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Obtain an authorisation as a central securities depository

The central securities depository (CSD) authorisation is granted by AMF, after receiving an advice from Banque de France and other European authorities depending on the type of licence that is required.

Regulations

French central securities depositories (CSDs) are supervised jointly by AMF and Banque de France.

Regulation (EU) No 909/2014 URL = [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32014R0909&from=FR] of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 on improving securities settlement in the European Union and on central securities depositories (CSDR) aims to harmonise the authorisation and supervision of EU CSDs and certain settlement aspects.

CSDR introduces also a mandatory buying-in and cash penalty securities settlement discipline to tackle failed settlement transactions.

Read more

- European Commission's CSDR website
- → ESMA website (technical standards and guidelines)
- → French monetary and financial code (in French only)
- → AMF general regulation
- → Approved professional rules (in French only)

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The CSD authorisation file to be provided to the French authorities in France is constituted of elements required by CSDR and its technical standards and other elements required by French regulations, and consists notably of :

- Elements that are listed by Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/392 of 11
 November 2016 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 909/2014 of the European
 Parliament and of the Council with regard to regulatory technical standards on
 authorisation, supervisory and operational requirements for central securities
 depositories;
- Operating rules of the CSD, which must contain the items listed in AMF general regulation.

For granting the licence, AMF checks the compliance with the regulatory framework, approves the operation rules and grant a professional card to the persons in charge of some control functions as defined in AMF general regulation.

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