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|---------|--------------|---|
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# 1 Introduction

Aquis Exchange (Aquis) provides its MTF market data to trading Members and market data vendors via a number of IP multicast feeds. These feeds consist of real-time order and trade feeds publishing continuously throughout the trading day and snapshot feeds publishing order book data at regular intervals. Additionally, message replay servers are available to offer message gap recovery if required.

This document describes the protocol and message formats for these market data feeds.

# 1.1 Connectivity

Aquis offers both WAN-shaped and Gig-shaped versions of the market data feed for recipients to use depending on the nature of their connectivity to the Aquis data centres. Furthermore, Aquis offers more than one channel for receiving the market data (for example, two channels from the primary data centre for a particular data stream and a further channel for this stream from the secondary data centre).

The current details of the network configuration, multicast address information and login credentials for the replay service, for both production and test feeds, can be provided by the Aquis connectivity team.

# 1.2 Enquiries / Support

Please contact the Aquis support team at <a href="mailto:support@aquis.eu">support@aquis.eu</a> for any questions relating to this document.

# **2** Service Description

### 2.1 Real Time Market Data Feed

The Aquis market data servers monitor trading activity on the system and convert these events into market data messages.

This data is anonymised, so that the messages do not include any information identifying the trading Members involved.

Continuous order and trade market data is published using the following messages:

- Order Add
- Order Modify
- Order Cancel
- Trade Report
- Trade Bust

Auction on Demand (AoD) phases are published with a separate message:



### AoD Update

The Market at Close (MaC) phase introduces a new message, purely for the purpose of the MaC, published on MaC Data Feeds:

### MaC Update

Order and Trade reference numbers are assigned by Aquis and are unique for the day. Note that a particular order reference can appear multiple times on the market data stream and always represents the same order within the trading system.

The security identifier on the market data messages is a numeric value. Aquis provides a security reference data file for recipients to interpret this security ID, giving information such as Uniform MTF code, ISIN, currency and MIC for the security. Another reference data file is provided defining the tick tables that apply to the securities. These reference data files are made available for download premarket open and will be updated daily to reflect securities admitted to or removed from trading and any relevant corporate actions.

Reference data to identify the securities traded on Aquis and to provide tick table information is also published on the feed at the start of the day, before market open, using the following messages:

- Tick Table Data
- Security Definition

Note that rarely a **Security Definition** may be published during the trading day if changes or corrections to the data are necessary.

As the trading status of a security changes, either due to market opening or closing or due to Aquis applying a trading halt or regulatory suspension, this update is published using a **Security Status** message.

Each of these messages on a particular feed carries a sequence number for the day's trading session. The first message of the day is sequence number 1, and this value is incremented with each message published on the data feed.

During trading hours, a **Heartbeat** message is sent if no trading data has been published for a period of one second. The Heartbeat message carries the sequence number of the next expected trading data message, and so can be used to detect gaps in periods of low trading activity. It does not itself cause the sequence number of the data stream to be incremented. Heartbeat messages are also sent during periods of technical connectivity pre and post market hours to help recipients check their multicast connectivity.

# 2.2 Snapshot Feed

In addition to the continuous real-time feed, an order book snapshot is published at fixed intervals (10 seconds) on a separate feed, providing the full book depth of each traded security.



There is a snapshot feed corresponding to each of the market-split continuous feeds. The first message of each snapshot publication is a **Snapshot Start** message, identifying the sequence number in the continuous stream at the time this snapshot was captured.

For each of these securities, a **Book Status** message is published reporting the status of the security and identifying the number of open orders in that security followed by a series of **Book Entry** messages for each of these orders. If there are currently no open orders for a particular security, then the Book Status message carries an *entries* value of 0 (zero) and there will be no Book Entry messages.

The snapshot feed may be used together with the continuous feed as a way to establish and then maintain a view of the Aquis order book as a starting point for a recipient who has missed the market open and connects during the trading day. The snapshot may be used similarly to recover from an outage and to reconstruct the state of the book on re-connecting to the market data feed.

The snapshot data may also be used by a recipient to verify that they are correctly processing the continuous feed to construct an accurate representation of the order book.

# 2.3 Replay Service

To allow recipients to recover specific messages that may have been missed from the continuous feed, Aquis offers a TCP/IP replay service for each feed. This service is provided over TCP/IP and recipients wishing to use it should contact Aquis to request login credentials.

On connecting to a replay server, the recipient should send a **Login** message. The server will send back a **Replay Response** indicating acceptance, or else will drop the connection if not authenticated. A connection to a replay server can either be maintained from the beginning of the day or opened as needed.

To recover missed messages, the recipient should send a **Replay Request** message. The replay server validates the request and will respond with the requested range of market data messages. If the request cannot be serviced then a **Replay Response** will be sent to explain the failure of the request.

