

Chapter 17

Debt and debt-like securities: Standard listing

17.1 Application

- 17.1.1** **R** This chapter applies to
- (1) an *issuer* of any of the following types of *securities*:
 - (a) *debt securities*;
 - (b) *asset-backed securities*;
 - (c) *certificates representing debt securities*;
 - (d) *specialist securities* of the following types:
 - (i) *convertible securities* which convert to *debt securities*;
 - (ii) *convertible securities* which convert to *equity securities*;
 - (iii) *convertible securities* which are exchangeable for *securities* of another *company*; and
 - (iv) *preference shares*
- 17.1.2** **G** An *issuer*, as described in **LR 17.1.1 R** includes:
- (1) a *state monopoly*;
 - (2) a *state finance organisation*;
 - (3) a statutory body; and
 - (4) an *OECD state guaranteed issuer*.
- 17.1.3** **G** A state, a regional or local authority or a *public international body* with *listed debt securities* should see **LR 17.5** for its continuing obligations



17.2 Requirements for listing and listing applications

Requirements for listing.....

17.2.1 **G** An *issuer* to whom this chapter applies will need to comply with ■ LR 2 (Requirements for listing - all securities).

Listing Applications.....

17.2.2 **G** An *issuer* to whom this chapter applies will need to comply with ■ LR 3 (Listing applications).

17.3 Requirements with continuing application

Copies of documents

- 17.3.1 **R**
- (1) An *issuer* must forward to the *FCA*, for publication through the *document viewing facility*, two copies of any document required by ■ LR 17.3 or ■ LR 17.4 at the same time the document is issued.
 - (2) An *issuer* must notify a *RIS* as soon as possible when a document has been forwarded to the *FCA* under paragraph (1) unless the full text of the document is provided to the *RIS*.
 - (3) A notification made under paragraph (2) must set out where copies of the relevant document can be obtained.

Admission to trading

- 17.3.2 **R**
- (1) An *issuer's securities* must be admitted to trading on a *RIE's* market for *listed securities* at all times.
 - (2) An *issuer* must inform the *FCA* in writing without delay if it has:
 - (a) requested a *RIE* to admit or re-admit any of its *listed securities* to trading; or
 - (b) requested a *RIE* to cancel or suspend trading of any of its *listed securities*; or
 - (c) been informed by a *RIE* that the trading of any of its *listed securities* will be cancelled or suspended.

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Annual accounts

17.3.3A **R** ■ LR 17.3.4 R to ■ LR 17.3.6 G apply to an *issuer* that is not already required to comply with ■ DTR 4.

- 17.3.4 **R**
- (1) An *issuer* must publish its annual report and annual accounts as soon as possible after they have been approved.

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- (2) An *issuer* must approve and publish its annual report and accounts within six months of the end of the financial period to which they relate.
- (3) The annual report and accounts must:
 - (a) have been prepared in accordance with the *issuer's* national law and, in all material respects, with national accounting standards or *IAS*; and
 - (b) have been independently audited and reported on, in accordance with:
 - (i) the auditing standards applicable in an *EEA State*; or
 - (ii) an equivalent auditing standard.

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An *issuer* that meets the following criteria is not required to comply with ■ LR 17.3.4 R:

- (1) The *issuer* is an *issuer of asset backed securities* and would if it were a debt *issuer* to which ■ DTR 4 applied be relieved of the obligations to draw up and publish annual and half yearly financial reports in accordance with ■ DTR 4.4.2 R provided the *issuer* is not otherwise required to comply with any other requirement for the publication of annual reports and accounts.
- (2) (a) the *issuer*:
 - (i) is a wholly owned subsidiary of a *listed company*;
 - (ii) issues *listed securities* that are unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by the *issuer's listed holding company* or equivalent arrangements are in place;
 - (iii) is included in the consolidated accounts of its *listed holding company*; and
 - (iv) is not required to comply with any other requirement for the preparation of annual report and accounts; and
- (b) non publication of the *issuer's* accounts would not be likely to mislead the public with regard to facts and circumstances that are essential for assessing the *securities*.

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Disclosure requirements and transparency rules

17.3.8 **G** An issuer, whose securities are admitted to trading on a regulated market in the United Kingdom, should consider the obligations referred to under articles 17 and 18 of the Market Abuse Regulation.

17.3.9 **R** An issuer that is not already required to comply with the obligations under articles 17 and 18 of the Market Abuse Regulation must comply with those obligations as if it were an issuer for the purposes of articles 17 and 18 of the Market Abuse Regulation and the transparency rules, subject to article 22 of the Market Abuse Regulation.

