

Markets in financial instruments; market abuse; securities settlement in the EU and central securities depositories: certain dates

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The Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs adopted the report by Markus FERBER (EPP, DE) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 on markets in financial instruments, Regulation (EU) No 596/2014 on market abuse and Regulation (EU) No 909/2014 on improving securities settlement in the European Union and on central securities depositories as regards certain dates.

The committee recommended that the European Parliament's position adopted at first reading following the ordinary legislative procedure should amend the Commission proposal as follows:

Through their amendments, Members sought to specify that, for the purpose of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014, **the specific circumstances in which pre-trade transparency should not apply to package transactions, nor to any individual component of such transactions.**

Supporting these amendments, Members proposed to add a recital stipulating that investment firms often execute, on their own account or on behalf of their clients, transactions in derivatives and other financial instruments or assets that comprise a number of interlinked, contingent trades.

Such package transactions enable investment firms and their clients to better manage their risks, with the price of each component of the package transaction reflecting the overall risk profile of the package rather than the prevailing market price of each component. Package transactions can take various forms, such as exchange for physicals, trading strategies executed on trading venues, or bespoke package transactions, and it is important to take those specificities into account when calibrating the applicable transparency regime.