# 3 Market Data Message Formats

This section provides details of the message formats used within the Aquis market data feeds. This includes data types, multicast packet header, message header and message fields and descriptions.

# 3.1 Data Types

In all messages, 1-byte packing is used and all integers are represented in little-endian format.

| Data Type | Size | Value                              |
|-----------|------|------------------------------------|
| u8        | 1    | unsigned integer 0 – 255           |
| u16       | 2    | unsigned integer 0 – 65,535        |
| u32       | 4    | unsigned integer 0 – 4,294,967,295 |



| Data Type   | Size | Value   |  |  |  |
|-------------|------|---|--|--|--|
| u64         | 8    | unsigned integer 0 – 2^64 – 1   |  |  |  |
| char(n)     | n    | Left justified ascii string, padded with zero (0x00) to length n  |  |  |  |
| price       | 8    | unsigned integer representing price with 5 decimal places implied e.g. value 1462500 represents a price of 14.625 |  |  |  |
| timestamp 8 |      | unsigned integer representing elapsed time in nanoseconds* since Unix epoch 00:00 UTC on 1st January 1970         |  |  |  |

<sup>\*</sup>The Aquis system is accurate to the nearest µs. This time is multiplied by 1000 to convert µs to ns.

# 3.2 Multicast Packet Structure

Each packet on the multicast feeds may carry more than one market data message. The structure is as follows:

- Packet Header u8 field message count number of messages (n) in this packet
- Message 1
- Message 2
- ...
- Message n

The sequence number of each message in the feed is carried in the header of the individual market data messages.

The packet header 'message count' and the sequence number of the first message in the packet can be used together to check for dropped packets by recipients of the multicast data streams.

Note that if the packet is carrying a Heartbeat message then the next expected sequence number should not be incremented.

# 3.3 Message Header and Heartbeat

### 3.3.1 Message Header

All market data messages carry a standard message header, as follows:

| Field Name | Туре | Offset | Width | Description   |
|------------|------|--------|-------|---|
| msgType    | u8   | 0      | 1     | Message type identifier   |
| length     | u8   | 1      | 1     | Length of market data message, including header                                       |
| seqNo      | u32  | 2      | 4     | Sequence number of this message in the market data stream for the current trading day |

# 3.3.2 Heartbeat Message

The Heartbeat message carries no data; it is simply a message header with msgType of 1.

As the message carries no business data it does not affect stream sequence number. The *seqNo* field carries the sequence number of the next business data message expected on the multicast stream.



# 3.4 Continuous Data Feed Messages

# 3.4.1 Order Add Message

The Order Add message is published when order quantity is posted to the order book for a particular security:

| Field Name | Туре   | Offset | Width | Description                                 |
|------------|--------|--------|-------|---|
| Header     | Header |        | 6     | msgType = 2                                 |
| securityID | u16    | 6      | 2     | Numeric identifier of the relevant security |
| side       | u8     | 8      | 1     | 1 = Buy Order, 2 = Sell Order               |
| quantity   | u32    | 9      | 4     | Number of shares being added to the book    |
| price      | u64    | 13     | 8     | The price of the order                      |
| orderRef   | u32    | 21     | 4     | Unique order reference number for the day   |
| timestamp  | u64    | 25     | 8     | Timestamp of this market data event         |
| mdFlags    | u8     | 33     | 1     | Refer to mdFlags for values                 |

# 3.4.2 Order Cancel Message

The Order Cancel message is published when a visible order is removed from the book.

The order may have been cancelled by the trading Member or by the Aquis support team, the market may have closed, or the order's time-in-force may have expired.

| Field Name Type |     | Offset | Width | Description                                 |
|-----------------|-----|--------|-------|---|
| Header          |     | 0      | 6     | msgType = 3                                 |
| securityID      | u16 | 6      | 2     | Numeric identifier of the relevant security |
| orderRef        | u32 | 8      | 4     | Unique order reference number for the day   |
| timestamp       | u64 | 12     | 8     | Timestamp of this market data event         |
| mdFlags         | u8  | 20     | 1     | Refer to mdFlags for values                 |

# 3.4.3 Order Modify Message

The Order Modify message is published when a visible order is modified by the client (change of price and/or quantity). The order reference number remains the same on order modification.

