Reply Form

**to the Consultation Paper on Draft implementing technical standards on the extension of the use of the alleviated format of insider lists**

Responding to this Consultation Paper

ESMA invites comments on all matters in this Consultation Paper and in particular on the specific questions summarised in Annex 1. Comments are most helpful if they:

* respond to the question stated;
* indicate the specific question to which the comment relates;
* contain a clear rationale; and
* describe any alternatives ESMA should consider.

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**Who should read this paper?**

All interested stakeholders are invited to respond to this consultation paper. This consultation paper is of primary interest to issuers, including SMEs, and trading venues, but responses are also sought from any other market participant including trade associations and industry bodies, institutional and retail investors, consultants and academics.

# General information about respondent

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| Name of the company / organisation | Deutsches Aktieninstitut e.V. |
| Activity | Issuer (Other than SME) |
| Are you representing an association? |  |
| Country / Region | Germany |

# Questions

1. Do you agree with the proposed approach? Please explain.

<ESMA\_QUESTION\_CPIL\_1>

Deutsches Aktieninstitut very much welcomes the facilitations which come with the proposed approach. Although we suggested to abolish the insider lists at all we acknowledge the effort to reduce bureaucratic burden for issuers and SME issuers.

However, we have suggestions regarding the following requirements, namely in regard to Template 1 of Annex I:

* Require professional email address(es) instead of “professional telephone number(s)”. In most companies, telephones are paired with computers.If this suggestion is not followed, the professional telephone number should be retained in any case as it is already planned in the draft. One of the numbers – either the work direct telephone line **or** the work mobile number should be sufficient.
* Maintain the requirement to include the “Date of birth” and delete the “National Identification Number”. The name and date of birth will suffice to identify a person. Some countries do not have national identification numbers and this might lead to errors by filling in other numbers such as the social security number or the tax identification number.

We suggest the same amendments regarding template 2 of Annex I with respect to: professional telephone numbers, the time at which the insider was included in the permanent insider list, the date of birth and the national identification number.

The “Company name and address” item should be very clear to the national competent authority, so it could be deleted.

<ESMA\_QUESTION\_CPIL\_1>

1. Do you consider the permanent section of the insider list for all issuers (and SMEs GM issuers in those MS that have opted out of the simplified regime) contained in Annex I useful?

<ESMA\_QUESTION\_ CPIL\_2>

We believe the permanent section of the insider list for all issuers very useful. We suggest to consider expanding the definition of the term “permanent insider” to include a more relevant group of people. The current definition in Art. 2 para 1 of the Regulation is very narrow and only covers a very limited group of people. Instead of asking that the person should “have access to all inside information at all times” the definition should cover persons who, for example, have regular access to most/much inside information.

We suggest the same amendments regarding the template of Annex II:

* Require professional email address(es) instead of “professional telephone number(s)” (see question above).
* Maintain the requirement to include the “Date of birth” and delete the “National Identification Number”.
* Delete “Company name and address”

For the reasoning see Question 1.

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