

S&P Dow Jones Indices Country Classification Treatment for Nigeria, Egypt, Sri Lanka, Lebanon, Russia and Argentina

NEW YORK, NOVEMBER 30, 2023: S&P Dow Jones Indices ("S&P DJI") is closely monitoring the ongoing issues in Nigeria, Egypt, Sri Lanka and Lebanon, taking the steps outlined below to address them. Additionally, S&P DJI has implemented certain measures on Russia and Argentina as detailed in the relevant sections of this notice.

Nigeria: As [announced](#) on November 22, 2023, S&P DJI will reclassify Nigeria from a Frontier market to a Standalone market, and consequently remove all Nigeria-domiciled constituents from the S&P Frontier BMI and related subindices, effective prior to the market open on **Monday, March 18, 2024**. The S&P Nigeria BMI index will be maintained as a standalone index once the reclassification becomes effective. In the meantime, given the ongoing FX liquidity issues and difficulties experienced by market participants in repatriating capital, the following events will continue to be suspended, for stocks listed in Nigeria:

- Quarterly Share and Investable Weight Factor (IWF) changes
- Non-Mandatory Share and Investable Weight Factor (IWF) changes
- Rights offerings

In addition to the above, S&P DJI will not carry out any additions/deletions of securities, otherwise considered eligible/ineligible, for **December 2023** rebalancing.

Please also note that, in accordance with the [Country Classification Methodology](#) guidelines, as a consequence of Nigeria classification status changing to a Standalone market, S&P DJI will also lift these special measures **in conjunction with March 2024 Annual Frontier markets reconstitution**.

Egypt: Due to ongoing strained liquidity and severe shortages of foreign currency, causing repatriation issues and FX queues in the market, in May 2023, S&P DJI announced a halt in the implementation of the following types of index changes for stocks listed in Egypt:

- Quarterly Share and Investable Weight Factor (IWF) changes
- Non-Mandatory Share and Investable Weight Factor (IWF) changes
- Rights offerings

In addition to the above, S&P DJI will not carry out any additions/deletions of securities, otherwise considered eligible/ineligible, for **December 2023** rebalancing.

Please also note that, in accordance with the Country Classification Methodology guidelines, if these issues do not resolve within one calendar year of the date the special measures were applied (in this case May 2023), S&P DJI will review Egypt classification status at the 2024 annual classification review cycle.

Sri Lanka: Since June 2022, due to an economic crisis in the country, leading to volatility and illiquidity in the FX market, S&P DJI has halted the implementation of the following events for stocks listed in Sri Lanka:

- Quarterly Share and Investable Weight Factor (IWF) changes
- Non-Mandatory Share and Investable Weight Factor (IWF) changes
- Rights offerings

In addition to the above, S&P DJI will not carry out any additions/deletions of securities, otherwise considered eligible/ineligible, for **December 2023** rebalancing.

However, as the market is showing clear signs of improvements and foreign investors are not facing the same degree of difficulties in repatriating capital, S&P DJI will lift the above measures for Sri Lanka, **in conjunction with March 2024 Annual Frontier markets reconstitution.**

Lebanon: As announced in March 2021, due to capital controls measures taken by local banks, S&P DJI has halted the implementation of the following events for stocks listed in Lebanon:

- Quarterly Share and Investable Weight Factor (IWF) changes
- Non-Mandatory Share and Investable Weight Factor (IWF) changes
- Rights offerings

The same treatment will remain in place throughout **December 2023** rebalancing.

Please also note that, in accordance with the Country Classification Methodology guidelines, given that Lebanon market classification status is Standalone, S&P DJI will no longer apply the special measures listed above **starting from March 2024 Frontier Reconstitution.**

Russia: As announced in **March 2022**, due to the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict leading to market accessibility issues, S&P DJI has halted the implementation of the following events for stocks listed and/or domiciled in Russia:

- Quarterly Share and Investable Weight Factor (IWF) changes
- Non-Mandatory Share and Investable Weight Factor (IWF) changes
- Rights offerings
- GICS changes
- Size changes
- Domicile changes
- Additions/ Deletions of securities, otherwise considered eligible/ineligible
- AWF changes for Capped and Non-Market Capitalization Weighted indices

The same treatment will remain in place throughout **December 2023** rebalancing.

Please also note that, in accordance with the Country Classification Methodology guidelines, given that Russia classification status is Standalone, S&P DJI will no longer apply the special measures listed above **starting from March 2024 Frontier Reconstitution.**

All other events, not included in the above lists of halted implementations for each market, will be applied as per [S&P Dow Jones Indices' Equity Indices Policies & Practices Methodology](#)

Argentina: As announced in September 2019, and later updated in February 2020, due to the imposition of capital controls, Argentinian local listings are ineligible for the S&P Frontier BMI. Companies domiciled in Argentina with securities listed on developed market exchanges remain eligible and are included in the index provided they meet the eligibility criteria defined in the index methodology. For non-local listings, all corporate actions are being implemented as per the treatment defined in [S&P Dow Jones Indices' Equity Indices Policies & Practices Methodology](#).

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