Note that on revision of quantity down the order retains its position in the book, otherwise the book is re-ordered.

| Field Name | Туре | Offset | Width | Description                                 |
|------------|------|--------|-------|---|
| Header     |      | 0      | 6     | msgType = 4                                 |
| securityID | u16  | 6      | 2     | Numeric identifier of the relevant security |
| quantity   | u32  | 8      | 4     | Number of shares remaining in the book      |



| Field Name | Туре | Offset | Width | Description                               |
|------------|------|--------|-------|---|
| price      | u64  | 12     | 8     | The price of the order                    |
| orderRef   | u32  | 20     | 4     | Unique order reference number for the day |
| timestamp  | u64  | 24     | 8     | Timestamp of this market data event       |
| mdFlags    | u8   | 32     | 1     | Refer to mdFlags for values               |

# 3.4.4 Trade Message

Whenever an order trades, partially or fully, a Trade message is published.

| Field Name       | Туре | Offset | Width | Description                   |  |
|------------------|------|--------|-------|-------------------------------|--|
| Header           |      | 0      | 6     | msgType = 5                   |  |
| securityID u16 6 |      | 6      | 2     | Numeric identifier of the     | e relevant security  |
| tradeType        | u8   | 8      | 1     | Code identifying type of      | trade (see below)  |
| quantity         | u32  | 9      | 4     | Number of shares trade        | d  |
| price            | u64  | 13     | 8     | The execution price           |  |
| orderRef         | u32  | 21     | 4     | -                             | number for the day, for <i>tradeType</i> 1 hidden quantity or a MaC trade  |
| tradeRef         | u32  | 25     | 4     | Trade reference number        | r  |
| timestamp        | u64  | 29     | 8     | Timestamp of this mark        | et data event  |
|                  |      |        |       | Bit 0 - 2<br>Market Mechanism | <ul> <li>1 - Central Limit Order Book</li> <li>2 - Quote Driven Market</li> <li>3 - Dark Order Book</li> <li>4 - Off Book</li> <li>5 - Periodic Auction</li> <li>6 - RFQ</li> <li>7 - Other</li> </ul>   |
| Binary MMT       | u32  | 37     | 4     | Bit 3 - 6<br>Trading Mode     | 1 - Undefined Auction 2 - Opening Auction 3 - Closing Auction 4 - Intraday Auction 5 - Unscheduled Auction 6 - Continuous Trading 7 - At Market Close 8 - Out of Main Session 9 - On-Exchange Trade Reporting A - Off-exchange Trade Reporting B - Systematic Internalizer Trade Reporting |



| Field Name | Туре | Offset | Width | Description   |   |
|------------|------|--------|-------|---|---|
|            |      |        |       | Bit 7 - 9<br>Transaction Category   | <ul> <li>1 - Dark trade</li> <li>2 - Trade that has Received</li> <li>Price Improvement</li> <li>3 - Package Trade</li> <li>4 - Exchange for Physicals</li> <li>5 - None Apply</li> </ul>   |
|            |      |        |       | Bit 10 - 12<br>Negotiation Indicator or<br>Pre-Trade Transparency<br>Waiver | 0 - Negotiated Trade 1 - Negotiated Trade in Liquid Instruments 2 - Negotiated Trade in Illiquid Instruments 3 - Negotiated Trade Other Than Current Market Price 4 - No Negotiated trade 5 - SI Illiquid Instruments 6 - SI Above Standard Market Size 7 - ILQD and SIZE |
|            |      |        |       | Bit 13<br>Crossing Trade  | 0 - No<br>1 - Yes   |
|            |      |        |       | Bit 14 - 15<br>Modification Indicator                                       | <ul><li>1 - Trade Cancelation</li><li>2 - Trade Amendment</li><li>3 - New Trade</li></ul>   |
|            |      |        |       | Bit 16 - 17<br>Benchmark/Reference<br>Price Indicator                       | <ul><li>1 - Benchmark Trade</li><li>2 - Reference Price Trade</li><li>3 - No Benchmark or Ref Price</li></ul>   |
|            |      |        |       | Bit 18<br>Dividend  | 0 - No<br>1 - Yes   |
|            |      |        |       | Bit 19 - 20<br>Off Book Automation  | 1 - Unspecified<br>2 - Off-Book Non-Automated<br>3 - Off-Book Automated   |
|            |      |        |       | Bit 21 - 23 Price Formation / Discovery Process                             | <ul> <li>1 - Plain Vanilla</li> <li>2 - Non-price Forming</li> <li>3 - Trade Not Contributing to</li> <li>Price Discovery</li> <li>4 - Price Not Currently</li> <li>Available But Pending</li> </ul>  |
|            |      |        |       | Bit 24<br>Algorithmic Indicator   | 0 - No<br>1 - Yes   |
|            |      |        |       | Bit 25 - 27<br>Publication Mode – Post-<br>Trade Deferral                   | 1 - Immediate Publication 2 - Non-Immediate Publication 3 - LRGS (Large in Scale) 4 - ILQD (Illiquid Instrument) 5 - SIZE (Size Specific) 6 - ILQD and SIZE 7 - ILQD and LRGS   |
|            |      |        |       | Bit 28<br>Deferral Type   | 0 - None Apply  |
|            |      |        |       | Bit 29<br>Duplicative Indicator   | 0 - Unique<br>1 - Duplicative   |



| Field Name | Туре | Offset | Width | Description                |     |
|------------|------|--------|-------|----------------------------|-----|
|            |      |        |       | Bit 30 – 31<br>Spare       | N/A |
| mdFlags    | u8   | 41     | 1     | Refer to mdFlags for value | s   |

