

The Association of Global Custodians - Questionnaire 2026 - 2027

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-Response Necessary/Eligibility Question- 1. Rule 17f-7, by reference to Rule 17f-4, requires that, for a depository to be eligible to hold securities of U.S. registered investment companies (such depositories hereinafter referred to as "Eligible Securities Depositories"), the depository must be a "system for the central handling of securities where all securities of any particular class or series of any issuer deposited within the system are treated as fungible and may be transferred or pledged by bookkeeping entry without physical delivery of the securities." Are all securities of a particular class or series of any issuer that are deposited in your institution treated as fungible, and can they be transferred or pledged by bookkeeping entry without physical delivery of the securities?

Answer: **Yes**

1a. Please explain:

Answer:

-Response Necessary/Eligibility Question- 2. Rule 17f-7 also requires that an Eligible Securities Depository "acts as or operates a system for the central handling of securities or equivalent book-entries in the country where it is incorporated," or "acts as or operates a transnational system for the central handling of securities or equivalent book-entries." Does your institution: (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Act as or operate a system for the central handling of securities or equivalent book-entries in the country where it is incorporated?**

2a. Please explain:

Answer:

2b. Please specify the types of securities for which you act as or operate a system for the central handling of securities or equivalent book-entries:

Answer: **Equities, Corporate Debts, ETFs, Structured Products, Depositary Receipts, Government Bonds and Treasury Bills**

3. What type of legal entity is the institution? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Private Company**

3a. If other, please explain:

Answer:

4. Is the institution operated as a "for profit" or a "not for profit" organization?

Answer: **For profit**

4a. If other, please explain:

Answer:

5. Please provide the names of the owners and their ownership interest percentages.

Answer: **Stock Exchange of Mauritius - 51%; Promotion and Development Ltd - 6.67%; Mauritius Commercial Bank Ltd - 16.67%; Harel Mallac Technologies Ltd - 0.33%; SBM Capital Markets Ltd - 3.33%; United Docks Ltd - 1.67%; Swan General Ltd - 3.33%; State Investment Corporation Ltd - 1.33%; Harel Mallac Co. Ltd - 1.67%; ER Group - 13.33%; Automatic Systems Ltd - 0.67%**

6. Please answer the following: What is the date of establishment of the depository (dd/mm/yyyy)?

Answer: **08/10/1995**

6a. What is the date that the depository's operations began (dd/mm/yyyy)?

Answer: **27/01/1997**

7. Under what regulation or statute is the depository established and governed?

Answer: **Securities (Central Depository, Clearing and Settlement) Act 1996; Constitution of the Central Depository & Settlement Co. Ltd; Securities Act 2005**

7a. Is the regulation or statute electronically available?

Answer: **Yes**

7b. If regulation or statute is electronically available, please supply web address(es) here or upload document(s) in question 7c.

Answer:

7c. Please supply document(s) here:

Answer:

7d. Please provide details of the structure and composition of your Board together with their industry

experience and responsibilities in governing the depository. What are the qualifications to become a board member?

Answer: **Composition of the Board: 5 directors appointed by the Stock Exchange of Mauritius (SEM); A director appointed by the Minister to whom the responsibility of Financial Services is attributed; A director appointed by the Bank of Mauritius; 2 directors appointed in General Meeting by ordinary resolution (SEM is not entitled to vote on any resolution appointing such 3 directors); 1 Managing director. Directors are generally persons holding executive positions in the financial services sector. The composition of the board seeks to achieve the following blend of knowledge, skills and experience needed by the company to discharge its responsibilities effectively: IT; Legal; Risk Management; Banking; Finance/Investment; Accountancy; Economics; Company Secretary; Stock Broking; Corporate Governance**

7e. What are the election procedures?

Answer: **See 7d. Ordinary resolution at General Meeting as provided for in the Constitution of the company**

7f. What is the maximum length of time a board member can serve?

Answer: **Term of office is one year but Directors are eligible for re-election or re-appointment**

7g. How are the voting powers distributed amongst the board members (i.e. does each board member have one vote or do certain members have additional voting power)?

Answer: **Every Director has one vote. The Chairperson has a casting vote. A resolution of the Board shall be passed if it is agreed to by a majority of Directors present.**

7h. Who is responsible for regulating the board members?

Answer: **Financial Services Commission Corporate Governance Committee of the Company**

-Response Necessary/Eligibility Question- 8. Rule 17f-7 requires that an Eligible Securities Depository "is regulated by a foreign financial regulatory authority as defined under section 2(a)(50) of the Act", with section 2(a)(50) establishing that "'foreign financial regulatory authority' means any (A) foreign securities authority, (B) other governmental body or foreign equivalent of a self-regulatory organization empowered by a foreign government to administer or enforce its laws relating to the regulation of fiduciaries, trusts, commercial lending, insurance, trading in contracts of sale of a commodity for future delivery, or other instruments traded on or subject to the rules of a contract market, board of trade or foreign equivalent, or other financial activities, or (C) membership organization a function of which is to regulate the participation of its members in activities listed above." Who regulates the activities of the depository? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **A governmental body or regulatory organization empowered to administer or enforce laws related to securities matters., A governmental body or selfregulatory organization empowered to administer or enforce laws related to other financial activities.**

8a. If other, please explain:

Answer:

9. Please provide the name of regulatory authority(ies) identified in question 8:

Answer: **Financial Services Commission**

-Response Necessary/Eligibility Question- 10. Rule 17f-7 requires that an Eligible Securities Depository "is subject to periodic examination by regulatory authorities or independent accountants." Is the depository subject to periodic examination by: (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Regulatory authorities?, Independent accountants?**

10a. If other, please explain:

Answer:

11. What enforcement actions are available to the regulatory authority(ies) for breach of applicable statute or regulatory requirements? Name of Authority #1 (please answer 11a):

Answer: **Financial Services Commission**

11a. (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Fines, Restrictions on depository activities., Suspension of depository activities., Termination of depository activities., Other**

11b. If other, please explain:

Answer: **Under the Securities Act 2005, the Financial Services Commission has the power to give directions to comply with statutory and regulatory requirements. The Financial Services Commission may also apply to the Court for orders directing or securing compliance with the relevant provisions of the Securities (Central Depository, Clearing and Settlement) Act 1996, Securities Act 2005, regulations or rules in such manner as the Court shall deem fit.**

Name of Authority #2 (please answer 11c):

Answer: **Registrar of Companies**

11c. (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Fines**

11d. If other, please explain:

Answer:

12. Has there been any use of such enforcement actions in the last three years?

Answer: **No**

12a. If yes or other, please explain:

Answer:

13. Are annual financial statements publicly disclosed?

Answer: **Yes**

13a. If yes, the AGC requests a copy of the institution's annual report. Is the annual report available electronically? (if no, please send a copy of the annual report to the Washington office of Baker &

McKenzie, 815 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20006, Attn: Robin Truesdale)

Answer: **Yes**

13b. If yes, please upload the document(s) here or insert web link(s) in question 13d:

Answer:

13c. If more than one document for 13b, please upload the additional document here:

Answer:

13d. Please insert web link(s) for 13b here:

Answer: **<http://www.stockexchangeofmauritius.com/CDS/annual-report>**

13e. If no, and annual report and/or financial statements are not disclosed, please state your share capital, reserves, and retained earnings (or equivalents as determined under local accounting standards). Share Capital (then please answer 13f):

Answer:

13f. Reserves (then please answer 13g):

Answer:

13g. Retained Earnings:

Answer:

13h. If other, please explain:

Answer:

14. Is an internal audit undertaken in your depository?

Answer: **Yes**

14a. If yes, what areas does the audit cover (financials, operations, etc.) and which department in your depository handles it?

Answer: **The audit covers the Operations and Systems Departments and is handled by the Finance & Administration Department.**

14b. Please list the date of your last internal audit: (dd/mm/yyyy)

Answer: **25/08/2025**

Please list the period that the audit covered: (dd/mm/yyyy)

Answer: **01/04/2025**

To: (dd/mm/yyyy)

Answer: **30/06/2025**

14c. How frequently does the internal audit occur? (Choose one)

Answer: **Two or more times a year**

Link:

Answer:

14d. If less than annually, please explain:

Answer:

14e. Are the results of the internal audit publicly available?

Answer: **No**

If Yes, provide a link or share.

Answer:

14f. Please select the statement that most accurately characterizes the results of the last internal audit: (Choose one.)

Answer: **No material exceptions found.**

14g. If minor or material exceptions were found, what actions were taken? Please describe:

Answer:

16. Is an operational audit performed by an Audit Firm, Regulatory Authority, or other external party?

Answer: **Yes**

15. Is a financial audit performed by an Audit Firm, Regulatory Authority, or other external party?

Answer: **Yes**

16a. If yes, please state the name(s) of the entity(ies) who perform the operational audit.

