

Incoming Statutory Regime for Primary Information Providers – including feedback on CP13/8 and final rules

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In this Policy Statement we report on the main issues arising from Consultation Paper 13/8 (*Arrangements for the Disclosure of Regulated Information. Feedback on CP12/3, CP13/5 and CP13/6 and supplementary consultation*) and publish the final rules.

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Abbreviations used in this paper

CBA	Cost Benefit Analysis
CP	Consultation Paper
DTR	Disclosure and Transparency Rules
EEA	European Economic Area
ECD	E-Commerce Directive
EG	Enforcement Guide
EU	European Union
FCA	Financial Conduct Authority
FEES	Fees Manual
ISS	Information Society Service
LR	Listing Rules
MS	Member State
PIP	Primary Information Provider
PS	Policy Statement
RIS	Regulatory Information Service
TD	Transparency Directive
The 2012 Act	The Financial Services Act 2012

1. Overview

Introduction

- 1.1** In this Policy Statement (PS) we publish our rules on the statutory regime for Primary Information Providers (PIP).
- 1.2** We also publish our feedback on the responses received to CP13/8 – *Arrangements for the Disclosure of Regulated Information. Feedback on CP12/3, CP13/5 and CP13/6 and supplementary consultation* (August 2013). The consultation period for CP13/8 closed on 28 October 2013.

Who does this consultation affect?

- 1.3** This PS should be read by issuers, Regulatory Information Services (RIS) and potential PIPs.

Is this of interest to consumers?

- 1.4** The proper dissemination of regulated information is crucial for investors. Our final rules on the statutory regime for PIPs are therefore also of interest to consumers who deal in UK-listed securities. However, this paper is of most direct interest to those mentioned above.

Context

- 1.5** Under the Transparency Directive (TD), issuers have an obligation to release regulated information to the market. The timely and proper dissemination of regulated information is crucial to ensuring that markets work effectively and our rules therefore require issuers to use an RIS as a vehicle to do this.
- 1.6** Regulated¹ Information Services were brought into formal statutory regulation by the Financial Services Act 2012 (the 2012 Act), which gave the FCA rule-making powers in relation to their approval and supervision. From now on they will be known as PIPs, as this is the term used in the 2012 Act. We have published a range of proposals on the regulatory arrangements for PIPs in a number of consultation papers (CP).

¹ Please note there are two similar but distinct terms. A Regulated Information Service is a Regulatory Information Service which is approved by the FCA as meeting the Criteria for Regulated Information Services.

- 1.7** In CP12/37 we proposed that the new statutory regime should be based largely on the existing framework for the approval and oversight of Regulated Information Services, set out in the Criteria for Regulated Information Services (the RIS Criteria). In CPs 13/5 and 13/6 respectively, we consulted on associated fee and enforcement issues for the new regime.
- 1.8** A robust, balanced, and legally enforceable regime governing PIPs will serve to promote market integrity and consumer protection.
- 1.9** We published feedback to these three CPs in CP13/8, alongside supplementary consultation on an issue raised during feedback to CP12/37. This issue related to the interaction between two EU Directives – the TD and the E-Commerce Directive (ECD), which seeks to establish an area without borders for electronic commerce.
- 1.10** The ECD contains provisions which prevent Member States (MS) from restricting an incoming European Economic Area (EEA) information society service (ISS) from providing this service in the UK; for example, by making it subject to prior authorisation.
- 1.11** An incoming EEA ISS is included in the FCA Handbook definition of an RIS. Some respondents to CP12/37 suggested that this be removed from the definition to make it clear that all firms wishing to release regulated information on behalf of issuers in the UK must be approved by the FCA. However, we consider that we are constrained by relevant European legislation (the ECD) from removing incoming EEA ISS from the definition.
- 1.12** When releasing regulated information, an issuer therefore has the option of using an FCA authorised PIP or an incoming EEA ISS, which may or may not have been approved to disseminate information in another MS.
- 1.13** We believe that market participants can have greater confidence that regulated information is disseminated in accordance with TD standards when an issuer uses either an FCA authorised PIP, or an incoming EEA ISS which has been approved in another MS. The initial proposals in CP12/37 could not ensure TD standards would be met where an issuer chooses to use an incoming EEA ISS that has *not* been approved in another MS.
- 1.14** In CP13/8 we therefore proposed that an issuer who chooses to use an unapproved incoming EEA ISS to release regulated information would have to provide annual written confirmation to the FCA that this has been done so in accordance with TD standards.

