

Title: Why shouldn't I sell on a broker that doesn't allow DRS/Transfer, buy on IBKR, then DRS?

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I find myself with the vast bulk of my shares held in a broker (Trading 212) which does not allow transfer or DRS.

I have opened an IBKR account, bought and DRS'd but only a small amount.

Since I can't directly transfer, my only option to move these shares is to sell, buy on IBKR then DRS. I would plan to do this in small blocks of shares to avoid having shares/cash in transit during any large price movements.

Now, for a long time the wisdom has been "do not sell any shares for any reason" but that was before DRS was considered so is it still correct?

I'd be proposing to sell 10 shares on a given day and purchase 10 shares on that same day. I cannot see that this gives a short seller any advantage since it is neutral in terms of buying/selling pressure. It does not allow short sellers to cover any more effectively than they could on the open market. And once I DRS them it gives the short seller a significant disadvantage since he is no longer able to borrow them from my old broker.

The only downsides I can see are potential tax disadvantage (which I am prepared to accept) and increased fees from IBKR for multiple transfers (which I am also prepared to accept).

Is there any genuine reason why I shouldn't go ahead with this, taking the shares out of the lendable pool and into my own name?