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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.

During trading halt, the retail investors will have more time to assess and evaluate the information. This can reduce potential disruption to the investor's interests.

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.

This allows the release of information to the investors in a more timely manner and can avoid the release of bulk information at a limited time frame.

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.

We propose one trading day to minimize the impact to the market

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.

This will minimize interruption to the market.

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.

The relatively less important information can be published outside trading hours to avoid any potential impact to the HKEx online systems.

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.

This will impose fairness to the mass investors when trading in both Hong Kong and London can be conducted.

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

This will allow more time for the retail investors to assess and evaluate the information. Retail investors may not be unable to grasp the announcement timely as the institutions.

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

At least on the half hour. Please refer to our reply to Question 13.

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.

Please refer to our reply to Question 8.

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.

This will enhance the accessibility of the announcements.

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.

The investors can place new orders after evaluating the information.

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.

We have no comments as we don't offer stock options / futures trading services.

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.

This brings great impact on the market operations and increases the costs of the participants to support this. Unless consent from the majority market participants is obtained and sufficient time for the system development is allowed, we have reservation to implement a single price auction. If eventually the market is favourable on single price auction, we opine to carefully consider to adopt a 20-minute duration which aligns with the existing pre-opening session at 9 a.m. It's easier for the market to adopt standardized trading hours.

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.

No. Please refer to our reply to Question 13.

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.

A consistent practice should be adopted.

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.

Please refer to our reply to Question 13.

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.

Please refer to our reply to Question 13.

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

If single price auction is implemented, substantial system changes are involved which may require more than one year lead time.

The lead time estimations are subject to the final features and the study by our IT teams.

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