Chapter 14

Standard listing (shares)



14.2 Requirements for listing

14.2.1 An applicant which is applying for standard listing (shares) must comply with all of ■ LR 2 (Requirements for listing: All securities).

Shares in public hands

- 14.2.2 R
- (1) If an application is made for the admission of a class of shares, a sufficient number of shares of that class must, no later than the time of admission, be distributed to the public.
- (2) [deleted]
- (3) For the purposes of paragraph (1), a sufficient number of shares will be taken to have been distributed to the public when 10% of the shares for which application for admission has been made are in public hands.
- (4) For the purposes of paragraphs (1), (2) and (3), shares are not held in public hands if they are:
 - (a) held, directly or indirectly by:
 - (i) a director of the applicant or of any of its subsidiary undertakings; or
 - (ii) a person connected with a director of the applicant or of any of its subsidiary undertakings; or
 - (iii) the trustees of any employees' share scheme or pension fund established for the benefit of any directors and employees of the applicant and its subsidiary undertakings; or
 - (iv) any person who under any agreement has a right to nominate a person to the board of directors of the applicant;
 - (v) any person or persons in the same group or persons acting in concert who have an interest in 5% or more of the shares of the relevant class: or
 - (b) subject to a lock-up period of more than 180 days.
- (5) For the purposes of paragraph (3), treasury shares are not to be taken into consideration when calculating the number of shares of the class.

[Note: Article 48 CARD]

[deleted] 14.2.3

When calculating the number of *shares* for the purposes of

■LR 14.2.2R (4)(a)(v), holdings of *investment managers* in the same *group*where investment decisions are made independently by the individual in control of the relevant fund and those decisions are unfettered by the *group* to which the *investment manager* belongs will be disregarded.

Shares of a third country company

The FCA will not admit shares of a company incorporated in a third country that are not listed either in its country of incorporation or in the country in which a majority of its shares are held, unless the FCA is satisfied that the absence of the listing is not due to the need to protect investors. [Note: Article 51 CARD]

Listing applications

- 14.2.5 G A company applying for a standard listing of shares will need to comply with LR 3 (Listing applications: All securities).
- 14.2.6 R [deleted]

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