Summary of feedback to CP13/8 and our response

- 1.15** We received three responses to CP13/8. The two non-confidential respondents are listed in Annex 1.
- 1.16** In Chapter 2 we provide a detailed summary of the feedback we received and explain our responses. Below, we set out at a high level some of the issues which were raised by respondents.
- 1.17** One respondent agreed that the annual notification requirement provided a legal solution to the overlap between the TD and ECD, but queried the extent of the FCA's power to require such confirmation from an issuer whose Home State under the TD is not the UK.
- 1.18** Another respondent expressed concern about the burden of regulation and the ability of an incoming EEA ISS to circumvent this.
- 1.19** Two respondents questioned the cost benefit analysis (CBA) in CP13/8, suggesting that we had overestimated the cost of making an annual confirmation.

- 1.20** A small number of comments were made in respect of other matters, including a request for clarification of the approval timeline, a request for guidance on a change to the draft Disclosure and Transparency Rules (DTR) 8.4.30R, and comments on topics on which we have previously consulted and already published our feedback in CP13/8.
- 1.21** The feedback received has been very useful and we have carefully considered all responses before reaching our final policy position.
- 1.22** In response to the feedback received, we have amended Listing Rules (LR) 1.4.11R and 1.4.12R in order to clarify the scope of these rules and have also made a minor amendment to DTR 8.4.30R in response to a request for greater clarity. In all other areas, we have decided to proceed with our proposals as outlined in CP13/8.
- 1.23** We have taken on board concerns expressed regarding the burden of formal regulation. In the light of those concerns, we would reiterate that our intention is not to create a substantively more intrusive regime than currently exists in the RIS Criteria, but to formalise the current approach, given our new statutory powers.

Next steps

What do you need to do next?

- 1.24** The new statutory regime for PIPs will be effective on 31 January 2014. Existing Regulated Information Services who wish to become approved as a PIP will not be grandfathered, but will benefit from a six month transitional period during which they may continue to act as an RIS while applying for approval.
- 1.25** In order to ensure that early applicants are not at a financial or regulatory disadvantage, existing Regulated Information Services may apply for their approval to take effect from 1 August 2014 (e.g. the end of the six month transitional period).
- 1.26** We consider six months an appropriate timeframe to process the applications we anticipate receiving, however, we would encourage those seeking approval to submit applications in a timely manner to ensure approval by 1 August 2014.
- 1.27** Existing Regulated Information Services that have not had their application approved by the end of the six month transitional period will no longer be able to disseminate regulated information in the UK on behalf of UK issuers.
- 1.28** Further details on the approval process are provided in 2.7.

What will we do?

- 1.29** The new Listing Rules, Disclosure and Transparency Rules, Fees Manual (FEES) rules and provisions in the Enforcement Guide (EG) will be effective on 31 January 2014.

2. Summary of feedback and our responses

- 2.1** In this chapter we outline the feedback received to the proposals made in CP13/8 and set out our responses.

