

TO : Regulated Entities:

i. Cyprus Investment Firms

ii. Alternative Investment Fund Managers<sup>1</sup>

iii. Management Companies<sup>2</sup>

FROM : Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission

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CIRCULAR NO. : C294

SUBJECT : MIFID II Guidelines on Cross Selling Practices

Following the <u>Circular C160</u> issued on September, 15 2016, the Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission ('the CySEC') wishes to remind the Regulated Entities of the ESMA <u>Guidelines on Cross Selling Practices</u>, no. ESMA/2016/574 ('the Guidelines'), which were applicable as of 3 January 2018.

- 1. These Guidelines include the following principles to ensure investors are treated fairly when a firm offers two or more financial products or services as part of a package:
  - i. improving disclosures when different products are cross-sold with one another;
  - ii. requiring firms to provide investors with all relevant information in a timely and clear manner:
  - iii. addressing conflicts of interest arising from remuneration models; and
  - iv. improving client understanding on whether purchasing the individual products offered in a package is possible.

Sincerely,

Demetra Kalogerou Chairman of Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> AIFMs when providing services pursuant to section 6(6) of Law 56(I)/20013, as in force.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Management companies when providing services pursuant to section 109(4) of Law 78(I)/2012, as in force.