Luxembourg, 8 December 2010

To all credit institutions incorporated under Luxembourg law and branches of non-EU credit institutions;
To all investment firms incorporated under Luxembourg law, to branches of non-EU investment firms and to management companies incorporated under Luxembourg law within the meaning of Chapter 13 of the law of 20 December 2002, as amended

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The purpose of this circular is to inform that our Commission authorises the institutions referred to above to treat their exposures to the European Financial Stability Facility (“EFSF”), a société anonyme incorporated under Luxembourg law with registered office at 43, Avenue John F. Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg, as exposures to the Luxembourg central government to determine capital requirements for the calculation of the solvency ratio, without requiring those institutions to submit an express request to our Commission beforehand. The existence of appropriate several guarantees by all Eurozone Member States, amongst which the Luxembourg State, justifies this preferential prudential treatment.

As a consequence, the exposures to the European Financial Stability Facility held by the above institutions are assigned a 0% risk weight.

Yours faithfully,

COMMISSION DE SURVEILLANCE DU SECTEUR FINANCIER

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