Feedback to the question asked in CP13/8

- 2.2** In CP13/8 we asked one question about our proposal that issuers who choose to use an unapproved incoming EEA ISS to release regulated information must provide an annual written confirmation to the FCA that this has been done so in accordance with TD standards :

Q1: *Do you agree that these are appropriate additional steps to require of issuers which choose not to use either a PIP or an EEA approved ISS when disseminating regulated information?*

- 2.3** Two respondents specifically addressed this question. Of these two, one agreed that the proposal provided a solution to what is largely a legal issue arising from the overlap of the two European Directives. The other voiced concern that the proposed regulatory regime as a whole may place a disproportionate burden on PIPs in comparison to both approved and unapproved incoming EEA ISSs. They expressed the view that the annual notification requirement for an issuer which chooses to release regulated information by using an incoming EEA ISS which is not approved in another MS would not address this general concern.

Our response

We have taken on board concerns that incoming EEA ISSs will not be subject to the new regime and that this may result in competitive disadvantage to PIPs. We consider the proposal in CP13/8 to be the most effective way of meeting this concern without acting in a way which could be contrary to the ECD. We would also stress that the new regime is grounded in the existing RIS Criteria and our intention is not to take a more intrusive approach than is currently in operation. Given the FCA's new statutory powers, arising from the 2012 Act, we are largely formalising the current framework. We will keep fees payable by PIPs under review in order to ensure that they reflect the level of resource required by us to operate the new regime.

We would also point out that formal approval will bring benefits to both PIPs and to the market as a whole. PIPs will benefit from an ongoing supervisory relationship with the FCA, while investors will be reassured that the information published by PIPs can be relied on with confidence.

We therefore intend to proceed with our proposal requiring issuers who choose to use an incoming EEA ISS which has not been approved in another MS to provide an annual written confirmation to the FCA confirming that the information disseminated on its behalf has been done so in accordance with TD standards, as set out in CP13/8.

Other issues raised

- 2.4** One respondent queried whether the FCA has power to make a listing rule which requires an annual confirmation from an issuer regarding the dissemination of regulated information, where the FCA is not the Home State under the TD.

Our response

We take this opportunity to clarify that there is a difference between the scope of issuers which can be covered by the LR and DTR. In order to respect the 'home state' provisions in the TD, *some* issuers will remain outside the scope of the new LR requirement in relation to *some* types of regulated information.

- In respect of the dissemination of any information which falls within the TD definition of regulated information (e.g. information which is required to be disclosed under the TD itself, the DTR or Article 6 of the Market Abuse Directive (e.g. inside information)), our requirements will apply only to issuers which are by law or by choice within our remit (i.e. the FCA is their home state).
- In respect of the dissemination of information which is required to be disclosed under the LR, but which does *not* fall within the TD definition of regulated information (e.g. it is *not* information which is *also* required to be disclosed under the TD itself, the DTR or Article 6 of the Market Abuse Directive (e.g. inside information)), our requirements will apply to all issuers.

We have amended LR 1.4.11R and LR 1.4.12R in order to clarify when issuers are not subject to the annual notification that is proposed. In short, this amendment reflects the fact that *some* issuers will be outside the scope of this new requirement in relation to *some* types of regulated information. This amendment has been made to capture the largest range of information possible, within the legal limits that apply. We anticipate that only a small amount of information will not fall within the scope of our new rules and therefore do not consider this to have any significant impact on the efficacy of the regime

- 2.5** Two respondents questioned the CBA in which a £19,300 annual cost has been estimated for issuers who choose to use an unapproved incoming EEA ISS (and therefore have to comply with our notification requirements). Both respondents believe that the cost would in fact be less than this.

Our response

We believe that a meaningful CBA was conducted in CP13/8 and would point out that we considered £19,300 to be the *upper limit* of the cost of making the annual notification.

- 2.6** One respondent noted that the annex of CP13/8 contains draft rule DTR 8.4.30 requiring PIPs to supply to the FCA 'discrete access' to regulated information, as opposed to providing an 'output feed'. It was requested that the FCA provide more guidance to avoid the misunderstanding that PIPs would have to provide continual system access.

Our response

We confirm that PIPs will not be required to provide the FCA with continual access to their systems. To clarify this point, we have amended the wording of DTR 8.4.30R.