The *tradeType* field is used to identify the category of this trade. Currently assigned codes are as follows, others may be added to correspond to new services or order types:

- 1 = a trade against visible order quantity in the continuous trading order book
- 2 = a trade against hidden or reserve quantity in the continuous trading order book
- 3 = Market at Close (MaC) trade
- 4 = LIS Cross trade
- 5 = Benchmark Cross trade
- 6 = Auction on Demand (AoD) trade

For a trade against visible order quantity, the traded quantity should be removed from the associated order in the order book. If the order has fully traded then it should be removed from the order book.

Note that if an incoming aggressive order trades against both the visible peak and hidden reserve portions of an iceberg order, this will result in two Trade messages on the feed. The first, for the visible portion, will carry *tradeType* 1 with an associated *orderRef* for the peak. The second, for the reserve portion, will carry *tradeType* 2 and *orderRef* zero as this reserve order quantity was not previously published to the feed. When the iceberg order is refreshed with a new peak, this will be published as an Order Add message with a new *orderRef* value.

# 3.4.5 Trade Bust Message

If a trade has been declared erroneous by Aquis then a Trade Bust message is published.

| Field Name        | Туре | Offset | Width                         | Description  |                   |
|-------------------|------|--------|-------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| Header            |      | 0      | 6                             | msgType = 6  |                   |
| securityID        | u16  | 6      | 2                             | Numeric identifier of the  | relevant security |
| quantity          | u32  | 8      | 4                             | Number of shares of the  | original trade    |
| price             | u64  | 12     | 8                             | The execution price of the   | e original trade  |
| tradeRef          | u32  | 20     | 4                             | Trade reference of the bu  | usted trade       |
| timestamp         | u64  | 24     | 8                             | Timestamp of this market data event  |                   |
| Binary MMT u32 32 | 32   | 4      | Bit 0 - 2<br>Market Mechanism | 1 - Central Limit Order Book 2 - Quote Driven Market 3 - Dark Order Book 4 - Off Book 5 - Periodic Auction 6 - RFQ 7 - Other |                   |
|                   |      |        | Bit 3 - 6<br>Trading Mode     | 1 - Undefined Auction 2 - Opening Auction 3 - Closing Auction 4 - Intraday Auction 5 - Unscheduled Auction                   |                   |



| Field Name | Туре | Offset | Width  | Description              |   |
|------------|------|--------|--------|--------------------------|---|
| ricia Name | Турс | Onset  | wiatii | Description              | 6 - Continuous Trading                        |
|            |      |        |        |                          | 7 - At Market Close                           |
|            |      |        |        |                          | 8 - Out of Main Session                       |
|            |      |        |        |                          | 9 - On-Exchange Trade                         |
|            |      |        |        |                          | Reporting                                     |
|            |      |        |        |                          | A - Off-exchange Trade                        |
|            |      |        |        |                          | Reporting                                     |
|            |      |        |        |                          | B - Systematic Internalizer                   |
|            |      |        |        |                          | Trade Reporting                               |
|            |      |        |        |                          | 1 - Dark trade                                |
|            |      |        |        |                          | 2 - Trade that has Received                   |
|            |      |        |        | Bit 7 - 9                | Price Improvement                             |
|            |      |        |        | Transaction Category     | 3 - Package Trade                             |
|            |      |        |        |                          | 4 - Exchange for Physicals<br>5 - None Apply  |
|            |      |        |        |                          | 0 - Negotiated Trade                          |
|            |      |        |        |                          | 1 - Negotiated Trade in                       |
|            |      |        |        |                          | Liquid Instruments                            |
|            |      |        |        |                          | 2 - Negotiated Trade in                       |
|            |      |        |        | Bit 10 - 12              | Illiquid Instruments                          |
|            |      |        |        | Negotiation Indicator or | 3 - Negotiated Trade Other                    |
|            |      |        |        | Pre-Trade Transparency   | Than Current Market Price                     |
|            |      |        |        | Waiver                   | 4 - No Negotiated trade                       |
|            |      |        |        |                          | 5 - SI Illiquid Instruments                   |
|            |      |        |        |                          | 6 - SI Above Standard Market Size             |
|            |      |        |        |                          | 7 - ILQD and SIZE                             |
|            |      |        |        | Bit 13                   | 0 - No  |
|            |      |        |        | Crossing Trade           | 1 - Yes                                       |
|            |      |        |        | Bit 14 - 15              | 1 - Trade Cancelation                         |
|            |      |        |        | Modification Indicator   | 2 - Trade Amendment                           |
|            |      |        |        | Wodineation maleator     | 3 - New Trade                                 |
|            |      |        |        | Bit 16 - 17              | 1 - Benchmark Trade                           |
|            |      |        |        | Benchmark/Reference      | 2 - Reference Price Trade                     |
|            |      |        |        | Price Indicator          | 3 - No Benchmark or Ref<br>Price              |
|            |      |        |        | Bit 18                   | 0 - No  |
|            |      |        |        | Dividend                 | 1 - Yes                                       |
|            |      |        |        |                          | 1 - Unspecified                               |
|            |      |        |        | Bit 19 - 20              | 2 - Off-Book Non-                             |
|            |      |        |        | Off Book Automation      | Automated                                     |
|            |      |        |        |                          | 3 - Off-Book Automated                        |
|            |      |        |        |                          | 1 - Plain Vanilla                             |
|            |      |        |        | Bit 21 - 23              | 2 - Non-price Forming                         |
|            |      |        |        | Price Formation /        | 3 - Trade Not Contributing                    |
|            |      |        |        | Discovery Process        | to Price Discovery                            |
|            |      |        |        |                          | 4 - Price Not Currently Available But Pending |
|            |      |        |        | Bit 24                   | 0 - No  |
|            |      |        |        | Algorithmic Indicator    | 1 - Yes                                       |
|            |      |        |        | Bit 25 - 27              | 1 - Immediate Publication                     |
|            |      |        |        | Publication Mode –       | 2 - Non-Immediate                             |
|            |      |        |        | Post-Trade Deferral      | Publication                                   |



