

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission wishes to inform all interested parties that the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) has published a Questions and Answers (Q&As) document on the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive (AIFMD) – reference number [ESMA/2014/163](http://www.esma.europa.eu/system/files/2014-163_qa_on_aifmd_february_for_publication.pdf).

The purpose of this document is to promote common supervisory approaches and practices in the application of the AIFMD and its implementing measures. It does this by providing responses to questions posed by the general public and competent authorities in relation to the practical application of the AIFMD.

The document is available on ESMA's website at the following link http://www.esma.europa.eu/system/files/2014-163_qa_on_aifmd_february_for_publication.pdf and also on the website of the Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission, in section European Issues under News label, at the following link: http://www.cysec.gov.cy/europeanissues_en.aspx

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Notes for editors

1. ESMA is an independent EU Authority that was established on 1 January 2011 and works closely with the other European Supervisory Authorities responsible for banking (EBA), and insurance and occupational pensions (EIOPA).
2. ESMA's mission is to enhance the protection of investors and promote stable and well-functioning financial markets in the European Union (EU). As an independent institution, ESMA achieves this aim by building a single rule book for EU financial markets and ensuring its consistent application across the EU. ESMA contributes to the regulation of financial services firms with a pan-European reach, either through direct supervision or through the active co-ordination of national supervisory activity.