



Naked short selling ban imposed in Germany

On the 18th May 2010, the German regulator, BaFin, announced a ban on the naked short selling of the following stocks until 31st March 2011:

AAREAL BANK AG

ALLIANZ SE

COMMERZBANK AG

DEUTSCHE BANK AG

DEUTSCHE BÖRSE AG

DEUTSCHE POSTBANK AG

GENERALI Deutschland HOLDING AG

HANNOVER RÜCKVERSICHERUNG AG

MLP AG

MÜNCHENER RÜCKVERSICHERUNGS-GESELLSCHAFT AG

Instinet Europe would like to remind you of the following:

- As a seller of securities you have an obligation to ensure that you trade in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations governing the securities in question. You should be familiar with the applicable rules and regulations in each jurisdiction or take legal advice where necessary.
- In EU countries short selling securities which have been prohibited from being short sold by a regulator, is considered to be market abuse and the potential consequences for failing to comply will be the same as for breach of any other market abuse rule. Instinet has an obligation to report any suspicion of market abuse to its regulator the FSA, even if such activity occurs outside of the U.K.
- In accordance with Instinet's standard terms of business which govern our relationship with you as our client and without prejudice to anything contained therein, you will be responsible for any costs incurred and liabilities suffered by Instinet (including but not limited to fines and fees imposed by the exchanges and/ or other trading venues) in respect of or arising from borrowing of any stock or failure to settle any trade.

In order to ensure Instinet is fully compliant with all regulations the following internal procedures will apply with immediate effect:

- Instinet will not take any action which may facilitate a naked short sell in affected securities, for example but not limited to, accepting any non standard settlement instructions for relevant securities.
- Instinet will consider all instructions to sell are in compliance with local regulations.