

# Amendments to Main Board Listing Rules

## Chapter 13

### EQUITY SECURITIES

#### CONTINUING OBLIGATIONS

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#### TRADING AND SETTLEMENT

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#### Closure of books and record date

13.66 An issuer shall ~~notify the Exchange in writing and~~ publish in accordance with rule 2.07C a notice of the closure of its transfer books or register of members in respect of securities listed in Hong Kong at least ~~14~~ six business days before such closure in the case of a rights issue, or 10 business days before such closure in other cases. In cases where there is an alteration of book closing dates, the issuer shall, at least ~~six~~ five business days before the announced closure or the new closure, whichever is earlier, notify the Exchange in writing and give further notice by publishing it in accordance with rule 2.07C. If, however, there are exceptional circumstances (e.g. a typhoon) that render the giving of such notification to the Exchange and publication of the notice impossible, the issuer shall comply with the requirements as soon as practicable. Where the issuer decides on a record date without book closure, the requirements in this rule shall apply to the record date.

*Notes:*

1. See Practice Note 8 for emergency share registration arrangements during a typhoon and/or a black rainstorm warning.
2. In addition, in the case of a rights issue, the issuer must provide at least two trading days (as defined in the Rules of the Exchange) for trading in the securities with entitlements (i.e. before the ex-date) after publication of the book closure. If trading on the Exchange is interrupted due to a typhoon and/or a black rainstorm warning, the book-close date will be automatically postponed, where necessary, to provide at least two trading days (during neither of which trading is interrupted) for trading of the securities with entitlements during the notice period. In such circumstance the issuer must publish an announcement on the revised timetable.

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## Chapter 7

### EQUITY SECURITIES

#### METHODS OF LISTING

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#### Rights Issue

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- 7.20 Offers of securities by way of rights are normally required to be conveyed by renounceable provisional letters of allotment or other negotiable instrument, which must state the time, being not less than ~~14~~10 business days, in which the offer may be accepted. In cases where the issuer has a large number of overseas members a longer offer period may be desirable, provided that the Exchange must be consulted if the issuer proposes an offer period of over ~~21~~15 business days.

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#### Open Offer

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- 7.25 Offers of securities by way of an open offer must remain open for acceptance for a minimum period of ~~14~~10 business days. In cases where the issuer has a large number of overseas members a longer offer period may be desirable, provided that the Exchange must be consulted if the issuer proposes an offer period over ~~21~~15 business days.

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