Twenty-Four) months:
 - Trading or participation in OFS/buy-back/Open Offer across any of the exchanges/segments* of the exchanges through the same Member or
**Cash/Equity Derivative/ Currency Derivative/ Commodities Derivative/EGR /Debt/Online Bond Platform/ Execution Only Platform /Any other segment as may be allowed by SEBI/stock exchanges from time to time.*
 - Transaction in nature of applying/subscribing IPOs (where the IPO bid is successful & not cancelled)/SGBs/Mutual Funds (lumpsum investment or investments through successful SIP instalment payments) on the Mutual Fund platform of the stock exchanges through the same Member or
 - Modification/updation of e-mail Id/Mobile Number/Address in KYC record of client through the same Member and the same has been uploaded to KRA to ensure Validated/Registered status.
2. The inactive accounts identified based on the above criteria shall be flagged as 'Inactive' by the Trading Member in UCC database of all the respective Exchanges.
3. In case the client who is flagged as inactive seeks re-activation of the trading account, the Trading Member, while reactivating the said client, shall:
 - Mandatorily comply with In-Person Verification/Video In-Person Verification (IPV/VIPV) requirement specified in the SEBI Master Circular on KYC dated October 12, 2023.
 - Seek confirmation from the client if there is any change in clients' basic details such as Address, Mobile number, Email ID, Bank/DP account, income, etc. as registered with the Member. In case of changes in any of the said details, the Member shall seek the updated details along with the necessary documents and update in its records as well in the UCC records of the respective Exchanges. In case of KRA Validated status or Registered status through same intermediary cases, the Trading Member may fetch the details along with the necessary documents from the KRA record and

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display the said details for confirmation of the client and updation in its record. If there is change, then member shall update the UCC records of Exchanges as well as KRA. If client has confirmed that there is no change, the Member shall maintain the verifiable logs of the same.

- Notwithstanding anything contained above, in case a client seeks re-activation then member shall verify client status as per KRA and if the client status as per KRA is not validated (i.e. "On hold"/"Rejected"/"Registered" through other intermediary, etc.) then the member shall seek basic details like Address, Mobile number, Email ID, Bank/DP account, income, etc. along with the necessary documents as required by KRA and upload the same to KRA to ensure validated/registered status as per KRA before permitting client to trade on the Exchanges.
- 4. Once an inactive trading account is re-activated as per the procedure prescribed in point no. 3 mentioned above, the computation of next 24 months for the purpose of identifying client as inactive in the subsequent period shall be considered from the date of last reactivation of trading account.
- 5. Member may send the communication/notification to the clients prior to flagging their trading account as inactive however such communication/notification should not ask the clients to trade in order to prevent their accounts from being flagged as inactive. Any non-compliance in this regard shall be viewed seriously and strict disciplinary actions against the Trading Member may be initiated.
- 6. In case of existing clients who are inactive as per earlier guidelines, but are active as per revised guidelines, they may be considered as active client for trading. However, while reactivating such clients' accounts, the members shall also ensure to update the status of such clients as active in UCC database of Exchange.
- 7. The Trading Member shall not be required to upload the details of such inactive clients having NIL balances in daily submission of Holding Statement to the Exchange as prescribed in MSE Circular MSE/INSP/13033/2023 dated February 10, 2023 and daily submission of Segregation and Monitoring of Collateral at Client level to Clearing Members/Clearing Corporations. However, details of the clients having funds or securities balances shall be reported (daily submission of Segregation and Monitoring of Collateral at Client level file reporting to Clearing Corporations in case of funds and daily submission of Holding Statement to the Exchange in case of securities) even if their UCC has been flagged as 'Inactive'.
- 8. Notwithstanding anything contained above, the Member shall also ensure adequate due diligence of the client on an ongoing basis (including, but not limited to, doing Re-KYC) in compliance with the provisions of the PMLA guidelines issued from time to time and in accordance with their respective KYC policies.
- 9. Return of Clients assets: Members are required to ensure that all client accounts are settled on monthly or quarterly basis (as per the client preferences) in the manner prescribed from time to time. In case a member is unable to settle the client accounts due to non-availability of client's account details and non-traceability of client, Members are advised to make all efforts to trace the clients to settle client account and maintain an audit trail for such efforts made for tracing such clients and settling their account. In case of receipt of any claims from such clients, members are advised to settle the accounts immediately and ensure that the payment/delivery is made to the respective clients only. Member shall ensure to keep such unsettled funds upstreamed to Clearing Corporations.

Members are requested to take note of the contents of the circular and ensure compliance of the same with immediate basis.



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