

CIRCULAR

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ONLINE TRADING PLATFORM

We refer to our circulars with reference numbers **NSE/LARD/BDR/CIR1/15/06/01** dated 1 June 2015 and **NGXREG/BDR/CIR02/21/04/28** dated 28 April 2021, as well as the provisions of the **Rules on Online Trading Portals**, Rulebook of The Exchange, 2015 (Dealing Members' Rules) as amended.

NGX Regulation Limited "NGX RegCo" would like to remind all Trading License Holders (TLHs) of the provisions of the aforementioned Rules on Online Trading Portals applicable to TLHs.

Accordingly, Trading License Holders that operate or intend to operate digital trading applications (including web portals or mobile applications) must comply with the following requirements:

1. Obtain prior written approval from NGX Regulation Limited before operating an online trading portal or mobile/digital application and prior to migrating to or transitioning to another portal/application.
2. Establish robust risk management and information security controls, including two-factor authentication (2FA), encryption, secure socket layer (HTTPS), and extended validation security measures.
3. Conduct penetration testing at least twice annually through NGX-recognized Information Security firms and submit the certified reports to NGX Regulation Limited within ten (10) business days of receipt of the VAPT Report, and no later than 30 June for first half-year report and 31 December for second half-year of each year.
4. Ensure all trading activities on the portal/application are monitored and promptly report errors or anomalies in line with Exchange rules.
5. Complete all Know Your Client (KYC) requirements prior to account activation and retain records for a minimum period of six (6) years.
6. Clearly disclose trading risks on the portals/application and in account opening forms, while complying with all Exchange rules on communication, advertising, and publication.
7. Ensure that client applications are secured with strong passwords, robust authentication measures, optimal performance standards, and regular security testing.
8. Comply with any additional rules or directives issued by NGX Regulation Limited from time to time.

Please note that where a Trading License Holder fails to comply with the above requirements, **Rule 15: Sanctions**, Online Trading Portal Rules, Rulebook of The Exchange, 2015 (Dealing Members' Rules)

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shall apply. The Rule provides that, *“Any Dealing Member that contravenes any of the Online Trading Portal Rules shall be liable to pay a fine of not less than Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira (N250,000.00) only and such other penalties as may be prescribed from time to time by The Exchange”* shall be applicable.

Trading License Holders also have a clear duty to maintain effective oversight and control over all transactions conducted through all its platforms.

Please be guided accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chinedu Akamaka', is positioned below the text 'Yours faithfully,'.

Chinedu Akamaka
Head, Market Regulation Department