- 2.7** Another respondent requested further detail on the approval timeline, specifically, clarifying how much time we anticipate the process to take.

Our response

The new rules will be effective on 31 January 2014. Existing providers will not be grandfathered and will need to apply for approval as a PIP if they wish to operate under the new regime. There will be a six month transitional period, during which time existing Regulated Information Services may continue to act as an RIS while an application is submitted and processed. Applicants can opt for their approval to become effective on 1 August 2014 (the end of the six month transitional provision) in order that those who submit earlier are not subject to regulation or fees to which their competitors are not.

It should be noted that from 1 August 2014, RISs which have not been approved as a PIP will not be able to hold themselves out as having any FCA approval and will not have any regulatory relationship with the FCA. However, given that the new regime is based largely on the previous RIS Criteria, we are confident that six months is a sufficient timeframe in which to review the applications that we anticipate receiving. We will deal with all applications as quickly as is reasonably possible. However, the time required to process individual applications will vary according to the specific details concerned. With this in mind, and taking into account that we do not anticipate a large number of applications², we intend to contact all our existing Regulated Information Services to discuss the approval process with them.

In order to be approved as a PIP by 1 August 2014, applications should be submitted by 1 June 2014. Existing Regulated Information Services may continue to operate under the RIS Criteria during the six month transitional provision

² Based on the current small number (7) of Regulated Information Services.

while an application for approval is determined. However, as of 1 August 2014, only those approved as a PIP may operate under the new regime.

- 2.8** One respondent raised four points on which we have previously consulted and responded to in CP13/8. These are:
- our decision not to amend Guidance in regard to entering into an arrangement with an alternative PIP
 - our decision not to specify in detail what constitutes 're-formatting'
 - a suggestion that we provide a guideline audit format to both auditors and PIPs to ensure consistency of formatting, and
 - the request to lower the annual fee in the event that PIPs are able to provide evidence that audit fees rise as a result of the new requirements

Our response

We value all of the feedback we received in response to CP13/8 and thank respondents for their contributions. We have, however, already published our final response to these issues in CP13/8. We would direct readers seeking information on our decisions and rationale on these points to the relevant sections of CP13/8.

Annex 1

List of non-confidential respondents

NASDAQ OMX

PR Newswire

Appendix 1

Made rules (legal instrument)

LISTING RULES AND DISCLOSURE AND TRANSPARENCY RULES (PRIMARY INFORMATION PROVIDERS) INSTRUMENT 2014

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 89P (Primary Information Providers);
 - (3) section 137A (General rule-making power);
 - (4) section 137T (General supplementary powers);
 - (5) section 139A (Guidance); and
 - (6) paragraph 23 (Fees) of Part 3 (Penalties and Fees) of Schedule 1ZA (The Financial Conduct Authority) of the Act.
- 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 31 January 2014.

Amendments to the FCA Handbook

- D. The modules of the FCA’s Handbook of rules and guidance listed in column (1) below are amended in accordance with the Annexes to this instrument listed in column (2).

(1)	(2)
Glossary of definitions	Annex A
Fees manual (FEES)	Annex B
Listing Rules sourcebook (LR)	Annex C
Disclosure Rules and Transparency Rules sourcebook (DTR)	Annex D

Amendments to material outside the Handbook

- E. The Enforcement Guide (EG) is amended in accordance with Annex E to this instrument.

Notes

- F. In Annex D (DTR) 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 Listing Rules and Disclosure and Transparency Rules (Primary Information Providers) Instrument 2014.

By order of the Board of the Financial Conduct Authority
30 January 2014

Annex A

Amendments to the Glossary of definitions

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

Insert the following new definitions in the appropriate alphabetical position. The text is not underlined.