Answer: **PKF (Mauritius) - Previously known as Lamusse Sek Sum & Co**

15a. If yes, please state the name(s) of the entity(ies) who perform the financial audit.

Answer: **PKF (Mauritius) - Previously known as Lamusse Sek Sum & Co**

16b. Please list the date of your last operational audit performed by an Audit Firm, Regulatory Authority, or other external party:(dd/mm/yyyy)

Answer: **22/07/2025**

15b. Please list the date of your last financial audit performed by an Audit Firm, Regulatory Authority, or other external party: (dd/mm/yyyy)

Answer: **29/08/2025**

16c. Please list the period that the audit covered: (dd/mm/yyyy)

Answer: **01/07/2024**

15c. Please list the period that the audit covered: (dd/mm/yyyy)

Answer: **01/07/2024**

To: (dd/mm/yyyy)

Answer: **30/06/2025**

To: (dd/mm/yyyy)

Answer: **30/06/2025**

16d. How frequently does the operational audit occur? (Choose one)

Answer: **Annually**

15d. How frequently does the financial audit occur? (Choose one)

Answer: **Annually**

16e. If less than annually, please explain:

Answer:

15e. If less than annually, please explain:

Answer:

16f. Are the results of the operational audit publicly available?

Answer: **Yes**

15f. Are the results of the financial audit publicly available?

Answer: **Yes**

If yes, provide link or share.

Answer:

If Yes, provide link or share.

Answer:

16g. Please select the statement that most accurately characterizes the results of the last operational audit: (Choose one)

Answer: **No material exceptions found.**

15g. Please select the statement that most accurately characterizes the results of the last financial audit: (Choose one)

Answer: **No material exceptions found.**

16h. If minor or material exceptions were found, what actions were taken? Please describe:

Answer:

15h. If minor or material exceptions were found, what actions were taken? Please describe:

Answer:

17. What types of entities are eligible to become participants and how many of each type are there currently? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Banks, Brokers, Foreign Institutions, Other entities**

17a. How many Bank participants are there currently? (then please answer 17b)

Answer: **7**

17b. Please select the features included in the eligibility requirements for Banks. (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Financial Thresholds, Regulatory Oversight, Market Experience**

17c. Where can a description of the specific eligibility requirements for Bank participants be found?

Answer: **CDS Rules 2.1.1, 2.1.2, 2.1.3, 2.1.3.2 and The Schedule of Financial Resource Requirements - Bank participants should possess a valid banking license issued by the Bank of Mauritius (Central Bank) as well as a custodian license issued by the Financial Services Commission.**

17d. If other, please explain:

Answer:

17e. How many Broker participants are there currently? (then please answer 17f)

Answer: **7**

17f. Please select the features included in the eligibility requirements for Brokers. (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Financial Thresholds, Regulatory Oversight, Market Experience**

17g. Where can a description of the specific eligibility requirements for Broker participants be found?

Answer: **CDS Rules 2.1.1, 2.1.2, 2.1.3, 2.1.3.2 and The Schedule of Financial Resource Requirements. Regulatory Oversight - Stockbroking companies (investment dealers) should possess a license issued by the Financial Services Commission (the regulatory Body) and be members of the Stock Exchange of Mauritius.**

17h. If other, please explain:

Answer:

17i. How many Individual participants are there currently? (then please answer 17j)

Answer:

17j. Please select the features included in the eligibility requirements for Individual participants. (Choose all that apply)

Answer:

17k. Where can a description of the specific eligibility requirements for Individual participants be found?

Answer:

17l. If other, please explain:

Answer:

17m. How many Foreign Institution participants are there currently?

Answer: **0**

17n. Please select the features included in the eligibility requirements for Foreign Institution participants. (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Financial Thresholds, Regulatory Oversight, Market Experience**

17o. Where can a description of the specific eligibility requirements for Foreign Institution participants be found?

Answer: **CDS Rules 2.1.1, 2.1.2, 2.1.3. As per the definition of "custodian bank" in Rule 1.2, foreign custodian banks must obtain the recognition of the Financial Services Commission.**

17p. If other, please explain:

Answer:

17q. If you have selected "Other entities" above, please explain:

Answer: **Government Institutions**

17r. Indicate how many "Other entities" are currently participants?

Answer: **0**

17s. Please select the features included in the eligibility requirements for the participants referred to above as "Other entities". (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Financial Thresholds, Regulatory Oversight, Market Experience**

17t. Where can a description of the specific eligibility requirements for participants described above as "Other entities" be found?

Answer: **CDS Rules 2.1.1, 2.1.2, 2.1.3**

17u. If other, please explain:

Answer:

18. Are participants required to contribute capital to the depository that would result in ownership of the depository?

Answer: **No**

18a. If yes, what fixed amount is required or what formula is used to determine the appropriate contribution level?

Answer:

18b. If other, please explain:

Answer:

19. Are prospective participants subject to an initial review and approval process regarding compliance with eligibility requirements?

Answer: **Yes**

19a. If other, please explain:

Answer:

20. What governs the relationship between the depository and the participants? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Relevant law and regulation, Established terms and conditions of participation, Rules of the depository, Standard participation contract**

20a. If other, please explain:

Answer:

20b. Please provide a link to the rulebook.

Answer: **<https://www.stockexchangeofmauritius.com/cds/legal-regulatory-framework>**

-Response Necessary/Eligibility Question- 21. Rule 17f-7 requires that an Eligible Securities Depository "holds assets for the custodian that participates in the system on behalf of the Fund under safekeeping conditions no less favorable than the conditions that apply to other participants." Please confirm that assets of foreign investors held by custodians as participants in the depository are held under safekeeping conditions no less favorable than the conditions that apply to other participants.

Answer: **Yes**

21a. If no, other or not applicable, please explain:

Answer:

21b. Please confirm the basis for the arrangements in place to ensure that the assets you hold for custodians receive the same level of safekeeping protection as the assets held for other categories of participants. (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Relevant law and regulation, Rules of the depository**

21c. If other, please explain:

Answer:

21d. For each item in Question 21b that you checked, please briefly supply references or citations to the law(s), regulation(s), or depository rule(s), participation condition(s), or participant contract provision(s), as applicable.

Answer: **Sections 3(5)(a)(ii) and 8(2) of the Securities (Central Depository, Clearing and Settlement) Act 1996. Sections 5.1.2 and 5.1.5 of the CDS Rules.**

22. How does the depository notify participants of material changes to the conditions of participation? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **By email, Other**

22a. If other, please explain:

Answer: **By a formal letter to each Participant**

23. Who enforces compliance with the depository's conditions of participation? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **The depository**

23a. If other, please explain:

Answer:

24. What enforcement actions are available to the enforcement authority? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Fines, Restrictions on participation, Suspension of participation, Termination of participation**

24a. If other, please explain:

Answer:

25. Has there been any such enforcement actions in the last three years?

Answer: **Yes**

25a. If yes, please explain, including information relative to any suspensions of depository participants:

Answer: **Fines for late submission of trade confirmations to the CDS. Please find below the number of cases where fines have been applied for late confirmation of trades by custodian banks over the past three years: 2022-2023:8 2023-2024:24 2024-2025:7 The amount of the fine for each late confirmation is around USD 35. These did not have any impact of the efficiency of the CDS as we have well-defined procedures to handle such cases. Please also note that there has never been any failed trade in CDS. There has not been any suspension of participants.**

25b. If other, please explain:

Answer:

26. For which of the following security types do you serve as a depository or clearing system? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Government securities, Equities, Corporate bonds, Other**

26a. Please name the other security types:

Answer: **We will perform the clearing and settlement of index and single stock futures if these instruments are traded on the Stock Exchange of Mauritius in the future. There is no firm decision on this at this stage.**

27-1. For all instrument types eligible for settlement in your depository, please confirm if settlement is compulsory by law or compulsory by market practice, or both? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Varies by instrument, please specify**

27-1a(i). Please list the instrument types for which it is not compulsory by law to: (i) settle in your depository

Answer:

27-1a(ii). safekeep in your depository:

Answer:

27-1b(i). Please list the instrument types for which it is not compulsory by market practice to: (i) settle in your depository

Answer:

27-1b(ii). safekeep in your depository:

Answer:

27-1c. Please specify:

Answer: **Equities and corporate bonds may be held outside the depository if they are not traded on the stock exchange. But they must be deposited in the depository prior to trading.**

27-2. For all instrument types eligible for safekeeping in your depository, please confirm if safekeeping is compulsory by law or compulsory by market practice, or both? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Varies by instrument, please specify**

27-2a(i). Please list the instrument types for which it is not compulsory by law to: (i) settle in your depository

Answer:

27-2a(ii). safekeep in your depository:

Answer:

27-2b(i). Please list the instrument types for which it is not compulsory by market practice to: (i) settle in your depository

Answer:

27-2b(ii). safekeep in your depository:

Answer:

27-2c. Please specify:

Answer: **Equities and corporate bonds may be held outside the depository if they are not traded on the stock exchange. But they must be deposited in the depository prior to trading.**

28. Settlement and Safekeeping Percentages 28a. Please list by instrument type the percentage of the total market in your jurisdiction (either volume or value) settled within your depository, exclusive of your links with third parties. (e.g. 60% of all bonds in the total market is settled within your depository, whereas

40% is settled outside of your depository.)