| Field Name | Туре | Offset | Width | Description                     |   |
|------------|------|--------|-------|---------------------------------|---|
|            |      |        |       |                                 | 3 - LRGS (Large in Scale) 4 - ILQD (Illiquid Instrument) 5 - SIZE (Size Specific) 6 - ILQD and SIZE 7 - ILQD and LRGS |
|            |      |        |       | Bit 28<br>Deferral Type         | 0 - None Apply  |
|            |      |        |       | Bit 29<br>Duplicative Indicator | 0 - Unique<br>1 - Duplicative   |
|            |      |        |       | Bit 30 – 31<br>Spare            | N/A   |

# 3.4.6 Tick Table Data Message

A series of Tick Table Data messages are published pre-market to specify the dynamic tick tables and static ticks that apply to the securities traded on Aquis. This data controls the valid price increments at which orders may be entered onto the Aquis order book.

For dynamic tick tables, there are a set of messages carrying the id and name of the table; these define the tick size (price increment) that applies at increasing price levels. For static ticks there is a single message.

| Field Name  | Туре     | Offset | Width | Description   |
|-------------|----------|--------|-------|---|
| Header      |          | 0      | 6     | msgType = 7   |
| tickTableID | u8       | 6      | 1     | Numeric identifier for this tick table or static tick |
| name        | char(10) | 7      | 10    | Short name  |
| threshold   | u64      | 17     | 8     | The price threshold at which this tick data applies   |
| tickSize    | u64      | 25     | 8     | The tick size (price increment)                       |

## 3.4.7 Security Definition Message

A series of Security Definition messages are published pre-market to identify the securities traded on Aquis (those relevant to the particular feed e.g. Euronext securities). These messages allow the *securityId* field to be used on later trading related market data messages to associate with a particular security in the recipient's system. Note that this message may be sent during the day if a change or correction is necessary for a particular security.

| Field Name | Туре     | Offset | Width | Description                                 |
|------------|----------|--------|-------|---|
| Header     |          | 0      | 6     | msgType = 8                                 |
| securityID | u16      | 6      | 2     | Numeric identifier of the relevant security |
| UMTF       | char(6)  | 8      | 6     | Uniform UMTF code for the security          |
| ISIN       | isin     | 14     | 12    | ISIN for the security                       |
| currency   | currency | 26     | 3     | Trading currency for the security           |



| Field Name  | Туре | Offset | Width | Description              |  |
|-------------|------|--------|-------|--------------------------|--|
| MIC         | mic  | 29     | 4     | MIC for the security's r | narket of listing  |
| tickTableId | u8   | 33     | 1     | Numeric identifier for t | his security's tick table  |
|             |      | 34     | 2     | Bit 0 – macEnabled       | 0 = Security is not<br>enabled for the MaC<br>1 = Security is<br>enabled for the MaC |
|             |      |        |       | Bit 1 – testStock        | 0 = Security is not a test stock 1 = Security is a test stock                        |
| flags       | u16  |        |       | Bit 2 – illiquid         | 0 = Security is liquid<br>1 = Security is illiquid                                   |
|             |      |        |       | Bit 3                    | Reserved   |
|             |      |        |       | Bit 4 – aodEnabled       | 0 = Security is not<br>enabled for the AoD<br>1 = Security is enabled<br>for the AoD |
|             |      |        |       | Bits 5-15                | Reserved   |

