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FTSE Russell Fixed Income Index Recalculation Policy

This document sets out the FTSE Russell¹ Fixed Income Index Recalculation Policy. This policy and the FTSE Russell Fixed Income Index Recalculation Guidelines below apply only to those fixed income indexes where the relevant index ground rules and other methodology documents indicate that this policy and the guidelines apply.

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Table 1: FTSE Russell Fixed Income Recalculation Guidelines

Table 1 below sets out the general guidelines that FTSE Russell will follow when determining whether an index or index series should be recalculated and/or associated data products reissued. The terms of the FTSE Russell Index Recalculation Policy apply to these guidelines.

In interpreting these guidelines, FTSE Russell will use expert judgement taking into account all relevant factors including, but not limited to: the asset class of the index constituents; the nature of the incident, the impact on the total return of the broad, top-level index and sub-indexes; the impact on constituent weights; the rebalance frequency of the index; the time elapsed since the incident occurred; the implications for products known to track the index; and the impact on index users should a recalculation and/or reissue take place. Because of the individual circumstances of an incident may be complex, FTSE Russell reserves the right to recalculate, or not to recalculate, an index when these general guidelines might suggest otherwise.

If a decision to recalculate an index is taken, all affected sub-indexes and custom indexes will also be recalculated. Following such an event, index users will be notified of the products affected through standard communication channels (including the publication of a FTSE Russell technical notice), index values will be updated on the FTSE Russell website, and associated data products will be reissued.

If an inaccuracy is discovered prior to client delivery, the index will be recalculated and clients will be notified of any delay to file deliverables.

CATEGORY	EXAMPLE ISSUE	ACTION	INDEX RECALCULATION
Data Input	Incorrect amount outstanding	Correct with notice on a go forward basis	N
	Incorrect coupon or accrued interest amount	Consider where bond is in the coupon payment cycle and correct with notice on a go forward basis	N
	Incorrect WM spot rates and forwards	Recalculate if material impact to index total return	Υ
Methodology	Instrument incorrectly added or removed from the index	Correct with notice unless material impact to index total return	N
	New instrument added with incorrect weight (i.e. inaccurate amount outstanding or market value)	Correct with notice unless material impact to index total return	N
	Instrument added to the wrong sector/incorrectly categorised	Correct with notice unless material impact to index total return	N
	Index calculated with incorrect constituent count (e.g., dropped a constituent for one day)	Recalculate if material impact to index total return	Y
Pricing Input	Incorrect close or redemption price	Recalculate only if material impact to index total return	N
	Incorrect closing prices for entire market	Recalculate	Y
Statistical Calculation	Analytics (i.e., duration, yield)	Update on a going forward basis	N

Generally, materiality will be determined with respect to headline indexes, which are listed in the table below. The list is not exhaustive, however, and FTSE Russell will exercise its expert judgement when determining where a custom index, an index linked to an exchange traded product, or a standard sub-index other than those listed in the table, should be recalculated.

Headline Indexes

Index Series	Headline Indexes
FTSE Actuaries UK Gilts Index Series	FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts All Stocks Index FTSE Actuaries UK Index-Linked Gilts All Stocks Index
FTSE-BOCHK Offshore RMB Bond Index	FTSE-BOCHK Offshore RMB Bond Index
FTSE China Onshore Bond Index Series	FTSE China Onshore Sovereign and Policy Bank Bond Index
FTSE MTS Indexes	FTSE MTS Covered Bond Index FTSE MTS Eurozone Government Bill Index FTSE MTS Eurozone Government Broad Index FTSE MTS Eurozone High-Yield Government Bond Index FTSE MTS Eurozone Inflation-Linked Bond Index FTSE MTS Government Index FTSE MTS Short Government Bond Index FTSE MTS Deposit Index
FTSE SBI Indian Government Bond Index	FTSE SBI Indian Government Bond Index
FTSE Canada Bond Indexes	FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index FTSE Canada Real Return Bond Index FTSE Canada T-Bill Indexes FTSE Canada Floating Rate Note Index FTSE Canada Maple Bond Index FTSE Canada NVCC Bond Index FTSE Canada High Yield Index FTSE Canada Hybrid Bond Index



Further Information

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