

## Advisory Notice

Clearing House

TO: Clearing Member Firms,  
Service Bureau Representatives, and  
Independent Software Vendors

FROM: Clearing House Department

ADVISORY #: 05-281

DATE: 12/7/2005

SUBJECT: **Firm Conversion to APS FIXML**

Please be informed that as of January 20, 2006, all firms must be converted to APS FIXML messaging and the APS routing file will be discontinued. It is imperative firms begin testing as soon as possible to ensure readiness. This is an informal testing schedule; therefore, all firms have the option to test upon establishing the requisite MQ configuration, and may do so at any time, Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm, except Tuesdays from 12pm to 5pm. Please inform the APS FIXML contacts listed below of your intention to test one day prior so that we can ensure the necessary support is available.

**December 7, 2005:** Testing begins

**December 16, 2005:** MQ configuration completed for all environments, certification, performance (E2E) and production

**January 20, 2006:** Last day to convert to APS FIXML and discontinuation of the APS routing file

### **Generic Certification Test Script**

1. At your request we deliver to you the prior day's production data in the certification environment
2. Mark trades for APS
3. Group trades in APS
4. Allocate group in APS
5. Complete group(s) in APS
6. Uncomplete group(s) in APS
7. Unmark trades from APS

Please confirm that all FIXML messages have been received and properly processed.

Each day at 10am, 1pm, 4pm, and 6pm, a routing file will be sent to the firms via MQ. This routing file may be used to compare against FIXML messages received with books.

If there are any questions, please contact your APS FIXML contacts Neal Desai or Lauren Doig at:

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Thank you.