# 3.4.8 Security Status Message

The Security Status message is published when the trading status of a security changes or when there is a change to the status of the market on Aquis to which the security belongs.

| Field Name    | Туре | Offset | Width | Description   |   |  |
|---------------|------|--------|-------|---|---|--|
| Header        |      | 0      | 6     | msgType = 9   |   |  |
| securityID    | u16  | 6      | 2     | Numeric identifier of the re  | elevant security  |  |
| tradingStatus | u8   | 8      | 1     | Possible values:  1 = Active 2 = Halted 3 = Suspended 8 = AoD Start 24= AoD End See notes below |   |  |
|               |      |        |       | Bit 0 – trading   | 0 = Continuous Trading Closed 1 = Continuous Trading Open |  |
| marketFlags   | u8   | 9      | 1     | Bit 1 – macOpen   | 0 = MaC is closed<br>1 = MaC is open                      |  |
|               |      |        |       | Bit 2 – macRun  | 0 = MaC is not locked<br>down<br>1 = MaC is locked down   |  |
|               |      |        |       | Bit 3-7   | Reserved  |  |
| timestamp     | u64  | 10     | 8     | Timestamp of this market data event   |   |  |



If a security's tradingStatus is 'halted' (by Aquis support for internal reasons) or 'suspended' (for regulatory reasons) then the security cannot be traded. Auctions that are running during a halt or suspension will be cancelled.

If a security's *tradingStatus* is 'active', orders for this security can only be entered if the market for this security on Aquis is open.

If a security's *tradingStatus* is 'AoD start', this signals that an AoD order has entered an empty order book and triggered the AoD auction process for this security. These statuses will only apply to Aquis Europe.

If a security's *tradingStatus* is 'AoD end', this signals that the auction order book has emptied for this security. These statuses will only apply to Aquis Europe.

# 3.5 Auction On Demand (AoD) Data Feed Messages

AoD is available during the hours of continuous trading.

### 3.5.1 AoD Update Message

During the AoD this message is used to publish the indicative price and indicative matched volume. The first AoD update message signals the start of an auction.

| Field Name      | Туре | Offset | Width | Description                                 |
|-----------------|------|--------|-------|---|
| Header          |      | 0      | 6     | msgType = 17                                |
| securityID      | u16  | 6      | 2     | Numeric identifier of the relevant security |
| indicativePrice | u64  | 8      | 8     | Indicative auction price                    |
| matchVol        | u32  | 16     | 4     | Indicative matched volume                   |
| timestamp       | u64  | 20     | 8     | Timestamp of this market data event         |

### 3.5.2 AoD Trade Message

As provided in Section 3.4.4.

### 3.5.3 AoD Trade Bust Message

As provided in Section 3.4.5.

# 3.6 Market at Close (MaC) Data Feed Messages

# 3.6.1 MaC Update Message

During the MaC this message is used to publish the indicative price from the buy and sell order totals.

| Field Name | ame Type Offset Width Description |   | Description |   |
|------------|-----------------------------------|---|-------------|---|
| Header     |                                   | 0 | 6           | msgType = 16                                |
| securityID | u16                               | 6 | 2           | Numeric identifier of the relevant security |



| indicativePrice | u64 | 8  | 8 | Indicative auction price  |
|-----------------|-----|----|---|---|
| closingBuyQty   | u32 | 16 | 4 | Total order quantity on the buy side during the closing market, otherwise set to 0  |
| closingSellQty  | u32 | 20 | 4 | Total order quantity on the sell side during the closing market, otherwise set to 0 |
| timestamp       | u64 | 24 | 8 | Timestamp of this market data event   |

Note that the matched quantity and unmatched quantity (imbalance) can be determined by comparing the *closingBuyQty* and *closingSellQty* values.

# 3.6.2 MaC Trade Message

As provided in Section 3.4.4.

# 3.6.3 MaC Trade Bust Message

As provided in Section 3.4.5.

### 3.6.4 MaC Security Status Message

As detailed in Section 3.4.8.

