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This Bulletin is to inform Market Participants that the CMA should issue a Bulletin identifying the first password change date and detailing the ongoing procedures for managing this change.

Currently for secure FTP is connections, the CMA provides a username and a password via the CMA Technical Manager for each organisation that requests secure FTP access. Once allocated, however, no further updates are required.

Following a periodic review, a need has been identified for the strengthening of the access arrangements for the secure FTP. Specifically, whilst the secure FTP password strength appears to be adequate, it is considered that this password should be changed from time to time, as is the case with the LVI passwords, for example. The proposal suggests a change of password every 6 months across the industry and at a time that will not interfere with either of the regular project releases.

The first changes to each secure FTP user will be carried out in February. The CMA will be in contact with Delegated Authorities to communicate the initial dates.