

PRACTICE NOTE OF STRATE PROPRIETARY LIMITED

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PRACTICE NOTE - RULE 8.1.9 - DISASTER RECOVERY TESTING

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Practice Note - Rule 8.1.9 - Disaster Recovery Testing¹

Further to Rule 8.1.9, the CSD hereby advises on compliance with the requirements to conduct bi-annual disaster recovery (DR) and business continuity (BCP) testing:

The requirement for the Participant to conduct bi-annual DR/BCP testing is limited to the Participants' own internal custody system and that systems' ability and resilience to create messages, batches, or any record, for transmission to other systems or infrastructure.

For example, the scope of the test would include the custody systems' ability and resilience to create the associated cash settlement message to send to a cash/Treasury system or application, but the test does not extend to include such cash/Treasury system or application.

NOTE:²

In light of the importance of the matters above, Strate's Legal and Regulatory Division has issued this Practice Note to assist in dealing with highly complex issues. Please note that this Practice Note is issued for your information, with the aim of assisting you in interpreting the legal and regulatory requirements, but do not form part of the CSD Rules and Directives. It must therefore be noted that, notwithstanding the Practice Note, readers should still exercise their own judgments regarding the information and interpretation.

¹ Amended with effect from 3 November 2015
² Note added with effect from 3 November 2015