

FTSE Equity Country Classification – Timing of March 2021 Interim Update

11 February 2021

FTSE Russell announces that the FTSE Equity Country Classification March 2021 Interim Update will be published on **Monday 29 March 2021 after U.S. market close**.

The classification of markets within the FTSE global equity indexes is assessed on an on-going basis. To ensure transparency, markets being considered for reclassification between Developed, Advanced Emerging, Secondary Emerging and Frontier market status are placed on the FTSE Watch List. FTSE Russell provides an Interim Update of those markets for the purposes of keeping investors fully informed on their current status.

The following markets were designated as Watch List markets as of September 2020:

- Russia - possible reclassification from Secondary Emerging to Advanced Emerging market status.
- Vietnam - possible reclassification from Frontier to Secondary Emerging market status.

Ahead of the publication of the Interim Update, FTSE Russell consults with members of the Country Classification Advisory Committee, the Regional Equity Advisory Committees, the Policy Advisory Board and other stakeholders. Feedback received is considered, and the Interim Update approved, at a meeting of the FTSE Russell Product Governance Board.

The key dates leading to the March 2021 Interim Update are as follows:

Tuesday 2 March	Country Classification Advisory Committee
Weeks commencing 10 & 22 March	Regional Equity Advisory Committees
Wednesday 17 March	FTSE Russell Product Governance Board
Thursday 25 March	Policy Advisory Board
Monday 29 March	Release of the March 2021 FTSE Equity Country Classification Interim Update (after U.S. market close).

The Interim Update will be sent to clients via a client notice and published on the FTSE Russell website at: <https://www.ftserussell.com/equity-country-classification>

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