<i>EEA approved incoming information society service</i>	an incoming <i>information society service</i> that has its <i>establishment</i> in an <i>EEA State</i> other than the <i>United Kingdom</i> which has been approved in that state as meeting the standards set out in article 21 of the <i>TD</i> and article 12 of the <i>TD implementing directive</i> .
<i>FCA short name</i>	the abbreviated name allocated to an <i>issuer</i> or organisation by the <i>FCA</i> .
<i>headline information</i>	the headline codes and headline categories for use with the announcement of <i>regulated information</i> that are listed in <i>DTR 8 Annex 2R</i> .
<i>list of primary information providers</i>	the list of <i>primary information providers</i> maintained by the <i>FCA</i> in accordance with section 89P(4)(a) of the <i>Act</i> .
<i>media operator</i>	a news vendor that receives <i>regulated information</i> from a <i>regulatory information service</i> and then disseminates that information to the public as soon as possible.

Amend the following definitions as shown.

<i>DTR</i>	the Disclosure Rules and Transparency Rules sourcebook containing the <i>disclosure rules</i> , <i>transparency rules</i> and , <i>corporate governance rules</i> <u>and the rules relating to primary information providers</u> .
<i>Regulated Information Service</i>	a Regulated Information Service that is approved by the FCA as meeting the Criteria for Regulated Information Services and that is on the list of Regulated Information Services maintained by the FCA.
<i>regulatory body</i>	<p>(1) <u>(except in DTR)</u> any authority, body or <i>person</i> having, or who has had, responsibility for the supervision or regulation of any <i>regulated activities</i> or other financial services, whether in the <i>United Kingdom</i> or overseas.</p> <p>(2) <u>(in DTR)</u> an organisation listed in <i>DTR 8 Annex 1R</i>.</p>

*regulatory
information service
or RIS*

~~either:~~

(a) a ~~*Regulated Information Service*~~ *primary information provider*;
or

(b) an incoming *information society service* that has its *establishment* in an *EEA State* other than the *United Kingdom* and that disseminates *regulated information* in accordance with the minimum standards set out in ~~{~~article 12 of the *TD implementing Directive*~~}~~; or

(c) a *person to whom DTR TP 1.22 applies, for as long as DTR TP 1.22 remains in force.*

Annex B

Amendments to the Fees manual (FEES)

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

3.2 Obligation to pay fees

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3.2.7 R Table of application and vetting fees payable to the FCA

(1) Fee payer	(2) Fee payable	Due date
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<u>(zr) An applicant for approval as a <i>primary information provider</i>.</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>On or before the application for approval is made.</u>

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4.2 Obligation to pay periodic fees

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4.2.11 R Table of periodic fees payable to the FCA

1 Fee payer	2 Fee payable	3 Due date	4 Events occurring during the period leading to modified periodic fee
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All non-listed issuers (in DTR) of shares, depositary receipts and securitised derivatives	<u>FEES 4 Annex 8R, except for Table 3</u>	Within 30 days of the date of the invoice	Non-listed issuer (in DTR) becomes subject to disclosure rules and transparency rules
<u>Any primary information provider</u>	<u>FEES 4 Annex 8R, Table 3</u>	<u>Within 30 days of the date of the invoice</u>	<u>A person is approved as a primary information provider</u>

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4 Annex 8R **Periodic fees in relation to the ~~disclosure rules and transparency rules~~
Disclosure and Transparency Rules for the period 1 April 2013 to 31
March 2014**

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Table 3 – Primary information providers

<u>Fee payable</u>
<u>£15,000</u>

Annex C

Amendments to the Listing Rules sourcebook (LR)

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

1.4 Miscellaneous

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Use of an RIS

- 1.4.11 R Where a *listing rule* requires an *issuer* subject to *DTR* 6.3.1R to use the services of an *RIS*, the *issuer* must comply with the provisions of *DTR* 6.3.
- 1.4.12 R Where a *listing rule* requires an *issuer* who is not subject to *DTR* 6.3.1R to use the services of an *RIS*, the *issuer* must comply with the provisions of *DTR* 6.3, except in relation to information which is required to be disclosed under the *Transparency Directive*, Article 6 of the *Market Abuse Directive* or the *DTR*.

