

## FTSE Fixed Income Country Classification Review - Timing of March 2021 Results Announcement

FTSE Russell announces that the FTSE Fixed Income Country Classification March 2021 Review Results will be published on Monday 29 March 2021 after U.S. market close.

The FTSE Fixed Income Country Classification Framework assigns a Market Accessibility Level of 0,1 or 2, with 2 representing the highest level of accessibility for foreign investors, for local currency fixed-rate government bond markets. These Market Accessibility Levels are incorporated in the index inclusion rules for the FTSE World Government Bond Index (WGBI), FTSE Emerging Markets Government Bond Index (EMGBI) and indexes that derive their membership from them.

To ensure transparency, government bond markets that are being considered for potential reclassification of their Market Accessibility Levels are placed on a Watch List. The FTSE Fixed Income Country Classification process allows for a semi-annual reviews each March and September of markets that are on the Watch List for potential reclassification, review of Watch List composition and a formal assessment of market eligibility for the purposes of benchmark inclusion.

A link to the FTSE Fixed Income Country Classification Framework and the September 2020 Review Results can be found here.

Ahead of the publication of the March 2021 Results Announcement, FTSE Russell consults with members of the Regional Fixed Income Advisory Committees, the Policy Advisory Board and other stakeholders. Feedback received is considered and the results are approved at a meeting of the FTSE Russell Product Governance Board.

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