# 3.7 Snapshot Feed Messages

# 3.7.1 Snapshot Start Message

A Snapshot Start message is published as the first message in a snapshot to identify the sequence number in the continuous stream that this snapshot relates to. It also states the number of securities being reported in this snapshot.

| Field Name    | Туре | Offset | Width | Description   |
|---------------|------|--------|-------|---|
| Header        |      | О      | 6     | msgType = 10  |
| streamSeqNo   | u32  | 6      | 4     | The sequence number of the last message in the continuous stream which relates to this snapshot |
| securityCount | u16  | 10     | 2     | Number of securities reported in this snapshot  |
| timestamp     | u64  | 12     | 8     | Timestamp of this snapshot  |

### 3.7.2 Book Status Message

A Book Status message is published to report the trading and market status of each security and the number of open orders on the order book for the security at the time of the snapshot.

| Field Name Type |     | Offset | Width | Description                                      |
|-----------------|-----|--------|-------|--|
| Header          |     | 0      | 6     | msgType = 11                                     |
| securityID      | u16 | 6      | 2     | Numeric identifier security of relevant security |
| tradingStatus   | u8  | 8      | 1     | See Section 3.4.8 (Security Status message)      |



| Field Name      | Туре | Offset | Width | Description   |
|-----------------|------|--------|-------|---|
| marketFlags     | u8   | 9      | 1     | See Section 3.4.8 (Security Status message)   |
| entries         | u16  | 10     | 2     | Number of open orders in the book for this security                                 |
| closingBuyQty   | u32  | 12     | 4     | Total order quantity on the buy side during the closing market, otherwise set to 0  |
| closingSellQty  | u32  | 16     | 4     | Total order quantity on the sell side during the closing market, otherwise set to 0 |
| indicativePrice | u64  | 20     | 8     | Indicative auction price  |

# 3.7.3 Book Entry Message

An appropriate number of Book Entry messages is published after each Book Status message to provide details of each order and allow the book to be built. Orders are published in price, time priority for one side of the book and then the other.

| Field Name Type Offset Width Description |     | Description |   |  |  |
|--|-----|-------------|---|--|--|
| Header                                   |     | 0           | 6 | msgType = 12                                     |  |
| securityID                               | u16 | 6           | 2 | Numeric identifier security of relevant security |  |
| Side                                     | u8  | 8           | 1 | 1 = Buy Order, 2 = Sell Order                    |  |
| quantity                                 | u32 | 9           | 4 | Number of open shares                            |  |
| Price                                    | u64 | 13          | 8 | The price of the order                           |  |
| orderRef                                 | u32 | 21          | 4 | Unique order reference number for the day        |  |

# 3.7.4 MaC Book Entry Message

During the MaC phase, Aquis will publish the volume of the 5 best bid and offer orders per security in chronological order using the MaC Book Entry Message. This message is a snapshot.

| Field Name | Туре | Offset | Width | Description                                      |
|------------|------|--------|-------|--|
| Header     |      | 0      | 6     | msgType = 18                                     |
| securityID | u16  | 6      | 2     | Numeric identifier security of relevant security |
| Side       | u8   | 8      | 1     | 1 = Buy Order, 2 = Sell Order                    |
| Quantity   | u32  | 9      | 4     | Number of open shares                            |
| Price      | u64  | 13     | 8     | The price of the order                           |
| orderRef   | u32  | 21     | 4     | Unique order reference number for the day        |

# 3.8 Replay Service Messages

The replay service allows recipients to recover messages that they have missed from the continuous multicast feed via a dedicated TCP/IP connection, as described in Section 2.3.



Note that the *seqNo* field in the standard message header is not relevant for these replay service messages; Aguis will set the field to zero and will ignore the field on messages from data recipients.

# 3.8.1 Login Message

If a recipient wishes to use the message replay service, they must first be authenticated by sending a Login message to the relevant replay server.

| Field Name Type |          | Offset | Width | Description                            |
|-----------------|----------|--------|-------|--|
| Header          |          | 0      | 6     | msgType = 13                           |
| username        | char(10) | 6      | 10    | As assigned by Aquis for the recipient |
| password        | char(10) | 16     | 10    | As assigned by Aquis for the recipient |

### 3.8.2 Replay Request Message

The recipient sends a Replay Request message to request a particular message or range of messages from the replay server.

| Field Name Type |     | Offset | Width | Description                             |
|-----------------|-----|--------|-------|---|
| Header          |     | О      | 6     | msgType = 14                            |
| beginSeqNo      | u32 | 6      | 4     | Stream seqNo of first message requested |
| endSeqNo        | u32 | 10     | 4     | Stream seqNo of last message requested  |

# 3.8.3 Replay Response Message

Aquis will send a Replay Response message to the recipient to acknowledge a successful Login or to report problems with a Resend Request.

If a Login does not match a valid username or password then the connection is dropped without a response.

