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Question
According to the guidelines, all revenues arising from efficient portfolio management techniques, net of direct and indirect operational costs, should be returned to the UCITS. Does this mean that securities lending agents should not be paid for their services?

ESMA Answer

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No. The guidelines do not prohibit the deduction from gross revenues arising from efficient portfolio management techniques of fees paid to securities lending agents as a normal compensation for their services in the context of such techniques. However, pursuant to paragraph 35 of the guidelines, the annual report of the UCITS should contain div on the revenues arising from efficient portfolio management techniques for the entire reporting period together with the direct and indirect operational costs and fees incurred.