

Zug, March 22nd, 2021

Market Consultation on changes to the methodology of the EURO STOXX 50 ESG

Dear Sir and Madam,

STOXX Limited, a leading provider of innovative, tradable and global index concepts, received, as part of the responses to the market consultation published on February 17th, 2021, feedback that was beyond the scope of the consultation. Recognizing the importance of the input provided, STOXX would like to seek market opinion on it and will therefore conduct a follow-up consultation on proposed changes to the methodology of EURO STOXX 50 ESG index. The market consultation may or may not lead to changes to the index methodology, in addition to the ones communicated with the results of the initial consultation.

Process and Timeline

STOXX invites all stakeholders and interested third parties to submit responses to consultation@stox.com. STOXX intends to publish the results of the market consultation, as well as an announcement about potential changes to the index methodology, by April 16th, 2021. The consultation is open to all market participants until April 6th, 2021. STOXX intends to implement any approved changes no later than with the ordinary review on June 18th, 2021.

STOXX clarifies that potential changes resulting from the follow-up consultation will be implemented jointly with the changes decided following the conclusion of the initial consultation published on February 17th, 2021.

Motivation for the Market Consultation

As sustainable investing continues to evolve, STOXX would like to seek market opinion regarding the baseline exclusion filters for the EURO STOXX 50 ESG index: in specific, regarding the current thresholds set for Thermal Coal Power Generation and Thermal Coal Extraction, as well as the potential introduction of a new exclusion filter for Tobacco Distribution. Feedback during the initial consultation indicated demand for stricter exclusion filters for the Thermal Coal and Tobacco product areas in ESG indices.

Proposed Treatments/Amendments

Addition of exclusion screen related to Tobacco Distribution and adjustment of threshold for Thermal Coal exclusion screens for EURO STOXX 50 ESG index

Currently, and following the results of the initial consultation, as the first step of creating the selection list of the EURO STOXX 50 ESG index, companies that fail a set of sustainability screens are excluded.

The **proposed methodology change #1** introduces stricter acceptance thresholds for the pre-existing thermal coal filters: companies with more than **5%** revenues from **thermal coal extraction**, or more than **5%** from **thermal coal power generation capacity**, will be excluded.

The **proposed methodology change #2** introduces an additional Tobacco-related exclusion screen: companies with more than **10%** revenues from **distribution of tobacco products**, will be excluded, on top of the pre-existing filter on tobacco production.

#	Old methodology	New methodology
1)	<p>Thermal Coal: STOXX will exclude companies that Sustainalytics identifies to have: »>25% revenues from thermal coal extraction (including thermal coal mining and exploration) »>25% power generation capacity: coal-fired electricity, heat or steam generation capacity / thermal coal electricity production (including utilities that own/operates coal-fired power plants).</p>	<p>Thermal Coal: STOXX will exclude companies that Sustainalytics identifies to have: »>5% revenues from thermal coal extraction (including thermal coal mining and exploration); or »>5% power generation capacity: coal-fired electricity, heat or steam generation capacity / thermal coal electricity production (including utilities that own/operates coal-fired power plants).</p>
2)	<p>Tobacco Producers: STOXX will exclude companies that Sustainalytics identifies to be tobacco producers (0% revenue threshold).</p>	<p>Tobacco: STOXX will exclude companies that Sustainalytics identifies to have: »>0% revenues from manufacturing tobacco products »>10% revenues from the distribution and/or retail sale of tobacco products.</p>

Affected Indices

EURO STOXX 50 ESG Index

Questions

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| 1) Are you in favor of the proposed change #1? | YES / NO |
| 2) Are you in favor of the proposed change #2? | YES / NO |

Please provide the rationale for your choice.