Answer: **Equities and Corporate Bonds - 100% Government securities- Nil (all transactions are done through the central bank and commercial banks)**

28b. Please list by instrument type the percentage of the total market in your jurisdiction (either volume or value) safekept within your depository, exclusive of your links with third parties. (e.g. 60% of all bonds in the total market is safekept within your depository, whereas 40% is safekept outside of your depository.)

Answer: **Equities and Corporate Bonds - Official Market: 90.3% (volume) Equities and Corporate Bonds - Development & Enterprise Market: 91.9% (volume) Government securities: Nil**

29. Are there any settlement/operational activities performed by a third party on behalf of the depository for the depository participants?

Answer: **No**

29b. If third parties are employed, does the depository assume liability for losses incurred by participants as a result of the actions/inactions of the third parties?

Answer:

29c. If you acknowledge responsibility, please indicate whether your responsibility is assumed (Choose all that apply)

Answer:

29d. If you acknowledge responsibility for agents, your responsibility is assumed for losses (Choose all that apply)

Answer:

29f. Please specify limit:

Answer:

29g. Please specify limit:

Answer:

29h. If other, please explain:

Answer:

29e. If other, please explain:

Answer:

29a. If third parties are employed, please indicate which services they supply (select all applicable):

Answer:

29-1. Please describe:

Answer:

30. Has any participant suffered any losses in the past three years due to the depository's performance?

Answer: **No**

30a. If yes, please select all of the following in which loss has occurred. You will be prompted to enter the number of instances and total loss in USD thereafter. (Choose all that apply)

Answer:

30b. Corporate Action. Please specify number of instances:

Answer:

30c. Corporate Action. Please specify total loss in USD:

Answer:

30d. Settlement Process - Securities. Please specify number of instances:

Answer:

30e. Settlement Process - Securities. Please specify total loss in USD:

Answer:

30f. Settlement Process - Cash. Please specify number of instances:

Answer:

30g. Settlement Process - Cash. Please specify total loss in USD:

Answer:

30h. System Outage. Please specify number of instances:

Answer:

30i. System Outage. Please specify total loss in USD:

Answer:

30j. If other, please explain:

Answer:

30k. For Other, please specify number of instances:

Answer:

30l. For Other, please specify total loss in USD:

Answer:

30m. If other, please explain

Answer:

31. Who accepts cash deposits (or makes payment credit accommodations) for depository transactions?

(Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Neither/others e.g. credit lines used**

31a. Please name banks:

Answer:

31b. If neither/others, please explain: (e.g. credit lines used)

Answer: **Cash is deposited in the bank accounts of participants. On settlement date, the participants' banks make the cash available in the latter's accounts with the Central Bank for settlement based on instructions issued by CDS.**

32. Who processes cash clearing (or draws on credit lines, if applicable) for depository transactions?
(Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Depository, Central Bank**

32a. Please name banks appointed by depository:

Answer:

32b. If others, please explain:

Answer:

33. Who manages the movement of cash for cash deposits (or draws on credit lines, if applicable)?
(Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Neither/others**

33a. Please name banks appointed by depository:

Answer:

33b. If others, please explain:

Answer: **Participants and their banks.**

34. Who manages the movement of cash for cash clearing (or for draws on credit lines, if applicable)?
(Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Depository, Central Bank**

34a. Please name banks appointed by depository:

Answer:

34b. If others, please explain:

Answer:

35. Please indicate services you provide. (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Information in advance on corporate (annual or special) meetings in order that owners can vote., Collateral handling in support of activities including securities lending, overdraft**

coverage, cash management, repurchase agreements, etc., Same day turnaround settlements., Information on distribution of new issues (IPO, Privatization).

35a. Automatic securities lending facility is provided for: (Choose all that apply.)

Answer:

35b. If other, please explain:

Answer:

35c. Collateral Handling: please provide details:

Answer: **Pledging of securities held in the depository at the request of holders and in favour of lending institutions.**

35d. If other services, please explain:

Answer:

36. What procedures are in place for the processing of corporate action entitlements? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Credited to the securities account upon actual receipt by the depository.**

36a. Credited to the securities account: (Choose all that apply)

Answer:

36b. If other, please explain:

Answer:

36c. Name of entity:

Answer:

36d. If other, please explain:

Answer:

37. What procedures are in place for the processing of interest and dividends? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Other**

37a. Credited to the cash account: (Choose all that apply)

Answer:

37b. If other, please explain:

Answer:

37c. Name of entity:

Answer:

37d. If other, please explain:

Answer: **Interests and dividends are paid by the issuers or their registries directly to securities holders or their custodians. The depository provides the list of holders to issuers/registries on the record date.**

38. Please list all depositories or settlement systems to which you have an electronic link (note: this excludes institutions where you only hold accounts without further system linkage).

Answer: **None**

39. Are procedures and controls in place to avoid systemic collapse or contamination if one of the depositories and settlement systems should experience business interruptions for whatever reason?

Answer: **Not applicable**

39a. Please explain:

Answer:

40. Has a business interruption recovery plan been developed in the event the linkages should become inoperable for any reason?

Answer: **Not applicable**

40a. If no, please explain:

Answer:

40a. If other, please explain:

Answer:

41. Are participants permitted to maintain more than one account at the depository?

Answer: **Yes**

41a. If yes, please indicate number: (Choose one)

Answer: **An unlimited number of accounts.**

41b. If more than one account what is the maximum?

Answer:

41c. If other, please explain:

Answer:

41d. If other, please explain:

Answer:

42. Are participants required/permitted to segregate assets held for their own benefit from those they hold for their clients?

Answer: **Yes**

42a. If yes, is segregation required or simply permitted?

Answer: **Required**

42b. How does segregation occur? (Choose all that apply.)

Answer: **Segregated (By separately designated beneficial owner accounts.)**

42c. If other, please explain:

Answer:

42e. If other, please explain:

Answer:

42d. If other, please explain:

Answer:

43-1. Is the nominee account concept being recognised in your market?

Answer: **No**

43-2. If yes, does the depository permit its participants to open accounts in the participant's own nominee name(s)?

Answer: **No**

43a. If yes, do laws exist, which define as well as protect the rights of beneficial owners with respect to securities registered in nominee name?

Answer:

43b. If other, please explain:

Answer:

44 - 44a. In the event a participant's single or main account is blocked for any reason (e.g., insolvency, penalties, violations, liens), would securities held in any account or accounts on behalf of the participant's clients be accessible: By the participant's clients?

Answer: **Yes**

44b. If yes, please describe briefly how clients of participants would access their securities and whether there would be any delay in their ability to do so:

Answer: **In such situation the clients may access their holdings through another Participant. The appropriate procedures (CDS Procedures 9 - Transfer) for the transfer of the securities to accounts registered with other participants must be followed. There would not be any delay if these procedures are followed promptly.**

44c. If other, please explain:

Answer:

44d. By the intervening authorities controlling insolvency or other proceedings?

Answer: **No**

44e. If yes, please describe briefly under what conditions access would be granted to the intervening authorities:

Answer:

44f. If other, please explain:

Answer:

44g. By the participant's creditors?

Answer: **No**

44h. If yes, please describe briefly under what conditions access would be granted to the participant's creditors:

Answer:

44i. If other, please explain:

Answer:

44j. By the depository's creditors?

Answer: **No**

44k. If yes, please describe briefly under what conditions access would be granted to the depository's creditors:

Answer:

44l. If other, please explain:

Answer:

45. In what form does the depository maintain records identifying the assets of each participant? (Choose all that apply. Question 45 Help: What technical method is used by the CSD to log investors positions in the CSDs operational system?)

Answer: **Computer file**

45a. If other, please explain:

Answer:

45b. In which format is the source data maintained?

Answer: **Data is stored in online Oracle database tables. Backup data is stored on LTO tapes both onsite and offsite.**

-Response Necessary/Eligibility Question- 46. Rule 17f-7 requires that an Eligible Securities Depository "provides periodic reports to its participants with respect to its safekeeping of assets, including notices of

transfers to or from any participant's account." Does the depository make available periodic safekeeping reports to participants, including notices of transfers to or from the participant's account?

