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Subject: **Query re MiFID exemption of Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts**

Dear Member,

Following a query from our (Irish) member, and as members may already be aware, in the UK (Her Majesty's) Treasury has deemed that forward foreign exchange contracts (for commercial hedging purposes and/or with a duration of less than seven days) are outside the scope of MiFID. In Ireland, the Department of Finance is initially sympathetic to such a proposition, nevertheless, would appreciate learning how the rest of Europe is treating this issue.

We would appreciate members informing the Secretariat of a) whether their Member State has agreed to such an exemption and b) whether they know how their Member State intends to implement it, i.e. through the transposition process of MiFID into national legislation or through discretions by national competent authorities?

We would very much appreciate members getting back to the Secretariat with feedback ([a.bell@ebf-fbe.eu](mailto:a.bell@ebf-fbe.eu)) by **Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> March**.

Best regards,

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