17.3.9A **G** An issuer, whose securities are admitted to trading on a regulated market, should consider its obligations under ■ DTR 4 (Periodic financial reporting), ■ DTR 5 (Vote holder and issuer notification rules) and ■ DTR 6 (Access to information).

17.3.9B **R** An issuer that is not already required to comply with the transparency rules must comply with ■ DTR 6.3 as if it were an issuer for the purposes of the transparency rules.

Amendments to trust deeds

17.3.10 **R** An issuer must ensure that any circular it issues to holders of its listed securities about proposed amendments to a trust deed includes:

- (1) an explanation of the effect of the proposed amendments; and
- (2) either the full terms of the proposed amendments, or a statement that they will be available for inspection:
 - (a) from the date the circular is sent until the close of the relevant general meeting at a place in or near the City of London or such other place as the FCA may determine; and
 - (b) at the place of the general meeting for at least 15 minutes before and during the meeting.

Early redemptions

17.3.12 **R**

- (1) An issuer must ensure that any circular it issues to holders of its listed securities relating to a resolution proposing to redeem listed securities before their due date for redemption includes:
 - (a) an explanation of the reasons for the early redemption;
 - (b) a statement of the market values for the securities on the first dealing day in each of the six months before the date of the circular and on the latest practicable date before sending the circular;
 - (c) a statement of any interests of any director in the securities;
 - (d) if there is a trustee, or other representative, of the holders of the securities to be redeemed, a statement that the trustee, or other

representative, has given its consent to the issue of the *circular* or stated that it has no objection to the resolution being put to a meeting of the *securities* holders;

- (e) the timetable for redemption; and
- (f) an explanation of the procedure to be followed by the *securities* holders.

(2) The *circular* must not contain specific advice about whether or not to accept the proposal for redemption.

(3) The timetable for redemption in the *circular* must have been approved by the *RIE* on which the *listed securities* are traded.

Documents of title

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An *issuer* must ensure that any definitive document of title for a *security* (other than a bearer *security*) includes the following matters on its face (or on the reverse in the case of paragraph (5)):

- (1) the authority under which the *issuer* is constituted and the country of incorporation and registered number (if any);
- (2) the number or amount of *securities* the certificate represents and, if applicable, the number and denomination of units (in the top right-hand corner);
- (3) a footnote stating that no transfer of the *security* or any portion of it represented by the certificate can be registered without production of the certificate;
- (4) if applicable, the minimum amount and multiples thereof in which the *security* is transferable; and
- (5) [deleted]
- (6) the interest payable and the interest payment dates and on the reverse (with reference shown on the face) an easily legible summary of the rights as to redemption or repayment and (where applicable) conversion.



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17.4.7 **R** In the case of *debt securities* guaranteed by another *company*, an *issuer* must submit to the *FCA* the annual report and accounts of the *company* that is providing the guarantee unless that *company* is *listed* or adequate information is otherwise available.

17.4.8 **R** In the case of *convertible securities* which are exchangeable for *securities* of another *company*, an *issuer* must submit to the *FCA* the annual report and accounts of that other *company* unless that *company* is *listed* or adequate information is otherwise available.

Disclosure: asset-backed securities

17.4.9 **R** Where an *issuer* proposes to issue further *debt securities* that are:

- (1) backed by the same assets; and
- (2) not fungible with existing classes of *debt securities*; or

(3) not subordinated to existing classes of *debt securities*;
the *issuer* must inform the holders of the existing classes of *debt securities*.



17.5 Requirements for states, regional and local authorities and public international bodies

17.5.1 **R** This chapter does not apply to a state, a regional or local authority and a *public international body with listed debt securities* except that such an issuer must comply with **LR 17.3.2 R** (Admission to trading).

Compliance with transparency rules

17.5.2 **R**

(1) This rule applies to a state, a regional or local authority and a *public international body with listed debt securities* for whom the *United Kingdom* is its home Member State for the purposes of the *Transparency Directive*.

(2) An issuer referred to in paragraph (1) that is not already required to comply with the *transparency rules* must comply with:

- (a) **DTR 5.6.3 R** (disclosure of changes in rights);
- (b) [deleted]
- (c) **DTR 6.1.3 R (2)** (equality of treatment);
- (d) **DTR 6.2** (Filing information and use of language); and
- (e) **DTR 6.3** (Dissemination of information).