Answer: **Yes**

46a. If no or other, please explain:

Answer:

46b. If yes, please indicate the scheduled frequency.

Answer:

46c. If other, please explain:

Answer:

47. What is your document and record retention policy for documents and records described above in this section? (Choose one)

Answer: **7 years**

47a. If other, please explain:

Answer:

48. The Committee on Payment and Settlement Systems of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) has identified three common structural approaches or models for linking delivery and payment in a securities settlement system. Please indicate which model your procedures most closely resemble (Please refer to details on the models within the "Help" section located below this question): (Choose all that apply) -----> Question 48 Help: Model 1 - Gross, Simultaneous Settlements of Securities and Funds Transfers. These systems settle transfer instructions for both securities and funds simultaneously on a trade-by-trade (gross) basis, with final (irrevocable and unconditional) transfer of securities from the seller to the buyer (delivery) occurring at the same time as final transfer of funds from the buyer to the seller (payment). The securities settlement system maintains securities accounts and funds accounts for participants. Transfer of securities and cash are made by bookentry. Model 2 - Gross Settlements of Securities Transfers Followed by Net Settlement of Funds Transfers. These systems settle securities transfer instructions on a trade-for-trade (gross) basis, with final transfer of securities from the seller to the buyer (delivery) occurring throughout the processing cycle, but settle funds transfer instruction on a net basis, with final transfer of funds from the buyer to the seller (payment) occurring at the end of the processing cycle. The securities settlement system maintains securities accounts for participants, but funds accounts are usually held by another entity (often a commercial bank or the central bank). Securities are transferred by book-entry, such transfer being final at the instant the entries are made on the securities settlement system's books. The corresponding funds transfers are irrevocable, but not final. During the processing cycle, the system calculates running balances of funds debits and credits, the balance being settled at the end of the processing cycle when the net debit and net credit positions are posted on the books of the commercial bank or central bank that maintains the funds accounts. Settlement of funds accounts may occur once a day or several times a day. Model 3 - Simultaneous Net Settlement of Securities and Funds Transfers. These systems settle transfer instructions for both securities and funds on a net basis, with final transfer of both occurring at the end of the processing cycle. Settlement may occur once a day or several times a day. The securities settlement system maintains securities accounts for participants. Funds accounts may be maintained by another entity, either a

commercial bank or the central bank. During a processing cycle, running balances of debits and credits to funds and securities accounts are calculated. All funds and securities transfers are provisional until the end of the processing cycle, at which time book-entry transfer of securities take place. If and only if all participants have sufficient balances of funds and securities, final transfers of the net securities balances and net funds balances are executed.

Answer: **Model 2 - Gross Settlements of Securities Transfers Followed by Net Settlement of Funds Transfers.**

48a. Please briefly describe your settlement process, including how your settlement procedures may vary from the model chosen above (and as described above in the Help section)?

Answer: **On settlement date (T+3), securities are settled on a gross basis (trade-for-trade settlement) immediately after the central bank confirms the final and irrevocable transfer of funds by a net settlement mechanism conform to the Lamfalussy Recommendations. The settlement model is the reverse of Model 2.**

48b. If other, please explain:

Answer:

49. Are the cash and security movements simultaneous (i.e. immediately with no time gap)?

Answer: **Yes**

49a. If cash and security movements are not simultaneous, please indicate the duration of the timing gap. (Choose one)

Answer:

49b. If other, please explain:

Answer:

49c. If other, please explain:

Answer:

50. How are depository eligible securities held by the depository?

Answer: **Securities in the depository are held in dematerialized form.**

50a. If other, please explain and identify amount held in this other form as a percentage of total depository holdings:

Answer:

51. If depository eligible securities are certificated, can depository eligible securities be held outside of the depository?

Answer: **Securities may move freely into and out of the depository.**

51a. If certain designated securities are held outside the depository, please indicate under which conditions these securities would be held outside the depository:

Answer:

51b. If depository eligible securities are required to be centrally immobilized at the depository, where and with whom are the certificates safekept? (then please answer 51c)

Answer:

51h. If depository eligible securities may be held either in or out of the depository, are these certificates:

Answer:

51i. What are the control features for receipt of certificates to the depository (e.g., authentication procedures, re-registration)? Please describe:

Answer: **The serial number of each certificate deposited is recorded in the CDS system. Each time a deposit is made, the system verifies that the certificate has not been deposited previously and also that the certificate has not been declared lost or stolen. In such cases the deposit is rejected. Deposited certificates are forwarded by CDS to the registry of the issuer for the confirmation of the authenticity thereof. Securities accounts are credited only upon receipt of the written confirmation of the authenticity of the certificate from the registry of the issuer**

51j. If other, please explain:

Answer:

51k. If other, please explain:

Answer:

51c. Are these certificates:

Answer: **Registered**

52. If securities are dematerialized: May dematerialized security positions be re-certificated and held outside the depository?

Answer: **Yes**

52a. Are the securities held: (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Through book-entry at the depository, Through book-entry at a registrar or issuer**

51d. If registered, how are the depository eligible securities registered?

Answer:

52b. Please identify which types of entities may act as registrars: (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Issuers, Separate companies that perform registrar functions, Depository**

51e. If other, please describe:

Answer:

52c. If other, please explain:

Answer:

52k. If other, please explain:

Answer:

51f. If in the name of a separate nominee, please identify by name the nominee used:

Answer:

52j. If other, please explain:

Answer:

51g. If other, please explain:

Answer:

52d. If the securities held by the depository are recorded by book entry at the registrar, are the securities registered only to the depository, with the depository providing the function of recording ownership on a centralized basis for the market? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Yes**

52e. If yes, how are securities held at the registrar for the account of the depository? (Choose one)

Answer: **In the name of the depository.**

52f. If other, please describe:

Answer:

52g. If the securities held with the depository are recorded by book-entry at the registrar but are not registered exclusively to the depository, may they be registered to:

Answer:

52h. If other, please describe:

Answer:

52l. If other, please explain:

Answer:

52i. If the securities held with the depository are recorded by book-entry at the registrar, what are the control features at the registrar for transfer of registrar positions to and from the depository (e.g., authentication procedures, reconciliation, confirmation of position at registrar)? Please describe:

Answer: **Securities certificates that are deposited with the CDS are sent to the registry of the issuer for the confirmation of their authenticity. When confirming the authenticity, the registry transfers the securities in the name of the CDS and confirms the total quantity of securities recorded in the name of the CDS. Upon receipt of the confirmation of the authenticity of the certificates, the CDS credits the securities account of the holder and reconciles the total quantity of securities held in CDS with the position confirmed by the registry. Reconciliation of the positions therefore occurs on an on-going basis each time certificates are deposited or securities**

withdrawn.

-Response Necessary/Eligibility Question- 53. Rule 17f-7 requires that an Eligible Securities Depository "maintains records that identify the assets of each participant and segregate the system's own assets from the assets of participants." Does the depository maintain records that identify the assets of each participant and segregate the system's own assets from the assets of participants?

Answer: **Yes**

53a. If not applicable or other, please explain:

Answer:

54. Does the law protect participant assets from claims and liabilities of the depository?

Answer: **Yes**

54a. If other, please explain:

Answer:

55. Can the depository assess a lien on participant accounts? (A lien would entitle the depository to take and hold or sell the securities of the participant in payment of a debt.) (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Yes, for proprietary accounts (please answer 55a), Yes, for client designated accounts (Please answer 55b)**

55a. If yes, for what reasons are liens or similar claims imposed for proprietary accounts? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **To secure payment for purchased securities**

55b. If yes, for what reasons are liens or similar claims imposed for client designated accounts? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **To secure payment for purchased securities**

55c. Please describe highlighting any difference in approach between proprietary and client designated accounts.

Answer: **No difference**

55d. Please indicate the limits of this lien as indicated below: (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Liens are limited to securities in the course of purchase and sale transactions, but do not extend to settled positions., Clients fully settled positions are protected from placement of Liens other than where there is a court order.**

55g. If other, please explain:

Answer:

55e. If a lien is placed on a participant's account which has been designated for its clients, will the depository select certain securities to be subject to the lien?

Answer: **Yes**

55f. If yes, please indicate whether: (Choose one)

Answer: **The lien is placed on the most liquid securities in the account**

55g-1. Please explain:

Answer:

55h. If no, please indicate whether the entire account will be subject to the lien.

Answer:

55i. If other, please describe:

Answer:

55n. If other, please explain:

Answer:

55j. For accounts designated as client accounts, do procedures exist to restrict the placement of liens only to obligations arising from safe custody and administration of those accounts?

