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CIRCULAR LETTER
VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

To all Credit Institutions operating
in the Republic of Cyprus

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Subject: Intervention Measures on Binary Options (BOs) and Contracts for
Differences (CFDs) – Article 42 of MiFIR**

I hereby inform you that the Central Bank of Cyprus (CBC) intends to exercise the power vested on it by article 42 of MiFIR¹ and impose intervention measures with respect to binary options and contracts for difference.

These measures will be based on the Temporary Intervention Measures that had been adopted by ESMA by virtue of article 40 of MiFIR, which are readily accessible by following the link below:

<https://www.esma.europa.eu/policy-activities/mifid-ii-and-investor-protection/product-intervention>

Given that the ESMA measures regarding BOs expired on 1 July 2019 and the ESMA measures regarding CFDs expired on 31 July 2019, you are required to continue to apply the content of these measures until the CBC announces permanent measures. Further, in case you have applied policies and procedures that set a stricter framework than the ESMA measures, you are required to maintain such stricter framework.

The present circular letter is an English version of the circular letter of same date and subject issued in Greek. In case of discrepancy, the Greek version shall prevail.


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¹ Regulation (EU) No. 600/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on markets in financial instruments and amending Regulation (EU) No. 648/2012.