Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules sourcebook

Chapter 6

Continuing obligations and access to information



6.3 **Dissemination of information**

Application

6.3.1 This section applies to:

- (1) an issuer whose transferable securities are admitted to trading; and[Note: article 21(1) of the TD]
- (2) a person who has applied, without the issuer's consent, for the admission of its transferable securities to trading on a regulated market.

[Note: article 21(1) of the TD]

- (3) [deleted]
- 6.3.2 R An issuer or person must disclose regulated information in the manner set out in ■ DTR 6.3.3 R to ■ DTR 6.3.8 R. [Note: article 21(1) of the TD]
- R 6.3.3 (1) When disseminating regulated information an issuer or other person must ensure that the minimum standards contained in DTR 6.3.4 R to ■ DTR 6.3.8 R are met.
 - (2) An issuer or person must entrust a RIS with the disclosure of regulated information to the public and must ensure that the RIS complies with the minimum standards contained in ■ DTR 6.3.4 R to ■ DTR 6.3.8 R.

[Note: article 12(1) of the TD implementing directive]

- 6.3.3A R [deleted]
- 6.3.3B R [deleted]
- 6.3.3C G [deleted]
- 6.3.4 Regulated information must be disseminated in a manner ensuring that it is capable of being disseminated to as wide a public as possible, and as close to simultaneously as possible in the *United Kingdom*.

[Note: article 12(2) of the TD implementing directive]

6.3.5

R

(1) Subject to (1A), an *issuer* or *person* must communicate *regulated information* to the media in unedited full text.

[Note: article 12(3) of the TD implementing directive]

- (1A) An *issuer* or *person* who discloses *regulated information* is exempt from paragraph (1) if:
 - (a) the *regulated information* in unedited full text has been filed with the *FCA* by uploading it to the *national storage mechanism*;
 - (b) the *regulated information* has been communicated to the media; and
 - (c) the communication contains a statement that the *regulated information* is available in unedited full text on the *national storage mechanism*.
- (2) (a) [deleted]
 - (b) [deleted]
- (3) Where (1A) applies, the announcement relating to the publication of the following *regulated information* must also include an indication of the website on which the relevant documents are available:
 - (a) an annual financial report that is required by DTR 4.1 to be made public;
 - (b) a half-yearly financial report that is required by DTR 4.2 to be made public; and
 - (c) [deleted]
 - (d) a report on payments to governments that is required by DTR 4.3A to be made public.

[Note: article 12(3) of the TD implementing directive]

6.3.6 R

Regulated information must be communicated to the media in a manner which ensures the security of the communication, minimises the risk of data corruption and unauthorised access, and provides certainty as to the source of the regulated information. Security of receipt must be ensured by remedying as soon as possible any failure or disruption in the communication of regulated information. An issuer or person is not responsible for systemic errors or shortcomings at the media to which the regulated information has been communicated.[Note: article 12(4) of the TD implementing directive]

6.3.7 R

Regulated information must be communicated to a RIS in a way which:

- (1) makes clear that the information is regulated information;
- (2) identifies clearly:
 - (a) the issuer concerned;
 - (b) the subject matter of the regulated information; and
 - (c) the time and date of the communication of the *regulated information* by the *issuer* or the *person*.

[Note: article 12(5) of the TD implementing directive]

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- 6.3.8 Upon request, an issuer or other person must be able to communicate to the FCA, in relation to any disclosure of regulated information:
 - (1) the name of the person who communicated the regulated information to the RIS;
 - (2) the security validation details;
 - (3) the time and date on which the regulated information was communicated to the RIS;
 - (4) the medium in which the regulated information was communicated;
 - (5) details of any embargo placed by the issuer on the regulated information, if applicable.

[Note: article 12(5) of the TD implementing directive]

6.3.9 An issuer or person must not charge investors any specific cost for providing regulated information. [Note: article 21(1) of the TD]

Disclosure of information in a third country

- 6.3.10 R
- (1) Information that is disclosed in a third country which may be of importance to the public in the *United Kingdom* must be disclosed in accordance with the provisions set out in ■ DTR 6.2 and ■ DTR 6.3.
- (2) Paragraph (1) applies additionally to information that is not regulated information.

[Note: article 23(3) of the TD]

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