Answer: **Yes**

55k. If yes, are the restrictions accomplished by:

Answer: **Contract between the depository and the participant**

55l. Please explain:

Answer:

55m. If other, please explain:

Answer:

56. Transfer of Legal Ownership - Does the depository have legal authority to transfer title to securities?

Answer: **Yes**

56a. When does title or entitlement to depository securities pass between participants? (Choose one)

Answer: **When corresponding money or other consideration is transferred.**

56b. If other, please describe:

Answer:

56c. Where does title or entitlement to depository securities pass between participants? (Choose one)

Answer: **On the depository books**

56d. If other, please describe:

Answer:

56e. If other, please explain:

Answer:

57. How are eligible securities lodged (that is, placed) in the depository system? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **A registrar re-registers the security in the name of the depository., A participant delivers the security with a valid transfer deed or stock power or other transfer document to the depository which then effects registration.**

57a. Please describe:

Answer:

58. When are securities lodged into the depository reflected in a participant's depository account? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Other**

58a. Please explain:

Answer: **Securities certificates that are deposited with the CDS are sent to the registry of the issuer for the confirmation of their authenticity and re-registration of the securities in the name of the depository. The registry has five business days for sending the confirmation to the CDS and re-registering the securities in the name of the depository. Upon receipt of the confirmation of the authenticity of the certificates, the CDS immediately credits the securities account of the holder (beneficial owner)**

59. How long does it usually take to lodge securities with the depository? (Choose one)

Answer: **3 days to 1 week**

59a. Please specify:

Answer:

59b. If other, please explain:

Answer:

60. During the process of lodging securities into the depository, can the securities: Be traded?

Answer: **No**

60c. If they cannot be traded, or if you answered other, please explain:

Answer: **Securities are available for trade only after the securities account of the holder has been credited.**

60a. During the process of lodging securities into the depository, can the securities: Be settled?

Answer: **No**

60d. If they cannot be settled, or if you answered other, please explain:

Answer:

60b. During the process of lodging securities into the depository, can the securities: Have ownership

transferred?

Answer: **No**

60e. If ownership cannot be transferred, or if you answered other, please explain:

Answer: **Securities certificates that are deposited with the CDS are sent to the registry of the issuer for the confirmation of the authenticity thereof and re-registration of the securities in the name of CDS. The registry has 5 business days to send the confirmation to CDS and re-register the securities in the name of the depository. CDS credits the securities account of the holder immediately upon receipt of the confirmation of authenticity. Ownership can be transferred only after the securities account of the holder has been credited.**

61. Are securities immediately available for delivery upon transfer to the depository?

Answer: **Yes**

61a. If no: Securities are unavailable for:

Answer:

61b. If more than 4 weeks, please specify:

Answer:

61c. If other, please explain:

Answer:

61d. If other, please explain:

Answer:

62. Please describe briefly the arrangements/procedures/facilities you maintain to ensure that eligible securities held at the depository are handled at least as efficiently as compared to securities held outside the depository, particularly in relation to income, corporate actions and proxy services."

Answer: **On record date CDS provides the list of securities holders registered with it, to the registry of the issuer which then processes and distribute income/corporate actions/proxy services directly to these securities holders in a similar manner as for securities that are held outside the depository. CDS monitors the whole process with the registry.**

63. What transfer process steps are involved when eligible securities are withdrawn from the depository for safekeeping? (Choose one)

Answer: **Securities are re-certificated and re-registered into the name of the beneficial owner or a nominee.**

63a. Please specify:

Answer:

64. How long does it usually take to remove securities from the depository? (Choose one)

Answer: **Other**

64a. Please specify:

Answer:

64b. If other, please explain:

Answer: **The withdrawal request is processed immediately as it reaches the CDS. However, the issuer has up to 14 days to issue a certificate in the name of the beneficial owner.**

65 - 65a. While the securities are being removed from the depository, can they: Be traded?

Answer: **No**

65b. Please explain:

Answer: **When securities are withdrawn from CDS, the securities account of the holder is debited as soon as the withdrawal request reaches the CDS and therefore the securities can no longer be traded.**

65c. Be settled?

Answer: **No**

65d. Please explain:

Answer: **The securities account of the holder is debited as soon as the withdrawal request reaches the CDS and therefore the securities are not available for settlement.**

65e. Have ownership transferred?

Answer: **No**

65f. Please explain:

Answer: **The securities account of the holder is debited as soon as the withdrawal request reaches the CDS and therefore the securities are not available for any transaction.**

66. Does the depository accept liability (independent of any insurance coverage) for the following: 66a. Reconciliation errors with the registrar and/or the issuer that result in direct damages or losses to participants?

Answer: **Yes**

66b. If yes, please check all of the following that apply:

Answer: **Financial limits are imposed on the amount of liability assumed by the depository**

66c. If other, please explain:

Answer:

66d. If other, please explain:

Answer:

66e. Theft of securities (either physical certificate or electronically from accounts at the depository) from

the depository that result in direct damages or losses to participants?

Answer: **Yes**

66f. If yes, please check all of the following that apply:

Answer: **Financial limits are imposed on the amount of liability assumed by the depository**

66g. If other, please explain:

Answer:

66h. If other, please explain:

Answer:

66i. Failure of the depository's systems that result in direct damages or losses to participants because they cannot use either securities or funds?

Answer: **Yes**

66j. If yes, please check all of the following that apply:

Answer: **Financial limits are imposed on the amount of liability assumed by the depository**

66k. If other, please explain:

Answer:

66l. If other, please explain:

Answer:

66m. Any direct damages or losses to participants caused by the depository due to its errors, omissions or fraud?

Answer: **Yes**

66n. If yes, please check all of the following that apply:

Answer: **Financial limits are imposed on the amount of liability assumed by the depository**

66o. If other, please explain:

Answer:

66p. If other, please explain:

Answer:

66q. Any direct damages or losses to participants caused by the depository in its capacity as a central counterparty?

Answer: **No**

66r. If yes, please check all of the following that apply:

Answer:

66s. If other, please explain:

Answer:

66t. If other, please explain:

Answer:

66u. Does the depository guaranty settlement?

Answer: **Yes**

66v. Please explain how this is accomplished. What are the procedures and safeguards that permit the depository to guaranty settlement?

Answer: **Section 3(8) of the Securities (Central Depository, Clearing and Settlement) Act 1996 states that the CDS shall establish and maintain a Guarantee Fund for the purpose of providing an indemnity against any default in respect of payments for or delivery of securities by any participant and of obligations of participants towards CDS. As required by the law the Guarantee Fund has been set up to guarantee the settlement of trades. In the event of a failure of a participant, the Guarantee Fund steps in the net settlement mechanism and makes good the obligations of the defaulting participant. The CDS is subrogated to all the rights and powers of the defaulting participant for the purpose of the seizure and sale of unpaid securities and of operating the Guarantee Fund. The resources available to the Guarantee Fund are as follows: - Collateral (letters of credit) submitted by brokers - Cash contributions by brokers - Cash contributions by CDS (0.1% of CDS fees on each transaction as from 1 November 2019) - Line of credit from commercial bank. As a preventive measure, the net cumulative liability of each broker is not allowed to exceed a limit that is based on the amount of collateral submitted by the broker.**

66w. If other, please explain:

Answer:

66x. Any direct damages or losses to participants caused by the depository as a result of force majeure events, acts of God, or political events, etc.?

Answer: **No**

66y. If yes, please check all of the following that apply:

Answer:

66z. If other, please explain:

Answer:

66-1. If other, please explain:

Answer:

66-2. In all cases where the depository assumes responsibility for direct or indirect or consequential losses, is the depository's liability limited by a standard of care determination?

Answer: **Yes**

66-3. Please define the standard of care applied:

Answer: **When acting in good faith and without negligence CDS is not liable.**

66-4. If other, please explain:

Answer:

67 - 67a. Do the depository's written contracts, rules, or established practices and procedures provide protection against risk of loss of participant assets by the depository in the form of? Indemnification

Answer: **Yes**

67b. Please explain (then please answer 67c):

Answer: **CDS Rules 3.10 deals with CDS Liabilities. Rule 3.10.1 deals with Exclusion while Rule 3.10.2 deals with Limitation of Liability**

67c. Please provide details of the relevant sections of the contracts, rules or practices where this information is found.

Answer: **'Rule 3.10 CDS Liability 3.10.1 Exclusion. When acting in good faith and without negligence, CDS is not liable to any Participant or holders of Securities Accounts under its management for: a) any loss of opportunity, profit, market, goodwill, interest or use of money or Securities; b) any other special, indirect or consequential loss, damage, expense, liability or claim; c) any loss in respect of which the Participant indemnifies CDS; which is suffered or incurred by any Participant or holders of Securities Accounts under its management arising from or related to the Services. 3.10.2 Limitation. CDS' liability in respect of any Service to any Participant, for a loss not excluded by the Rules and arising from any cause, does not in any event exceed the net amount that CDS recovers from its insurers or any other person for any such loss. Where more than one Participant or holders of Securities Accounts suffer or incur a loss for which CDS accepts such limited liability, the net amount recovered by CDS is distributed among all such Participants and holders of Securities Accounts in a fair and equitable manner determined by CDS.**

67d. Insurance

Answer: **Yes**

67e. Please explain (then please answer 67f):

Answer: **CDS Rule 3.10.3 requires CDS to obtain and maintain policies of insurance including professional indemnity insurance.**

67f. Please provide details of the relevant sections of the contracts, rules or practices where this information is found.