Appendix 1 Relevant definitions

Insert the following new definitions in the appropriate alphabetical position. The text is not underlined.

E-Commerce Directive the Council Directive of 8 June 2002 on legal aspects of *information society services*, in particular electronic commerce, in the Internal Market (No 2000/31/EC).

information society service an information society service, as defined by article 2(a) of the *E-Commerce Directive* and article 1(2) of the Technical Standards and Regulations Directive (98/34/EC), which is in summary any service normally provided for remuneration, at a distance, by means of electronic equipment for the processing (including the digital compression) and storage of data at the individual request of a service recipient.

primary information provider a *person* approved by the *FCA* under section 89P of the *Act*.

Amend the following definitions as shown.

DTR the Disclosure Rules and Transparency Rules sourcebook containing the *disclosure rules, transparency rules and, corporate governance rules and the rules relating to primary information providers.*

regulatory information service or RIS a ~~Regulatory Information Service that is approved by the FCA as meeting the Primary Information Provider criteria and that is on the list of Regulatory Information Services maintained by the FCA.~~

(a) a primary information provider; or

(b) an incoming information society service that has its establishment in an EEA State other than the United Kingdom and that disseminates regulated information in accordance with the minimum standards set out in article 12 of the TD implementing Directive; or

(c) a person to whom DTR TP 1.22 applies, for as long as DTR TP 1.22 remains in force.

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Appendix 3 List of Regulatory Information Services [deleted]

App 3.1.1 R The following are approved ~~Regulatory Information Services:~~

~~Business Wire Regulatory Disclosure provided by Business Wire~~

~~FirstSight provided by Cision~~

~~Announce provided by Hugin ASA~~

~~News Release Express provided by Marketwire~~

~~PR Newswire Disclose provided by PRNewswire~~

~~RNS provided by the London Stock Exchange~~

~~marCo – Market Communication Office provided by Tensid Ltd of Switzerland~~

~~DGAP IR.COCKPIT provided by EquityStory AG~~

Annex D

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

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

After DTR 1B insert the following new chapter. The text is not underlined.

1C Introduction (Primary information providers)

1C.1 Application and purpose (Primary information providers)

1C.1.1 R The requirements in *DTR 8* apply to a *primary information provider* and a *person* that is applying for approval as a *primary information provider*.

1C.1.2 G The purpose of the requirements in *DTR 8* is to make the *Part 6 rules* permitted under section 89P of the *Act* in relation to *primary information providers* and *persons* applying for approval as *primary information providers*.

[**Note:** When exercising its functions under Part VI of the *Act*, the *FCA* may use the name: the UK Listing Authority.]

[**Note:** Other parts of the *Handbook* that may also be relevant to *primary information providers* include *DEPP* (Decision Procedure and Penalties manual) and Chapter 9 of *SUP* (Supervision manual). *EG* (Enforcement Guide) is also relevant.]

1C.2 Modifying rules and consulting the FCA

Modifying or dispensing with rules

1C.2.1 R (1) The *FCA* may dispense with, or modify, a requirement in *DTR 8* in such cases and by reference to such circumstances as it considers appropriate (subject to the *Act*).

(2) A dispensation or modification may be either unconditional or subject to specified conditions.

(3) If a *primary information provider* or a *person* that is applying for approval as a *primary information provider* has applied for, or been granted, a dispensation or modification, it must notify the *FCA* immediately it becomes aware of any matter which is material to the relevance or appropriateness of the dispensation or modification.

(4) The *FCA* may revoke or modify a dispensation or modification.

1C.2.2 R (1) An application to the *FCA* to dispense with or modify a requirement in

DTR 8 must be in writing.

- (2) The application must:
- (a) contain a clear explanation of why the dispensation or modification is requested;
 - (b) include details of any special requirements, for example, the date by which the dispensation or modification is required;
 - (c) contain all relevant information that should reasonably be brought to the *FCA's* attention;
 - (d) contain any statement or information that is required by *DTR 8* to be included for a specific type of dispensation or modification; and
 - (e) include copies of all documents relevant to the application.

