Chapter 13

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13.2 Approval of circulars

Circulars to be approved

- 13.2.1 A listed company must not circulate or publish any of the following types of circular unless it has been approved by the FCA:
 - (1) a class 1 circular; or
 - (2) a related party circular; or
 - (3) a circular that proposes the purchase by a listed company of its own shares which is required by ■ LR 13.7.1R (2) to include a working capital statement; or

[Note: ■ LR 12.4.10 G]

- (4) a circular that proposes a reconstruction or a refinancing of a listed company which is required by ■ LR 9.5.12 R to include a working capital statement; or
- (5) a circular that proposes a cancellation of listing which is required to be sent to shareholders under ■ LR 5.2.5 R (1); or
- (6) a circular that proposes a transfer of listing which is required to be sent to shareholders under ■ LR 5.4A.4 R (2).

Circulars not requiring approval

- 13.2.2 R [deleted]
- 13.2.2A G [deleted]
- 13.2.3 R [deleted]

Approval procedures

- 13.2.4 The following documents (to the extent applicable) must be lodged with the FCA in final form before it will approve a circular:
 - (1) a Sponsors Declaration for the Production of a Circular completed by the sponsor;

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- (2) for a class 1 circular or related party circular, a letter setting out any items of information required by this chapter that are not applicable in that particular case; and
- (3) [deleted]
- (4) any other document that the FCA has sought in advance from the *listed company* or its *sponsor*.
- A copy of the following documents in draft form must be submitted at least 10 clear *business days* before the date on which the *listed company* intends to publish the *circular*:
 - (1) the circular; and
 - (2) the letters and documents referred to in LR 13.2.4R (1) and (2).
- 13.2.6 R [deleted]
- 13.2.7 If a *circular* submitted for approval is amended, a copy of amended drafts must be resubmitted, marked to show changes made to conform with *FCA* comments and to indicate other changes.

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- 13.2.8 G The FCA will approve a circular if it is satisfied that the requirements of this chapter are satisfied.
- 13.2.9 G The FCA will only approve a circular between 9a.m. and 5.30p.m. on a business day (unless alternative arrangements are made in advance).

Note: ■LR 9.6.1R requires a *company* to forward to the *FCA* a copy of all *circulars* issued (whether or not they require approval) for publication, by uploading it to the *national storage mechanism*.

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Sending approved circulars

A listed company must send a circular to holders of its listed equity shares as soon as practicable after it has been approved.