Answer: **'Rule 3.10.3 Insurance. CDS takes reasonable steps to obtain and maintain one or more policies of insurance for such amounts and coverage as CDS may reasonably determine in the best interests of CDS and Participants, and provided such insurance is available at a reasonable cost. A policy of insurance maintained by CDS is open to Participant inspection at the time and place determined by CDS. CDS notifies Participants of any material reduction in the coverage or**

amount of any policy of insurance maintained by CDS.'

67g. Acknowledgement of liability for losses caused by depository's own actions.

Answer: **Yes**

67h. Please explain (then please answer 67i):

Answer: **CDS Rules 3.10.1 and 3.10.2**

67i. Please provide details of the relevant sections of the contracts, rules or practices where this information is found.

Answer: **See 67c above**

67j. Other

Answer: **No**

67k. Please explain (then please answer 67l):

Answer:

67l. Please provide details of the relevant sections of the contracts, rules or practices where this information is found.

Answer:

68. Is the depository immune from legal action in its own jurisdiction?

Answer: **No**

68a. If other, please explain:

Answer:

69. How do participants receive information (view actual settlement of trades, movement of securities on their accounts, etc.) and see the status of their accounts? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **By direct electronic link, By receipt of physical account holding statements, Other**

69a. Please explain:

Answer: **By email**

70. Do participants have access to affect their holdings, including confirming and affirming trades, movement of securities on their accounts, etc.?

Answer: **Yes**

70a. How is access given to participants? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **By direct electronic link**

70b. Please select type of electronic link:

Answer: **Secured, leased, dedicated telephone line, Internet**

70c. Please explain:

Answer:

70d. If other, please explain:

Answer:

71 - 71a. Regarding data security: Are passwords used by participants to access their accounts?

Answer: **Yes**

71b. If other, please explain:

Answer:

71c. Does each user have a unique user ID?

Answer: **Yes**

71d. If other, please explain:

Answer:

71e. Are passwords regularly changed?

Answer: **Yes**

71f. How often?

Answer: **Every 30 days**

71g. If other, please explain:

Answer:

71h. Is there a user lock-out after a pre-set number of unsuccessful User ID attempts?

Answer: **Yes**

71i. How many?

Answer: **3**

71j. If other, please explain:

Answer:

72. Does the depository communicate with other market entities such as stock exchanges, payment systems, clearing houses, etc., by secured linkages? (if no or not applicable, please proceed to 74)

Answer: **Yes**

72a. Please explain:

Answer: **The Automated Trading System of the Stock Exchange of Mauritius and the CDS system run on different servers on the same secured Local Area Network. There is a real-time interface**

between the two systems. Both systems are managed by the same IT team. The Stock Exchange of Mauritius has outsourced the systems management of the Automated Trading System to the CDS. Currently there is no real-time link with the payment system. Settlement instructions are sent to the Central Bank by e-mail (XML file). The CDS performs both depository and clearing functions.

73. - 73a. How does the depository communicate with other market entities? Stock Exchanges (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Secured, leased, dedicated telephone line, Internet**

73b. Payment Systems (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Internet, Fax, Paper/other**

73c. Clearing Houses (Choose all that apply.)

Answer: **Not applicable**

73d. Registrars (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Secured, leased, dedicated telephone line, Internet, Fax, Paper/other**

74. How is access to the physical building controlled? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **By guards, By electronic keys/personal ID card, By alarm system**

74a. Please explain:

Answer:

75. What are the vault security procedures for the safekeeping of physical paper? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Not applicable no vault is maintained**

75a. Please indicate frequency of vault counts:

Answer:

75b. Please explain:

Answer:

76. If a participant defaults, how and by whom is the loss covered? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **The depository guaranty fund covers the loss**

76a. Please explain the process:

Answer:

76b. Please explain the process of how the loss is shared: (Choose one)

Answer:

76c. If other, please explain:

Answer:

76d. Please explain:

Answer:

77. During the past three years, has there been a situation where a participant defaulted which resulted in a significant loss?

Answer: **No**

77a. How was the situation resolved? Or if you answered "Other," then please explain:

Answer:

78. Does the depository have a guaranty fund independent of stock exchange or other market guarantees? (If no or not applicable, proceed to question 79)

Answer: **Yes**

78a. If yes, please respond to the following questions: What is the size of the fund (then please answer 78b)?

Answer: **MUR (Mauritian Rupees) 101.9 million as at 30th June 2025 (including cash, Letters of Credit submitted by participants and a stand-by line of credit of Rs 50 M from the Fund's bank). The size of the fund has decreased slightly compared to last year because one broker submitted a new Letter of Credit (LC) for a lower amount on expiry of the previous LC. The amount of the new LC satisfied the minimum amount required by the Guarantee Fund Procedures.**

78l. If other, please explain:

Answer:

78b. How is the size of the fund determined? (Choose one)

Answer: **Other**

78c. If other, please explain:

Answer: **Each broker participant contributed MUR 100,000 at the inception of the Fund, subsequently any new broker must contribute an amount that is proportionate to the current size of the fund. The CDS contributes 0.1% of the fees that it levies on transactions, to the Fund. Broker participants also submit Letters of Credit as collateral. The amount of these Letters of Credits depend on the moving average of the cumulative liability of brokers over the past 12 months as well as on their risk and fixed expenditure requirements as set out in the Financial Resources Requirements (if the adjusted liquid capital is not sufficient to cover the risk and fixed expenditure requirements).**

78d. How is the fund financed? (Choose one)

Answer: **Other**

78e. If so, what is the amount or percentage per owner?

Answer:

78f. If so, what is the amount or percentage per participant?

Answer:

78g. If other, please explain:

Answer: **The fund is financed by an initial cash contribution by broker participants (each broker contributed MUR 100,000 at the inception of the Fund, subsequently any new broker must contribute an amount that is proportionate to the current size of the fund.) The CDS contributes 0.1% of the fees that it levies on transactions to the Fund. Investment income from cash received is ploughed back in the fund. The cash position of the fund as at 30 June 2025 was MUR 38.4 million. The fund can also draw from Letters of Credit deposited by broker participants, which amounted to a total of MUR 13.5 million as at 30 June 2025, to meet defaults. The Fund can also have recourse to an unsecured stand-by line of credit of MUR 50 million from its banker. The cash contribution made by a broker to the fund and its letter of credit are returned to it when it voluntarily ceases to be a participant of CDS after giving 30 days' notice in accordance with section 2.3.7 of the CDS Rules.**

78h. Who is covered by the fund? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Direct depository participants only**

78i. If other, please explain:

Answer:

78j. When is the guaranty fund used? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **When a broker defaults, Other**

78k. If other, please explain:

Answer: **The Fund is used when a broker participant fails to meet its settlement obligations. A broker's contribution to the Fund can also be used when the broker fails to meet other financial obligations towards the CDS (e.g non payment of CDS fees).**

79. Does the depository have forms of oversight management for assessing and monitoring of the following? (Choose all that apply) (If not applicable, please answer follow up question)

Answer: **Participant eligibility requirements, Participant volumes, Participant financial strength, Collateral requirements for participants, Debit caps for participants, Settlement controls that minimize or eliminate the risk of default by a participant, Blocking of securities movement before receipt of payment, Blocking payment until securities are moved, Other forms of risk management used for assessing and monitoring participant exposures**

79a. Please explain other loss or default protections:

Answer:

79b. Please explain the requirements:

Answer: **The value of the Letters of Credit depends on the value of transactions (moving average of cumulative liability over 3 days) performed by each participant over the past 12 months from the date at which the required minimum amount of the collateral is determined.**

79c. Please explain how these debit caps work:

Answer: **The amount of the letter of credit submitted by each Participant determines the limit for the Participant's net cumulative liability towards the CDS. This is monitored on a daily basis. The Settlement Limit is calculated as follows: $SL = (RLC + ALC + GFC)/0.18 + CSP$ where, SL : Settlement Limit RLC : Required Letter of Credit ALC : Additional Letter of Credit GFC : Guarantee Fund Contribution CSP : Capital Surplus Once the Settlement Limit is reached, the Participant must deposit additional collateral before it can execute buy orders on the trading system.**

79d. What type or types of settlement controls (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Blocking or freezing of securities positions, Controlling DVP settlement, Simultaneous DVP, Other**

