

Consultation on the European, North American, and Global iBoxx Indices – Results

LONDON, DECEMBER 12, 2024: S&P Dow Jones Indices (“S&P DJI”) conducted a [consultation](#) with market participants on potential changes to the European, North American, and Global iBoxx indices.

BACKGROUND

The iBoxx indices measure the performance of global bond markets. As part of the Annual Index Review (AIR), S&P DJI considers potential updates to the rules governing iBoxx indices. As a result of the 2024 iBoxx European and North American Annual Index Review, four methodology changes will be implemented. The topics are detailed below.

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A. Classification of European Union Debt

BACKGROUND

S&P DJI is **not** updating the classification of European Union (EU) debt from Supernational to Sovereign.

IMPACT

The impacted index families:

- N/A

B. Eligibility of Bonds with American Call Options for the iBoxx EUR Investment Grade and the iBoxx GBP Investment Grade Index Universes

S&P DJI will allow bonds with American call options to be added to the iBoxx EUR Investment Grade and iBoxx GBP Investment Grade universes.

IMPACT

The impacted index families:

- iBoxx EUR Investment Grade indices
- iBoxx GBP Investment Grade indices
- Any custom index that uses the iBoxx EUR Investment Grade and/or iBoxx GBP Investment Grade indices as the index universe

C. Minimum Run Rule

S&P Dow Jones Indices is removing the minimum run rule to enhance clarity regarding instances where securities that would otherwise be ineligible remain in an index because of the minimum run rule.

IMPACT

The impacted index families:

- iBoxx USD Liquid High Yield indices
- iBoxx Global Developed Markets High Yield indices
- Any custom index that uses the iBoxx USD Liquid High Yield and/or iBoxx Global Developed Markets High Yield indices as the index universe

A full list of the indices impacted by this update is accessible [here](#).

D. Inflation-Linked Indices

S&P DJI is lowering the minimum amount outstanding threshold (see below) and limiting iBoxx Inflation-Linked indices to sovereign issuers only.

Currency	Previous Min Amount Outstanding Threshold (millions)	Updated Min Amount Outstanding Threshold (millions)
AUD	500	500
CAD	3,000	500
EUR	2,000	500
GBP	1,000	500
ILS	5,000	1,500
JPY	200,000	100,000
NZD	500	500
SEK	5,000	5,000
USD	2,000	500

IMPACT

The impacted index families:

- iBoxx Inflation-Linked indices
- Any custom index that uses the iBoxx Inflation-Linked indices as the index universe

E. Expected Rating

S&P DJI will consider expected ratings for bond inclusion in the iBoxx indices for bonds denominated in EUR, GBP, and USD.

IMPACT

The impacted index families:

- All iBoxx index families

IMPLEMENTATION TIMING

S&P DJI is implementing the previous described methodology changes in conjunction with the March 2025 month-end rebalancing, which takes effective prior to the market open on **April 1, 2025**. The changes will first be visible to clients in preliminary membership files beginning on **March 6, 2025**.

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