

Part B Consultation Questions

Please indicate your preference by checking the appropriate boxes. Please reply to the questions below on the proposed changes discussed in the Consultation Paper downloadable from the HKEx website at: <http://www.hkex.com.hk/eng/newsconsul/mktconsul/Documents/cp201208.pdf>.

Where there is insufficient space provided for your comments, please attach additional pages.

CHAPTER 2: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Main Features of Proposed New Rules

1. Do you agree with our proposed inclusion of express statements regarding the SFC's and the Exchange's role and responsibilities for enforcement of the obligation to disclose inside information under the SFO in MB Chapter 13 and GEM Chapter 17?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

It ensures that there is a clear delegation of responsibilities and avoid ambiguities in the enforcement.

2. Do you agree with our proposed deletion of MB Rules 13.09(1)(a) and 13.09(1)(c) (GLRs 17.10(1) and 17.10(3))?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

Otherwise it will duplicate with the Statutory Disclosure Obligation.

3. Do you agree to delete some of the notes to Rule 13.09(1) (GLR17.10) and elevate some of them to rules, as proposed?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

4. Do you agree with the proposed changes to Rule 13.10 (GLR17.11)?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

This is consistent with the issuers' obligations to respond promptly to the Exchange's enquiries.

5. Do you agree that the issuer should be required to confirm all the four negatives set out in the proposed new standard announcement under MB Rule 13.10 (GLR17.11), as proposed in paragraph 17?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

Same as question number 4.

6. Do you agree that the obligation under Rule 13.09(1)(b) (GLR17.10(2)) should remain in the Rules despite implementation of Part XIVA of the SFO?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

(Note: there is no Rule 13.09(1)(b) in the Consultation Paper. Not answered due to a lack of clarity.)

7. Do you agree with the drafting in the proposed new MB Rule 13.09(1) (GLR17.10(1))?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

Sometimes it is not possible to correct a false market by announcements because announcements serve as a means to provide sufficient information but cannot control how the market conceives. This rules will impose extra burden to the issuers.

8. Do you agree to clarify the obligation to apply for a trading halt? Do you agree with the proposed new MB Rule 13.10A (GLR17.11A)?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

9. Do you agree that a trading halt will be required if an issuer reasonably believes there is inside information which requires disclosure under the SFO but it cannot disclose the information promptly? Do you agree with the proposed new MB Rule 13.10A(2) (GLR17.11A(2))?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

It is reasonable for the issuers to apply for a trading halt under certain circumstances.

10. Do you agree to include MB Rule 13.06A (GLR17.07A) which imposes an obligation to preserve confidentiality of inside information until disclosure?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

The principle of preserving confidentiality of inside information is agreed but the drafting of the proposed MB Rule 13.06A is not practically feasible because it also requires the issuer to ensure the strictest security of the information is observed by its advisers.

Other Changes

Part A: New Defined Terms and Revise Some Defined Terms

11. Do you agree that we should define Part XIVA of the SFO as “Inside Information Provisions”?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

12. Do you agree with the proposed changes to the defined terms set out in paragraphs 26(b) and 26(c) of the Consultation Paper?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

13. Do you agree with the proposed definition of the term “trading halt” and its use in the proposed Rule changes?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

Part B: Other Consequential Changes

14. Do you agree with our proposal to replace the term “price sensitive information” in the Rules with the term “inside information”?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

It is to ensure consistency with the statutory regime.

15. Do you agree with our proposal to retain provisions such as MB Rules 10.06(2)(e) and 17.05 (GLR13.11(4) and 23.05) by replacing the term “price sensitive information” with the term “inside information”, although their enforcement would require the Exchange’s interpretation of whether certain information is inside information?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

(Note: "inside information" is defined and should not be subject to the Exchange's interpretation. Not answered due to a lack of clarity.)

16. Do you agree with our proposal to delete references to the obligation to disclose information under the current general disclosure obligation and in particular, MB Rules 13.09(1)(a) and (c) and GLR17.10(1) and (3)?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

17. Do you agree with our proposal to create specific rules in respect of those matters which are currently discloseable under the general disclosure obligation, i.e. the proposed new MB Rules 13.24A, 13.24B, and the revised Practice Notes 15 and 17?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

This can ensure timely and sufficient information to be disclosed to the investors.

18. Do you agree with our proposed changes to the provisions and the Listing Agreements in respect of the issue of debt securities?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

19. Do you agree with our proposal to clarify the obligation on guarantors of debt securities to disclose information which may have a material effect on their ability to meet the obligations under the debt securities?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

Part C: Plain Writing Amendments

20. Do you have any comments on the plainer writing amendments? Do you consider any part(s) of these amendments will have unintended consequences? Please give reasons for your views.

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.