79e. Please explain:

Answer: **Securities are not available for any other transaction as from the moment when a sell transaction is allocated to a securities account.**

79f. Please explain:

Answer: **Brokers can allocate a sale to a securities account only if the balance in that account is sufficient to settle the trade. Moreover, there is a close monitoring with the central bank and settlement banks to verify the availability of funds in participants' accounts on settlement date. Securities are not transferred if there is a funds settlement default. In such a situation the Guarantee Fund steps in the net settlement mechanism to make good the obligations of the defaulting participant and the securities are then transferred. The securities bought by the defaulting participant are seized by the Guarantee Fund.**

79g. Please explain:

Answer: **On settlement date, CDS transfers securities from sellers' securities accounts to buyers' securities account immediately upon receipt of the confirmation of funds transfer from the central bank.**

79h. Please identify and explain:

Answer: **CDS monitors the financial soundness of brokers through capital adequacy requirements. A broker that fails to meet the capital adequacy requirements is immediately suspended and is not allowed to effect any transaction on the market.**

79i. Please explain briefly how these work:

Answer: **Participants are required to have sufficient adjusted liquid capital to cover their risks and fixed expenditure requirements. This is monitored on a monthly basis. Participants are required to submit Financial Resources Requirements returns on a monthly basis. These returns are analysed and reviewed by the Business Conduct Committee of the CDS.**

79-2: Please provide the risk management framework (attachment, link etc.)

Answer: **Please refer to Risk Management Report which forms part of the Annual Report (pages 26 to 37).**

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Answer:

URL Link:

Answer:

80. Does the stock exchange have default protections that extend to the depository, such as the following? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Financial requirements for stock exchange membership**

80a. Please explain:

Answer:

81. Do you have a formal business recovery plan?

Answer: **Yes**

81a. Does your Business Recovery Plan include: (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Back-up of all computer files, Off-site data storage, Back-up files stored and locked, Off-site operations facility, Remote working ability, Digital/electronic signing of documentation**

81h. If other, please explain:

Answer:

81b-1. Please identify the frequency of testing for the following third party: - Depository participants/members:

Answer: **Three times a year**

81b-2. Please identify the last date of testing for the following third party: - Depository participants/members:

Answer: **20 June 2025**

81c-1. Please identify the frequency of testing for the following third party: - Stock exchange:

Answer: **Three times a year**

81c-2. Please identify the last date of testing for the following third party: - Stock exchange:

Answer: **20 June 2025**

81d-1. Please identify the frequency of testing for the following third party: - Central bank:

Answer: **Three times a year**

81d-2. Please identify the last date of testing for the following third party: - Central bank:

Answer: **20 June 2025**

81e-1. Please identify the frequency of testing for the following third party: - Local brokers:

Answer: **Three times a year**

81e-2. Please identify the last date of testing for the following third party: - Local brokers:

Answer: **20 June 2025**

81f-1. Please identify the frequency of testing for the following third party: - Any other third party:

Answer:

81f-2. Please identify the last date of testing for the following third party: - Any other third party:

Answer:

81g. If other, please explain:

Answer:

82. How quickly can the main system be reactivated in the event of an outage? (Choose one)

Answer: **1 - 4 hours**

82a. If other, please explain:

Answer:

83. If a back-up system exists, how quickly can the back-up system be activated in the event of the main system failing? (Choose one)

Answer: **1 - 4 hours**

83a. If other, please explain:

Answer:

84. Will the depository publicly announce any system interruption?

Answer: **Yes**

84a. To whom will the depository disclose any system interruptions? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **To the depository regulators, To all direct participants, To direct and indirect participants, To the public via the internet, In the press**

84b. If so, please list webpage address:

Answer: **<http://www.stockexchangeofmauritius.com/cds>**

84c. If so, please list all publications:

Answer: **Local press**

84d. Please explain:

Answer:

84g. If other, please explain:

Answer:

84e. How will the depository disclose any system interruptions? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **By e-mail, By telephone, By public announcement, By press release**

84f. Please explain:

Answer:

85. In the past three years, has it been necessary to activate the recovery plan in a live situation?

Answer: **No**

85a. If yes, how much time was needed to implement the recovery plan? (Choose one)

Answer:

85b. How much time was needed to recover and restore business to normal operations? (Choose one)

Answer:

85c. What was the impact to the market? (Choose all that apply)

Answer:

85d. If other, please explain:

Answer:

85e. If other, please explain:

Answer:

86. Has there been any material loss by the depository during the past three years?

Answer: **No**

86a. If there has been a loss, please describe the cause, the final impact and the action taken to prevent a recurrence:

Answer:

86b. If other, please explain:

Answer:

87. Has the depository been subject to any litigation involving a participant during the past three years?

Answer: **No**

87a. Please explain the circumstances and resolution:

Answer:

87b. If other, please explain:

Answer:

88. Has the depository realized revenues sufficient to cover expenses during the past three years?

(Choose one)

Answer: **Yes, for all three years**

88a. If other, please explain:

Answer:

89. Does the depository maintain a reserve for operating losses?

Answer: **Yes**

89a. Please describe and indicate reserve amount:

Answer: **The objective of the Company is to provide an acceptable return to its shareholders whilst at the same time continuing to build up its reserves to ensure its own business continuity. As at 30 June 2025, the reserves of the CDS amounted to MUR 330.7 Million, which is equivalent to about 9.5 years' operating expenses.**

89b. If other, please explain:

Answer:

90. Has the regulatory body with oversight responsibility for the depository issued public notice that the depository is not in current compliance with any capital, solvency, insurance or similar financial strength requirements imposed by such regulatory body?

Answer: **No**

90a. Please describe:

Answer:

90f. If other, please explain:

Answer:

90b. In the case of such a notice having been issued, has such notice been withdrawn, or, has the remedy of such noncompliance been publicly announced by the depository?

Answer:

90c. If yes, please describe:

Answer:

90d. If no, why not?

Answer:

90e. If other, please explain:

Answer:

91. Please confirm whether you maintain insurance policies to cover any liabilities and indemnities that you may incur in connection to the services you provide.

Answer: **Insurance to cover losses in the event of Default on settlement commitments by the depository or a participant, Fidelity insurance (that is, insurance to cover loss of securities or money resulting, for example, from acts such as forgery, theft, fraud and/or employee dishonesty), Insurance for Operational Errors and Error & Omissions, Insurance for the Premises, Other type of insurance**

91a. What is the amount of the coverage and the amount of deductible? Please also indicate the currency.

Answer: **Coverage: MUR (Mauritian Rupees) 25 million Deductible: MUR 500,000**

91b. What is the amount of the coverage and the amount of deductible? Please also indicate the currency.

Answer: **Coverage: MUR (Mauritian Rupees) 25 million Deductible: MUR 500,000**

91c. What is the amount of the coverage and the amount of deductible? Please also indicate the currency.

Answer: **Coverage: MUR (Mauritian Rupees) 25 million Deductible: MUR 500,000**

91d. What is the amount of the coverage and the amount of deductible? Please also indicate the currency.

Answer: **Coverage: MUR 12,897,999 Deductible: MUR 25,000**

91e. Please describe the nature of the coverage, the amount of the coverage and the amount of deductible. Please also indicate the currency.

Answer: **1. Employer's Liability; 2. Public Liability; 3. Directors & Officers' Liability Coverage: 1. MUR 100 million; 2. MUR 15 Million; 3. MUR 25 million Deductible: 1. First 2 Days' Salary of Relevant Employee; 2. Nil 3. MUR 500,000**

92. Who is the insurance carrier? If more than one insurance carrier, please list each carrier here and provide your responses to questions 92a and 92b in corresponding order.

Answer: **SICOM General Insurance Ltd; Swan General Ltd**

92a. Who is the insurance carrier's parent company, if applicable? (If inapplicable, simply type n/a.)

Answer: **State Insurance Company of Mauritius Ltd; n/a**

92b. What is the term of the policy?

Answer: **Annual**

92c. Who does the insurance cover? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Depository**

92d. If other, please identify:

Answer:

93. If you feel that you would like to provide additional details on any of the given answers, feel free to

provide any additional comments here (maximum of 5,000 characters) or prepare an additional document identifying the question(s) you are commenting on and upload the document under 93a:

Answer:

93a. Upload document here:

Answer:

94. The AGC encourages respondents/depositories to make their answers to this questionnaire publicly available. Will you be making your response publicly available? (The AGC suggests that you consider making your completed questionnaire available to the public - either in response to requestor, if possible, by posting it on a website. The information provided in response to the questionnaire will be used by the member banks of the Association in compiling Rule 17f-7 risk analysis and may also be furnished by members to U.S. investment companies. The information may also be furnished to other types of institutional investors, or to other parties who have an interest in the securities markets of various countries. However, the Association does not intend to release questionnaire responses directly to the general public. (For these reasons, the members of the Association cannot assure that responses will be treated as confidential or that responses will not become public.))

