

## 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.

This will help make it clear the role and responsibilities of the SFC and the Exchange.

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.

This avoids duplication/confusion.

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.

It matches with the deletion of Rule 13.09(1)(a) and (c).

This helps enhancing the status of the remaining notes.

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

☒ Yes

☐ No

Please give reasons for your views.

The Exchange acts under section 21 of the SFO.

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.

Listed issuers should be able to confirm all four negatives.

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.

SFO does not cover this point. Hence, it is logical to keep this Rule.

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.

We consider Rule 13.09(2)(b) is not necessary because it is not the Exchange's responsibility, therefore need not copy the Exchange on any application to the SFC for a waiver from disclosing inside information

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.

It clarifies issuers' obligations.

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 will shorten suspension time.

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.

It supplements SFO.

## 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.

Consistency.

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.

Simpler defined terms will provide more user-friendliness.

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.

Consistent with the Consultation Paper on Trading Halts.

### **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.

Consistency and avoiding unnecessary confusion.

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.

Consistency.

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.

Consistency.

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.

It clarifies issuers' obligations.

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.

Consistency .

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.

It helps clarify guarantors' obligations.

### 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.

Plain language facilitates user friendliness and clearer/easier interpretation of rules.