

Part B Consultation Questions

Please indicate your preference by checking the appropriate boxes and provide reasons to support your views. Where there is insufficient space, please attach additional pages as necessary.

1. Do you agree that the Hong Kong market should not adopt a model without a halt in trading after the release of PSI during trading hours (i.e. the UK model as described in paragraph 48)?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

The investor base of the Hong Kong stock market is relatively large and the adoption of a trading halt can allow the investors to access to the issuers' news and announcements which may affect their trading decisions.

2. Do you agree with our proposal to allow publication of PSI announcements on the HKExnews website during trading hours subject to a short trading halt?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

In order to ensure an informed market, sufficient time should be provided for the investors and public to comprehend the contents of the PSI announcements and the short trading halt can facilitate that.

3. Do you agree that the maximum period for which a trading halt may be granted is two trading days and the trading halt will be treated as suspension thereafter if the issuer fails to publish the PSI announcements by end of the following trading day after the trading halt is imposed?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

Two days are considered to be insufficient for preparation of some types of PSI announcements.

4. Do you agree that results announcements should be published during the existing publication windows as far as possible?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

5. Do you agree that the existing arrangement for non-PSI announcements to be published outside trading hours should remain unchanged?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

6. Do you agree that the trading halt should not apply to dually listed issuers under the circumstances as described in paragraph 57 above?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

If the trading halt was introduced, all listed companies should be equally treated.

7. What is the minimum period for a trading halt after the publication of PSI announcement?

30 minutes

45 minutes

60 minutes

Other, please specify and give reasons

8. Do you agree that trading halts should be lifted at regular intervals?

on the quarter hour

on the half hour

Other, please specify and give reasons

9. Do you agree that at least 30 minutes of trading should be provided after lifting of a trading halt?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

Trading of less than 30 minutes may cause confusion.

10. Do you agree with the proposed notification arrangements for the trading halt and resumption information as set out in paragraph 64?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

It is agreed that a separate information page will enable investors, who will access to the website of the Stock Exchange for updated information of the issuers, to check news releases in relation to trading halts easily.

11. Do you agree that all existing orders of the securities entered before a trading halt or a suspension be purged by the Exchange at time of the halt?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

12. Do you agree that all existing orders of the Exchange's stock options / futures market practices should remain unchanged (i.e. all outstanding orders will be purged automatically by the system at the time of trading halt of the underlying stocks)?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

13. Do you agree with the implementation of a single price auction upon lifting of a trading halt?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

14. Do you agree with the implementation of a single price auction also applies for trading resumption at the commencement of afternoon trading session upon lifting of a trading halt following the release of a PSI announcement during the lunch publication window?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

15. Do you agree that if an issuer has not requested for any trading halt or suspension of its securities and is able to maintain the confidentiality of the PSI announcement before releasing it during the lunch publication window, in these circumstances the single price auction will apply to the issuer's securities?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

16. Do you agree that a single price auction will only apply to securities traded in the securities market upon lifting of a trading halt of the underlying?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

17. Do you agree with the proposed duration of the mid-session auction (i.e. 10 minutes)?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

18. How much lead time would be required after the relevant system specifications were available to prepare for the implementation of trading halts?

- Three months
- Six months
- Other, please specify and give reasons

It can allow sufficient time for smooth implementation.

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