If a Resend Request is accepted, Aquis will not send a Replay Response message but will simply send the requested messages over the TCP/IP connection to the recipient.

| Field Name   | Туре | Offset | Width | Description  |  |
|--------------|------|--------|-------|--|--|
| Header       |      | 0      | 6     | msgType = 15   |  |
| responseCode | u8   | 6      | 1     | Possible values are:  0 = Login successful  1 = Bad beginSeqNo in Resend Request  2 = Bad endSeqNo in Resend Request |  |



# 3.9 Flags

# 3.9.1 MMT Flags

The following table details the supported fields and values for the *Binary MMT* flags.

| Field Name | Туре           | Width   | Description  |   |
|------------|----------------|---|--|---|
|            |                |   | Bit 0 - 2<br>Market Mechanism  | 1 - Central Limit Order Book 2 - Quote Driven Market 3 - Dark Order Book 4 - Off Book 5 - Periodic Auction 6 - RFQ 7 - Other  |
|            |                | Bit 3 - 6<br>Trading Mode   | 1 - Undefined Auction 2 - Opening Auction 3 - Closing Auction 4 - Intraday Auction 5 - Unscheduled Auction 6 - Continuous Trading 7 - At Market Close 8 - Out of Main Session 9 - On-Exchange Trade Reporting A - Off-exchange Trade Reporting B - Systematic Internalizer Trade Reporting |   |
| Binary MMT | Binary MMT u32 | 4   | Bit 7 - 9<br>Transaction Category  | <ul> <li>1 - Dark trade</li> <li>2 - Trade that has Received Price</li> <li>Improvement</li> <li>3 - Package Trade</li> <li>4 - Exchange for Physicals</li> <li>5 - None Apply</li> </ul> |
|            |                | Bit 10 - 12<br>Negotiation Indicator or<br>Pre-Trade Transparency<br>Waiver | 0 - Negotiated Trade 1 - Negotiated Trade in Liquid Instruments 2 - Negotiated Trade in Illiquid Instruments 3 - Negotiated Trade Other Than Current Market Price 4 - No Negotiated trade 5 - SI Illiquid Instruments 6 - SI Above Standard Market Size 7 - ILQD and SIZE                  |   |
|            |                |   | Bit 13<br>Crossing Trade   | 0 - No<br>1 - Yes   |
|            |                |   | Bit 14 - 15<br>Modification Indicator  | 1 - Trade Cancelation 2 - Trade Amendment 3 - New Trade   |
|            |                |   | Bit 16 - 17<br>Benchmark/Reference<br>Price Indicator  | 1 - Benchmark Trade<br>2 - Reference Price Trade<br>3 - No Benchmark or Ref Price   |
|            |                |   | Bit 18<br>Dividend   | 0 - No<br>1 - Yes   |
|            |                |   | Bit 19 - 20<br>Off Book Automation   | 1 - Unspecified<br>2 - Off-Book Non-Automated   |



| Field Name | Туре | Width | Description  |   |
|------------|------|-------|--|---|
|            |      |       |  | 3 - Off-Book Automated  |
|            |      |       | Bit 21 - 23<br>Price Formation /<br>Discovery Process    | <ul> <li>1 - Plain Vanilla</li> <li>2 - Non-price Forming</li> <li>3 - Trade Not Contributing to Price</li> <li>Discovery</li> <li>4 - Price Not Currently Available But</li> <li>Pending</li> </ul>  |
|            |      |       | Bit 24<br>Algorithmic Indicator                          | 0 - No<br>1 - Yes   |
|            |      |       | Bit 25 - 27<br>Publication Mode –<br>Post-Trade Deferral | <ul> <li>1 - Immediate Publication</li> <li>2 - Non-Immediate Publication</li> <li>3 - LRGS (Large in Scale)</li> <li>4 - ILQD (Illiquid Instrument)</li> <li>5 - SIZE (Size Specific)</li> <li>6 - ILQD and SIZE</li> <li>7 - ILQD and LRGS</li> </ul> |
|            |      |       | Bit 28<br>Deferral Type                                  | 0 - None Apply  |
|            |      |       | Bit 29<br>Duplicative Indicator                          | 0 - Unique<br>1 - Duplicative   |
|            |      |       | Bit 30 – 31<br>Spare                                     | N/A   |

# 3.9.2 MdFlags

The following details the supported fields and values for the *mdFlags* block.

| Field Name | Туре | Width | Description |  |
|------------|------|-------|-------------|--|
| mdFlags    | u8   | 1     | Bit O       | Flag to indicate whether there is unrestricted liquidity available at the top of the book.  0 = Restricted liquidity only 1 = Unrestricted liquidity available  Please note: For order messages: Refers to the side indicated in the order. For trade messages: Refers to the passive side of the trade. |
|            |      |       | Bit 1- 7    | Reserved   |