

CAPITAL MARKETS AUTHORITY

Announcement No. 61 On the amendment of the Capital Markets Licensing and Registration Regulation Series 2000

Pursuant to Law No. 161 dated 17/08/2011 on Capital Markets, Pursuant to the decision of the Board of the Capital Markets Authority No. 26/12/19 adopted in its meeting held on 16/07/2019,

We advise you of the following:

<u>First</u>: Paragraph (7) of Article 2205 of the Capital Markets Licensing and Registration Regulation related to the requirements for license shall be amended to read as follows:

"The applicant must also contribute to the insurance product of Financial Institution Professional Indemnity (FIPI) that includes the coverage of herebelow risks; the insurance coverage amounts to two (2) billion Lebanese Pounds as a minimum (1.333 Million USD) or the equivalent of the required capital. The highest amount is then adopted.

- 1- Incomplete transaction;
- 2- Crime
- 3- Neglect (omission) and error.

The approved institutions with a capital exceeding five billion Lebanese Pounds shall be exempted from the requirement of contribution to the above-mentioned insurance product.

The standardized definition and drafting of the above are detailed in Annex VII.

In addition to the above-mentioned insurance policies, it would be recommended for any institution conducting <u>securities business</u> to have an insurance against the administrative liability of managers and staff that covers the legal fees and the damages incurred by managers and officials as a consequence of lawsuits filed against them for unlawful acts".

Second: This announcement shall enter in force upon its publication in the Official Gazette.

Beirut, August 23, 2019 Chairman of the Capital Markets Authority/ Governor of the Central Bank of Lebanon Riad Toufic Salame (Signed)