Notification: A Request from the Derivatives Service Bureau Product Committee for Non-Standard Options

The DSB's Product Committee is currently investigating whether ISINs for Options should only be assigned if an Option Type (i.e., Call, Put, Chooser) and Option Exercise Style (i.e., American, European, Bermudan) are defined for the required product.

- The DSB's non-standard Option templates across all asset assets include Option Type and Option Exercise Style as an optional input **attribute**.
- This has resulted in Non-Standard Options that do not include an Option Type and Option Exercise Style.
- Furthermore, the **introduction of the UPI and the need to support the ISIN/UPI hierarchy dictates that this attribute would need to be specified** and either be an **Optional** or **Mandatory** attribute.
- The following proposal aims to address ISIN data quality by requiring a mandatory Option Type / Exercise Style for all Options.

Proposal

- As a matter of principle, the DSB should only accept ISIN requests when all product attributes are known and available.
- The DSB proposes to define Option Type / Exercise Style as **mandatory** attributes for the following products:

Change Details

- Make Option Type and Option Exercise Style mandatory in the corresponding Request templates.
- Derive the CFI code 2nd attribute in the standard way (e.g., European Call = "A", American Call = "B", etc.).

Note: Since Option Type and Option Exercise Style are mandatory, a value of "X" cannot be derived.

Backwards Compatibility
In line with the agreed standard change process:

- No change will be made to the existing Option ISINs that have the incorrect 2nd attribute of the CFI code of X.
- The existing ISINs with the CFI code of X will remain searchable, but the 'Retrieve no Create' function will return a rejection if no Option Type / Option Exercise Style is supplied in the Request message.

Given the above, the DSB would like to **ask your preference on the following options**:

- Support Option Type / Exercise Style as **Optional** input attributes for both the OTC ISIN and UPI.

- Support Option Type / Exercise Style as **Mandatory** input attributes for both the OTC ISIN and UPI.

Furthermore, before committing to amending the product definitions, the DSB would like to understand from the user community whether there is a legitimate reason for the generation of ISINs without an Option Type or Exercise Style or whether the required values for these attributes are not currently available in the DSB product definitions.

You can provide your feedback/answers anonymously to otc.data@ANNA-DSB.com until **5th of May by 17:00 UTC**.