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1 Introduction

The Regulation (EU) No 462/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 May 2013 amending the Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009 (CRA III) came into force on 20 June 2013. According to Article 8a(3) of CRA III, credit rating agencies shall publish a calendar for the following 12 month at the end of December, submitting the dates for the publication of sovereign ratings and rating outlooks to ESMA. At the same time, rating agencies are required to publish the calendar on their website.

The purpose of this document is to provide publication dates for the sovereign ratings and the related rating outlooks in 2017. As a rule, the sovereign ratings issued by Creditreform Rating AG in 2017 are unsolicited credit ratings. Thus, the rated sovereign or a related third party does not participate in the credit rating process. Furthermore, Creditreform Rating AG has no access to the accounts, representatives or other relevant internal documents for the rated entity or a related third party.

2 Rating Calendar

As laid out in Article 8a(3) of CRA III, we set the publication dates of our sovereign ratings and related rating outlooks on a Friday. Moreover, we publish the sovereign ratings after the close of business hours of the last closed regulated market in the European Union and at least one hour before the opening of the first opened regulated market in the European Union (Annex I, Section D, III., 3.).

In principle, Creditreform Rating AG follows the calendar displayed in tables 1 and 2. However, a deviation from the publication calendar is possible where necessary, as Creditreform Rating AG has to comply with the obligation of timely issuing credit ratings of adequate quality under Articles 8(2), 10(1) and 11(1) of CRA III. In these instances, we will explain the reasons for the deviation in detail.

Creditreform Rating AG will provide the public with its sovereign rating calendar for the year 2018 in December 2017.

Tab. I: Sovereign Rating Calendar (sorted by issuer)

| Country | Publication date | | |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Austria | 27-Jan-17 | 30-Jun-17 | 22-Dec-17 |
| Belgium | 24-Mar-17 | 28-Jul-17 | |
| China | 28-Apr-17 | 27-Oct-17 | |
| Cyprus | 26-May-17 | 24-Nov-17 | |
| Denmark | 28-Apr-17 | 27-Oct-17 | |
| Estonia | 23-Jun-17 | 27-Oct-17 | |
| Finland | 28-Apr-17 | 01-Sep-17 | |
| France | 24-Feb-17 | 28-Jul-17 | |
| Germany | 27-Jan-17 | 30-Jun-17 | 22-Dec-17 |
| Greece | 23-Jun-17 | 22-Dec-17 | |
| Ireland | 26-May-17 | 24-Nov-17 | |
| Italy | 28-Apr-17 | 29-Sep-17 | |
| Japan | 02-Jun-17 | 01-Dec-17 | |
| Latvia | 24-Feb-17 | 18-Aug-17 | |
| Lithuania | 26-May-17 | 24-Nov-17 | |
| Luxembourg | 27-Jan-17 | 30-Jun-17 | 22-Dec-17 |
| Malta | 26-May-17 | 24-Nov-17 | |
| Netherlands | 24-Feb-17 | 28-Jul-17 | |
| Poland | 31-Mar-17 | 29-Sep-17 | |
| Portugal | 28-Apr-17 | 27-Oct-17 | |
| Slovak Republic | 28-Apr-17 | 27-Oct-17 | |
| Slovenia | 03-Mar-17 | 01-Sep-17 | |
| Spain | 24-Mar-17 | 01-Sep-17 | |
| Sweden | 03-Mar-17 | 01-Sep-17 | |
| United Kingdom | 02-Jun-17 | 01-Dec-17 | |
| United States | 31-Mar-17 | 29-Sep-17 | |

Tab. 2: Sovereign Rating Calendar (sorted by date)

| Country | Publication date |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Austria | 27-Jan-17 |
| Germany | 27-Jan-17 |
| Luxembourg | 27-Jan-17 |
| France | 24-Feb-17 |
| Netherlands | 24-Feb-17 |
| Latvia | 24-Feb-17 |
| Slovenia | 03-Mar-17 |
| Sweden | 03-Mar-17 |
| Belgium | 24-Mar-17 |
| Spain | 24-Mar-17 |
| Poland | 31-Mar-17 |
| United States | 31-Mar-17 |
| Finland | 28-Apr-17 |
| Italy | 28-Apr-17 |
| Portugal | 28-Apr-17 |
| Slovak Republic | 28-Apr-17 |
| China | 28-Apr-17 |
| Denmark | 28-Apr-17 |
| Cyprus | 26-May-17 |
| Ireland | 26-May-17 |
| Lithuania | 26-May-17 |
| Malta | 26-May-17 |
| United Kingdom | 02-Jun-17 |
| Japan | 02-Jun-17 |
| Estonia | 23-Jun-17 |
| Greece | 23-Jun-17 |
| Austria | 30-Jun-17 |
| Germany | 30-Jun-17 |
| Luxembourg | 30-Jun-17 |
| France | 28-Jul-17 |
| Belgium | 28-Jul-17 |
| Netherlands | 28-Jul-17 |
| Latvia | 18-Aug-17 |
| Sweden | 01-Sep-17 |
| Finland | 01-Sep-17 |
| Slovenia | 01-Sep-17 |
| Spain | 01-Sep-17 |
| Poland | 29-Sep-17 |
| United States | 29-Sep-17 |
| Italy | 29-Sep-17 |
| China | 27-Oct-17 |
| Denmark | 27-Oct-17 |
| Estonia | 27-Oct-17 |
| Portugal | 27-Oct-17 |
| Slovak Republic | 27-Oct-17 |
| Ireland | 24-Nov-17 |
| Lithuania | 24-Nov-17 |
| Malta | 24-Nov-17 |
| Cyprus | 24-Nov-17 |
| Japan | 01-Dec-17 |
| United Kingdom | 01-Dec-17 |
| Greece | 22-Dec-17 |
| Austria | 22-Dec-17 |
| Germany | 22-Dec-17 |
| Luxembourg | 22-Dec-17 |

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