



## ***Spain and Italy take coordinated actions to ban short selling transactions***

Recently, the regulators of Italy and Spain introduced a ban that prohibits investors to create or enhance a net-short position on certain issuers. In the case of Spain it is a ban on a net short positions on issuers whose shares are listed on a Spanish regulated market. For Italy, it is a ban on short selling (naked and covered) on Italian financial institutions. Both bans include derivatives and indices which include one or more of the relevant above mentioned issuer(s).

In some cases it is allowed to buy derivatives (such as mini futures, turbos, etc) on any of the relevant issuers in order to hedge a long position (hedging). Buying a short mini future or other relevant derivative linked to an index which is affected by the ban is only allowed in order to hedge a portfolio market risk.