



INFORMATION ON THE MARKETING OF FX ROLLING SPOT FUTURES CONTRACTS, TRADED ON MEFF, AMONG RETAIL INVESTORS

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On 28 March 2019, the CNMV approved the amendment to the General Conditions submitted by MEFF Sociedad Rectora del Mercado de Productos Derivados S.A.U. (MEFF) for the incorporation of FX Rolling Spot Futures Contracts (xRolling™).

The underlying asset of these new contracts is the exchange rate of certain currency pairs. The contracts have a perpetual expiry date and are settled by differences against the spot exchange rate on a daily basis. The clearing and settlement shall be made through BME Clearing, the central counterparty (CCP) which shall be responsible for the daily clearing and settlement of the contracts and margin calculations for open positions to be posted by clearing members.

The CNMV would like to highlight that these FX Rolling Spot Futures Contracts, given their features, equivalent in relevant aspects to those of contracts for differences (CFDs), are subject to [Decision \(EU\) 2018/796 of the European Securities and Markets Authority](#) (ESMA), which restricts the promotion, marketing, distribution and sale of the contracts to retail clients, establishing leverage limits, as well as position-closing obligations and a negative balance protection mechanism.

Accordingly, any firms that intend to market this product among retail clients and not among professional investors or eligible counterparties, shall, under their exclusive responsibility, make the necessary adjustments to their operations (calculation and on-going monitoring of the margins required from retail clients, closing of positions, etc.) to fully comply with ESMA's Decision, including risk warnings.

In addition, the firms shall prepare and provide the client with the relevant key investor information document (KIIDs), which shall also make reference to these adjustments, in accordance with the provisions laid down in applicable legislation.

ESMA's decision, which has been the subject of [successive renewals](#), will soon cease to be in force, although the CNMV intends to publish a measure with the same scope to replace it, in relation to which everything stated in this press release shall also apply.