# DISCLOSURE GUIDANCE AND TRANSPARENCY RULES SOURCEBOOK (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) INSTRUMENT 2016

## **Powers exercised**

- A. The Financial Conduct Authority makes this instrument in the exercise of the following powers and related provisions in the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the "Act"):
  - (1) section 73A (Part 6 Rules);
  - (2) section 89A (Transparency rules);
  - (3) section 89B (Provision of voteholder information);
  - (4) section 89C (Provision of information by issuers of transferable securities);
  - (5) section 89D (Notification of voting rights held by issuer);
  - (6) section 890 (Corporate governance rules);
  - (7) section 137A (The FCA's general rules);
  - (8) section 137T (General supplementary powers); and
  - (9) section 139A (Power of the FCA to give guidance).
- B. The rule-making powers listed above are specified for the purpose of section 138G(2) (Rule-making instruments) of the Act.

#### Commencement

C. This instrument comes into force on 4 November 2016.

#### Amendments to the Handbook

- D. The Glossary of definitions is amended in accordance with Annex A to this instrument.
- E. The Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules sourcebook (DTR) is amended in accordance with Annex B to this instrument.

## **Notes**

F. In Annex B to this instrument, the "notes" (indicated by "**Note:**") are included for the convenience of readers but do not form part of the legislative text.

## Citation

G. This instrument may be cited as the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules Sourcebook (Miscellaneous Amendments) Instrument 2016.

By order of the Board 3 November 2016

## Annex A

# Amendments to the Glossary of definitions

Amend the following definition as shown.

# prescribed market

- (1) (except in, and for the purpose of, *DTR* 5) a market which had been prescribed by the Treasury in the *Prescribed Markets and Qualifying Investments Order* as it was in force on 2 July 2016.
- (2) (in, and for the purpose of, *DTR* 5) a market which is established under the rules of a *UK RIE*.

#### Annex B

# Amendments to the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules sourcebook (DTR)

In this Annex, underlining indicates new text and striking through indicates deleted text.

- 1B Introduction (Corporate governance)
- **1B.1** Application and purpose (Corporate governance)

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Application: Corporate governance statements

- 1B.1.5 R Except as set out in *DTR* 1B.1.6R and *DTR* 1B.1.7R, *DTR* 7.2 applies to an issuer:
  - (1) whose transferable securities are admitted to trading; and
  - (2) which is a company within the meaning of section 1(1) of the Companies Act 2006.

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## **Exemption** Exemptions

1B.1.6 R The *rules* in *DTR* 7.2.2R, 7.2.3R and 7.2.7R and 7.2.8AR do not apply to an *issuer* which has not issued *shares* which are *admitted to trading* unless it has issued *shares* which are traded on an *MTF*.

[Note: article 20(4) of the Accounting Directive]

- 1B.1.7 R DTR 7.2.8AR does not apply to an issuer which:
  - (1) qualifies as a small company under sections 382 to 383 of the Companies Act 2006; or
  - (2) qualifies as a medium company under sections 465 to 466 of the Companies Act 2006,

in relation to the financial year to which the corporate governance statement relates.

[Note: article 20(5) of the Accounting Directive]

- 1B.1.8 G DTR 7.2.8AR does not apply to a listed company which:
  - (1) is required to comply with *DTR* 7.2 as if it were an *issuer* by *LR* 9.8.7AR, *LR* 14.3.24R or *LR* 18.4.3R(2); and
  - (2) would meet the criteria in *DTR* 1B.1.7R if it were a company

## incorporated in the *United Kingdom*.

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7 Corporate governance

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**7.2** Corporate governance statements

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- 7.2.8A R (1) The corporate governance statement must contain a description of:
  - (a) the diversity policy applied to the *issuer's* administrative, management and supervisory bodies with regard to aspects such as, for instance, age, gender, or educational and professional backgrounds;
  - (b) the objectives of the diversity policy in (a);
  - (c) how the diversity policy in (a) has been implemented; and
  - (d) the results in the reporting period.
  - (2) If no diversity policy is applied by the *issuer*, the corporate governance statement must contain an explanation as to why this is the case.

[**Note:** article 20(1)(g) of the *Accounting Directive*]

7.2.8B G DTR 7.2.8AR does not apply to an *issuer* which qualifies as a small or medium company under DTR 1B.1.7R.

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## TP 1 Disclosure and transparency rules

## **DTR Sourcebook - Transitional Provisions**

(1)	(2) Material to which the Transitional provision applies	(3)	(4) Transitional provision	(5) Transitional Provision: dates in force	(6) Handbook Provision: coming into force
<u>29</u>	DTR 1B.1.7R and DTR 7.2.8AR	<u>R</u>	DTR 1B.1.7R and DTR 7.2.8AR apply for a financial year of an issuer beginning on or after 1 January 2017.	From 4 November 2016	4 November 2016

<u>30</u>	DTR 1B.1.8G and DTR 7.2.8BG	G	DTR 1B.1.8G applies for a financial year of a listed company beginning on or after 1 January 2017.  DTR 7.2.8BG applies for a financial year of an issuer beginning on or after 1 January 2017.	From 4 November 2016	4 November 2016
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