Answer: **Yes**

94a. If yes, how will you be making it publicly available: (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Website, By individual request with depository**

94b. Please provide web site address of publicly available questionnaire:

Answer: **<https://www.stockexchangeofmauritius.com/media/1249/agcquestionnaire.pdf>**

94c. Please provide name of contact at depository who has been designated to receive such requests (then please answer 94d).

Answer: **Vipin Mahabirsingh, Managing Director**

94d. How would they prefer to be contacted? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **By e-mail**

94e. Please provide telephone number:

Answer:

94f. Please provide facsimile number:

Answer:

94g. What is the preferred street address for mailing requests?

Answer:

94h. What is the preferred e-mail address for such requests:

Answer: **vipin.mahabirsingh@cds.intnet.mu**

94i. If other, please describe how you will be making the questionnaire publicly available:

Answer:

95. Association members from time to time receive requests from their direct investor-clients for an informational copy of a depository's completed questionnaire. Such requests typically lead to interactions between personnel at the depository in question and member personnel or client personnel, or both. Those interactions take time and impose costs on both members and depositories. Do you approve of Association members delivering a copy of your completed questionnaire to the member's direct client in response to the client's request?

Answer: **Yes**

96. Does your organization have a documented cybersecurity policy in place? If so, please provide a copy or overview.

Answer: **Yes**

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Answer: **True**

Comments:

Answer: **The CDS ensures that its IT systems are secure (that is, has access controls; is equipped with adequate safeguards to prevent external intrusion; and provides audit trails), reliable and have sufficient capacity to handle expected volume growth. The CDS has implemented an IT Security Policy that defines the responsibilities relating to the management of the IT systems of the CDS and the procedures to be followed by employees of the company as well as by remote users (investment dealers, custodian banks, Financial Services Commission, Bank of Mauritius and registries) when using the IT systems of the company. The IT Security Policy is regularly updated to keep pace with latest developments regarding information security. The CDS system has industry-standard security features like: • User and Role Based Access Control (users have accessed to the different functions available in the system based on their respective roles) • Password controls • Auditing features at application, operating system and database levels At the application level, the system maintains the history of all transactions carried out. Every event that changes a balance in a securities account is recorded as a ledger entry. These ledger entries are visible in the client balance inquiry screen giving a complete transaction history. In addition any changes made to investor, security and participant details are logged and are viewable in the form of an audit trail. The system maintains log files that contain an audit trail of all activities and functions performed on the system as well as transactions processed. These log files are verified on a daily basis.**

97. Please confirm that your staff receive relevant training about this policy:

Answer: **Yes**

Comments:

Answer:

98. Please confirm what topics are covered by your policy for continuity of business in the event of a large data breach or cyber attack against your organization.

Answer: **IT Asset & Inventory Management, Architecture Management, Change Management,**

Security Awareness & Training, IT Protective Security Technology, Access Management, Logging, Monitoring, and Alerting, Cyber Event Detection, Incident Response and Recovery

Comments:

Answer:

99. In the last 12 months have there been any changes to the policy? If yes, please detail.

Answer: **Yes**

Comments:

Answer: **Password policy amended; AI usage policy added**

100. Please advise how often you review the policy.

Answer: **Semi-annually**

Comments:

Answer:

101. Please provide (as an attachment) a diagram showing where your cybersecurity function resides and who it reports to.

Answer: **True**

Comments:

Answer: **The Systems Manager is responsible for the cybersecurity function and he reports directly to the Managing Director.**

102. How does your organization identify cyber risks to business functions?

Answer: **Enterprise Risk Management Framework, External Reviews, Risk and Control Assessments**

Comments:

Answer: • **An ongoing Business Impact Analysis is carried out that correlates the Cyber risks to our mission critical Business functions. For each interconnected business function, a RTO (Recovery Time Objective) and a RPO (Recovery Point Objective) is defined in terms of agreeable amount of time it can afford to survive, and hours of data it can afford to lose in the event of a cyber threat. • All IT assets, services and systems are actively inventoried and their criticality levels in terms of delivering mission critical business functions are aligned in a classification matrix. • An ongoing Risk and Cyber threat assessment is performed on all the IT assets, IT services and Systems conducive to our business functions. Risks and threats pertaining to people, process and technology are rated for severity levels in terms of damage, loss or unavailability to business. A Cyber risk register is then recorded.**

103. Do you conduct ongoing testing and monitoring processes to ensure that all internal and external connectivity and system configurations are not at risk of cybersecurity breaches? If yes, please provide details and indicate frequency.

Answer: **Yes**

Comments / frequency:

Answer: **Penetration testing is performed by the IT team of CDS on a monthly basis. Independent external auditors with specific expertise in IT security perform a security audit of the IT systems of the CDS and SEM, once every two years. The scope of the security audit is as follows: • Review of Security Policy • Review of the network architecture • Security audit of the network components like routers, firewall, switches, etc. • Security audit of the Solaris and Windows servers and Oracle databases • Internal vulnerability assessment • Verifying the VPN and Wireless connections • Non-intrusive external penetration testing • Verification of mySEM web application and mobile app • Review of Disaster Recovery Planning • Verifications of PCs on our LAN • Review of existing Work from Home environment**

104. What technological controls and protections are in place for your systems and networks?

Answer: **Encryption of data at rest, Encryption of data in transit, Anti-virus software, Anti-malware software, Intrusion detection systems, Intrusion prevention systems, Firewalls, Patch Management, User Access Controls**

Comments:

Answer: **• Implementation of a continuously reviewed ISO 27001:2022 compliant IT Security Policy • Fingerprint and swipe cards access controls to server rooms and offices • Implementation of Acceptable Internet and Email Usage Policy, Password Policy and Adoption of Clear Desk and Clear Screen Policy. • Implementation of Cryptographic measures (McAfee DLP Endpoint) • IPSec VPNs • Implementation of a Centralized Encrypted Backup, Centralized Antivirus Software and filtering Engine • User Permissions Matrix and Firewalls implementation • IDS/IPS, Solarwind Traffic Analyser, Symantec Security Cloud • Automatic Failover Mode for Firewalls • Centralised Logging and 24*7 Security Monitoring Capabilities • External IT Security Audits**

105. Does your organization use multi-factor authentication?

Answer: **Yes**

Comments:

Answer: **We use multi-factor authentication for our email systems, workstations and also for online access by investors.**

106. Where your organization has outsourced activities or functions to a third-party provider, is your cyber risk exposure documented?

Answer: **Yes**

107. What measures does your organization have to ensure early detection of a cyber attack? If other, please answer 107a

Answer: **Incident Response Plan, Searching for user login patterns, Logging of IT systems, Searching for network traffic patterns**

107a. Other

Answer:

108. What is the agreed resumption time for critical operations following a cyber attack? If other, please answer 108a

Answer: **1 - 4 hours**

108a. Other

Answer:

109. How would you advise clients of a successful cyber attack against your organization? If other, please answer 109a

Answer: **By e-mail, By public announcement, By press release**

109a. Other

Answer:

110. In the last 12 months has your organization been subject to a cyber attack that impacted the service you provide to us? If yes, please provide details.

Answer: **No**

Comments:

Answer:

111. Are the following elements of your cybersecurity framework tested pre deployment of changes?

Answer: **Vulnerability, Scenario based penetration tests, Testing of incident response process and technical/business/operations (e.g. table-top exercise)**

111a. Are the following elements of your cybersecurity framework tested post deployment of changes?

Answer: **Vulnerability, Scenario based penetration tests, Testing of incident response process and technical/business/operations (e.g. table-top exercise)**

112. For cloud technology and associated cybersecurity risks, please confirm: (i) that you have procedures and controls in place to protect our information from mishandling or theft (ii) how these procedures and controls tie back to your record retention policy

Answer: **Yes**

113. Does your organisation have a cyber threat intelligence programme to understand and protect against a potential threat actor's motives, targets, and attack behaviors?

Answer: **Yes**

Comments:

Answer: **As a subscriber, CDS receives regular emails from Cybersecurity Insider and CyberheistNews (Knowbe4) which provide threat intelligence and a summary of newly discovered attack vectors, vulnerabilities with active exploits, and explanations of how recent attacks worked. The CDS represents the Stock Exchange of Mauritius on the Global Exchange Cybersecurity Working Group of the World Federation of Exchanges (WFE).**

114. Is your organization aware of SWIFT's Customer Security Program (CSP)?

Answer:

Comments:

Answer: **We do not use SWIFT.**

115. Does your organization ensure compliance with SWIFT's CSP controls?

Answer:

Comments:

Answer: **We do not use SWIFT.**