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Do the guidelines on financial indices apply only to index-tracking UCITS?

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No, the guidelines on financial indices apply to any UCITS investing in financial indices and not only to index-tracking UCITS. This means that the guidelines on ETFs and other UCITS issues take precedence over the guidelines on eligible assets issued by CESR in 2008 (Ref. CESR/07-044b) and that UCITS should not invest even a small amount of their assets in financial indices that do not comply with paragraphs 48 to 61 of the guidelines.