



Media statement

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Amendments to Treasury Bill auction day and settlement cycle

The National Treasury embarked on consultations with financial market participants to determine the appropriate actions necessary to enhance liquidity in the secondary Treasury Bill market. As part of these consultations, the shortening of the settlement cycle was noted as an area which could help create a more vibrant secondary market. The National Treasury and its issuing agent (The South African Reserve Bank) in consultation with the relevant stakeholders agreed and decided to move the Treasury Bill auction day from a Friday to a Monday, with settlement still taking place on a Wednesday. As such, settlement will effectively move from T+3 to a T+2 basis. The operational aspects pertaining to this amendment are detailed in the attached Treasury Bill information memorandum. This change will be effective from 10 July 2023. Therefore, the Treasury Bill auction, which was to be held on Friday, 7 July 2023 will be held on Monday, 10 July 2023 and settles on 12 July 2023. All future auctions will be held on a Monday and settle on a Wednesday, unless otherwise communicated.

We wish to thank the financial market participants for their inputs including Strate who assisted in communicating to all affected parties to ensure that this change would be feasible.

Any further amendments will be communicated when appropriate.

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