

COVID -19 Pandemic Responses of the COMCEC Capital Market Regulatory Authorities

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OUTLINE

- ***COVID-19 IMPACTS ON THE TUNISIAN CAPITAL MARKET***
- ***KEY MEASURES TAKEN & IMPLEMENTED BY CMF TUNISIA***

COVID-19 IMPACTS

Tunindex: dropped by 14.71% from March 3rd to March 17th, 2020

Market capitalization: declined by 16.46% falling from 8.8 b US\$ on March 3rd, 2020 to 7.7 b US\$ on March 17th, 2020.

KEY MEASURES TAKEN BY CMF TUNISIA

- Emergency measures specific to the Tunis stock exchange;
- Supporting & transparency measures for public companies;
- Measures targeting auditors, listing sponsors & other stakeholders; &
- Measures aimed at ensuring the CMF activities continuation.

EMERGENCY MEASURES SPECIFIC TO THE TUNIS STOCK EXCHANGE

- 1. Shortening the trading session duration: Trading conducted according to the summer timing (8.30-12.00);**
- 2. Reducing the maximum static limits of the trading session: the max limit allowed for prices variation $\leq 3\%$ instead of 6.09%.**
- 3. Daily renewing of the orders'book: orders left by the end of session are cancelled by the stock exchange.**

SUPPORTING & TRANSPARENCY MEASURES FOR PUBLIC COMPANIES

1. Dialogue and collaboration approach with companies to consider all the effective measures;
2. Inviting companies to their 2019 Financial statements'disclosure even if not audited, along with the information specific to the events subsequent to the FY closing and clarifying the potential impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the company activity, financial situation, the audit progress status, potential intentions of profits distribution & the AGM projected date;
3. Clarifying the procedures for convening AGMs of public companies in the COVID-19 context (*NO physical meetings, remote meetings arrangements, proxy voting, postal voting...*)

MEASURES TARGETING AUDITORS, LISTING SPONSORS & OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

- 1. Inviting auditors, listing sponsors as well as all the involved stakeholders to consider, within their remit, some companies vulnerability and take the necessary measures likely to support them in handling the related challenges.**

MEASURES AIMED AT ENSURING THE CMF ACTIVITIES CONTINUATION

1. Implementation of a BCP based on the protection of human health, collaborators security & continuation of the normal and usual operation of the different services via remote-working arrangements / virtual meetings...;
2. Enhancing consultation with all the Tunisian capital market professionals to ensure that the appropriate measures were taken for their activities continuation and staff security and protection.

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