



FTSE Country Classification

Timing of Interim Update

28 February 2019

FTSE Russell announces that the March 2019 Country Classification Interim Update will be published on **Friday 29 March 2019** after U.S. market close.

The classification of markets within the FTSE Global Equity Index Series is assessed on an on-going basis. To ensure transparency, markets being considered for reclassification between Developed, Advanced Emerging, Secondary Emerging and Frontier market status are placed on the FTSE Watch List. FTSE Russell provides an Interim Update of those markets for the purposes of keeping investors fully informed on their current status.

Ahead of the publication of the Interim Update, FTSE Russell consults with members of its Country Classification Advisory Committee, the Regional Equity Advisory Committees and the Policy Advisory Board. Feedback received is considered, and the Interim Update approved, at a meeting of the FTSE Russell Product Governance Board.

Saudi Arabia

Tranche 1 of Saudi Arabia will be implemented into the FTSE Global Equity Index Series in conjunction with the March 2019 semi-annual review (effective from the open on Monday, 18 March 2019).

FTSE Russell will consult its independent advisory committees on the success of Tranche 1 and will confirm the implementation date of Tranche 2 in the March 2019 Country Classification Interim Update.

The key dates leading to the March 2019 Interim Update are as follows:

Tuesday 5 March	Country Classification Advisory Committee
Weeks beginning 11 & 18 March	Regional Equity Advisory Committees
Monday 25 March	Policy Advisory Board
Tuesday 26 March	FTSE Russell Product Governance Board
Friday 29 March	Release of the March 2019 Country Classification Interim Update after U.S. market close

The update will be sent to clients via a technical notice and published on the FTSE Russell website at:

<http://www.ftse.com/products/indices/country-classification>

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