

Notice Regarding the Application "Deadline" for Professional Investor Status under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act

The application "Deadline" to change investor status to Professional Investor under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act at KIP is as follows:

August 31 every year (inclusive of weekends and national holidays)

The Financial Instruments and Exchange Act (the "Act"), which came into effect on September 30, 2007, established the Professional Investor System that divides customers into two categories: Professional Investors and customers other than professional investors ("General Investors").

When customers are categorized as a Professional Investor under the Professional Investor System, the financial instruments business provider may be exempt from some obligations, such as delivering documents that explain risks to General Investors before entering into the associated contract.

After a customer completes the prescribed application process and is approved by KIP, the customer may be authorized to change status from either Professional Investor to General Investor or from General Investor to Professional Investor. KIP may decline a request from a customer regarding a change from a General Investor to a Professional Investor depending on the results of an examination of the suitability of the request.

In principle, a change in a customer's status from a General Investor to a Professional Investor expires after one year. However, at KIP, a change in a customer's Investor Category to a Professional Investor expires on the first August 31 (inclusive of weekends and national holidays) after the date of the change. In addition, if a customer asks to return to a General Investor, this change can be made prior to the expiration date.

When a customer has changed his or her status from a General Investor to a Professional Investor, the customer will revert to a General Investor unless the designated renewal procedure has been completed by the expiration date. Therefore, customers who wish to renew their change of Investor Category to a Professional Investor should complete the required procedure before the expiration date.