1C.2.3 R An application to dispense with or modify a requirement in *DTR 8* must ordinarily be made at least five *business days* before the proposed dispensation or modification is to take effect.

Early consultation with FCA

1C.2.4 R A *primary information provider* or a *person* applying for approval as a *primary information provider* must consult with the *FCA* at the earliest possible stage if they:

- (1) are in doubt about how a requirement in *DTR 8* applies in a particular situation; or
- (2) consider that it may be necessary for the *FCA* to dispense with or modify a requirement in *DTR 8*.

1C.2.5 R Where a requirement in *DTR 8* refers to consultation with the *FCA*, submissions must be made in writing other than in circumstances of exceptional urgency.

Address for correspondence

Note: The *FCA's* address for correspondence in relation to *DTR 8* is:

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Fax: 0207 066 8349.

Amend the following as shown.

6.3 Dissemination of information

Application

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- 6.3.3A R Where an issuer or person uses an RIS other than an RIS which is a:
- (1) a primary information provider; or
 - (2) an EEA approved incoming information society service; or
 - (3) a person to whom DTR TP 1.22 applies, for as long as DTR TP 1.22 remains in force;
- the issuer or person must comply with DTR 6.3.3BR.
- 6.3.3B R (1) An issuer or person to which this rule applies must provide an annual written confirmation to the FCA that all regulated information disseminated by an RIS not specified in DTR 6.3.3RA(1) to (3) in the previous financial year was disseminated in accordance with the minimum standards contained in DTR 6.3.4R to DTR 6.3.8R.
- (2) The confirmation required by DTR 6.3.3BR(1) must:
 - (a) be provided by:
 - (i) in the case of an issuer, the audit committee or the body referred to in DTR 7.1.1R; or
 - (ii) in the case of a person which is not an issuer but is a body corporate, the audit committee or the board of directors; or
 - (iii) in the case of an person which is not an issuer or a body corporate, a person with corresponding powers to a director;
 - (b) set out the basis for making the confirmation, including the steps taken to determine its accuracy; and
 - (c) be supported by records which are:
 - (i) sufficient to reasonably demonstrate the basis for making the confirmation; and
 - (ii) capable of timely retrieval.

Address for correspondence

Note: The *FCA*'s address for correspondence in relation to *DTR* 6.3 is:

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Fax: 020 7066 8349

- 6.3.3C **G** In addition to the annual confirmation referred to in *DTR* 6.3.3BR, the *FCA* may request information from an *issuer* or *person* under section 89H of the *Act* on an ad hoc basis to verify that *regulated information* disseminated by an *RIS* not specified in *DTR* 6.3.3R(1) to (3) has been disseminated in accordance with *DTR* 6.3.4R to *DTR* 6.3.8R.

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After *DTR* 7 insert the following new chapter. The text is not underlined.

8 Primary Information Providers

8.1 Application

Primary information providers and applicants

- 8.1.1 **R** This chapter applies to a *primary information provider* and a *person* that is applying for approval as a *primary information provider*.

List of primary information providers

- 8.1.2 **G** The *FCA* will maintain a *list of primary information providers* on its website.

8.2 Approval as a primary information provider

Application for approval as a primary information provider

- 8.2.1 **R** A *person* wishing to be included on the *list of primary information providers*, must apply to the *FCA* for approval as a *primary information provider* by submitting the following to the *FCA*:

- (1) the name, registered office address, registered number and the names and addresses of the directors and company secretary of the *person* applying for approval and, where applicable, the corporate group to

which the *person* belongs;

- (2) details of all the arrangements that it has established or it intends to establish with *media operators* in the *United Kingdom* and other *EEA States* for the dissemination of *regulated information*;
- (3) names, addresses, dates of birth and, where applicable, national insurance numbers, of its senior management;
- (4) details of the fees it proposes to charge *persons* in relation to the dissemination of *regulated information*;
- (5) a report by a reporting accountant qualified to act as an auditor confirming that in their opinion the *person* applying for approval as a *primary information provider* will be capable of satisfying the continuing obligations set out in *DTR 8.4*; and
- (6) the application fee set out in *FEES 3*.

