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The Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission wishes to inform the Cyprus Investment Firms that the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) has published a statement reminding investment firms and credit institutions (referred to as 'Firms') of their responsibility to act in their clients' best interests when selling bail-in-able financial instruments.

This statement clarifies how Firms should apply the relevant MiFID requirements governing the distribution to clients of financial instruments subject to the BRRD¹ resolution regime, both on an advised and non-advised basis, as well as in the context of portfolio management.

The statement can be found <u>here</u>.

Sincerely,

Demetra Kalogerou Chairman Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission

¹ Banking Recovery and Resolution Directive 2014/59/EU