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Implementation Postponed: Change in Index Calculations and File Delivery on Weekend Month End Dates for Morningstar Fixed Income Indexes

Updated Implementation

As previously announced, Morningstar Indexes will change the index calculation and file delivery timing when the month-end date falls on a weekend for fixed income indexes. Morningstar will calculate and process all fixed income index files for month-end dates that fall on a weekend on the last business day of the month, rather than the current practice of the weekend month-end date. This change will now be effective **October 2026** instead of January 2026 as previously announced.

Please see below for additional details and the list of impacted files.

Implications of the Change

1. All month-end files will be distributed on the last business day of the month.
2. All month-end calculations will be performed on the last business day of the month. The last business day returns will include additional accrued interest for weekend month-end dates. This means that, for a typical weekend calendar month-end (i.e. one that does not involve a Friday that is a Global Holiday), Friday's return would reflect the regular month-end accrued interest instead of only interest accrued to the next day. Therefore, while those Friday returns would differ by the additional accrued, the calendar month's return will be unchanged. There will also not be a "pure" Friday return.

Changes to Accrual Calculation

As noted above, if the calendar month-end falls on a weekend, Morningstar will use the last business day of the month as the month-end date for the accrual calculation, and accrued will be calculated at each month-end as follows:

Scenario 1: Assume Saturday is the Calendar month-end date and Friday is the last business day of the month. On Friday, accrued will be settled to Sunday's date (T+2).

Scenario 2: Assume Saturday is the Calendar month-end date and the Friday prior is a holiday, then Thursday will be the last business day of the month. On Thursday, accrued will be settled to Sunday's date (T+3).

Scenario 3: Assume Sunday is the Calendar month-end date and Friday is the last business day of the month. On Friday, accrued will be settled to Monday's date (T+3).

Scenario 4: Assume Sunday is the Calendar month-end date and the Friday prior is a holiday, then Thursday will be the last business day of the month. On Thursday, accrued will be settled to Monday's date (T+4).

Please note, if the calendar month-end does not fall on a weekend, there will be no change to file delivery or accrual calculations. There are also no changes to the file formats as a result.

Impacted Files

- INDEX_LEVEL_IndexID_YYYYMMDD.txt

- INDEX_PORTFOLIO_IndexID_YYYYMMDD.txt

- PORTFOLIO_IndexID_YYYYMMDD.txt

- SECURITY_IndexID_YYYYMMDD.txt

- PROFORMA_IndexID_YYYYMMDD.txt

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