8.2.2 G The report provided under *DTR 8.2.1R(5)* should state:

- (1) the opinion of the reporting accountant qualified to act as auditor as to the matters set out in *DTR 8.4*;
- (2) the significant areas tested in reaching that opinion; and
- (3) a summary of the work undertaken to address these areas and reach that opinion.

8.2.3 R A *person* wishing to be included on the *list of primary information providers* must also submit to the *FCA*:

- (1) all additional documents, explanations and information that the *FCA* may reasonably require to decide whether to grant an application for approval as a *primary information provider*; and
- (2) verification of any documents, explanations and information provided to the *FCA* in such a manner as the *FCA* may reasonably require under (1).

8.2.4 G When considering an application for approval as a *primary information provider* the *FCA* may carry out any enquiries and request any further information which it considers appropriate, including consulting other regulators.

[**Note:** The decision-making procedures that the *FCA* will follow when it considers whether to refuse an application for approval as a *primary information provider* are set out in *DEPP*.]

8.2.5 G Approval as a *primary information provider* becomes effective when the *person* is informed in writing by the *FCA*. The *FCA* will as soon as possible add the name of the *person* who has been approved as a *primary information*

provider to the list of primary information providers.

Restrictions or limitations on approval

- 8.2.6 G The *FCA* may impose restrictions or limitations on the services a *primary information provider* may provide at the time of granting a *primary information provider's* approval.

[**Note:** A *statutory notice* may be required under section 89P of the *Act*. Where this is the case, the procedure for giving a *statutory notice* is set out in *DEPP*.]

8.3 Criteria for approval as a primary information provider

- 8.3.1 R The *FCA* will approve a *person* as a *primary information provider* only if it is satisfied that the *person* will be able to:
- (1) disseminate *regulated information* in a manner ensuring fast access to *regulated information* on a non-discriminatory basis; and
 - (2) satisfy the continuing obligations set out in *DTR* 8.4.
- 8.3.2 G In determining whether a *person* applying for approval as a *primary information provider* satisfies the requirements in *DTR* 8.3.1R, the *FCA* will consider, amongst other things, the report of the reporting accountant provided under *DTR* 8.2.1R(5).

8.4 Continuing obligations

Arrangements with media operators

- 8.4.1 R A *primary information provider* must establish and maintain adequate arrangements with *media operators* in the *United Kingdom* and other *EEA States* for the dissemination of *regulated information*.
- 8.4.2 G The purpose of *DTR* 8.4.1R is to ensure that a *primary information provider* can disseminate *regulated information* to as wide a public as possible, as close to simultaneously as possible, in the *United Kingdom* and other *EEA States*. In considering whether a *primary information provider* has satisfied the requirements in *DTR* 8.4.1R, the *FCA* will consider the number and nature of arrangements that the *primary information provider* has with *media operators*.

Handling regulated information: timing and prioritisation

- 8.4.3 R Unless the *regulated information* is embargoed by the *person* who submitted it or by the *FCA*, a *primary information provider* must disseminate all *regulated information* that it receives as soon as possible.

- 8.4.4 G In assessing compliance with *DTR 8.4.3R*, the *FCA* will have regard to whether the *primary information provider* has disseminated at least 95% of all *regulated information* which did not require reformatting within 5 minutes of receipt.
- 8.4.5 R A *primary information provider* must prioritise the order of dissemination of pending *regulated information* according to the *headline information*, except that a *primary information provider* must prioritise the dissemination of *regulated information* that is submitted by the *FCA* if the *FCA* requests it.

Handling regulated information: fees

- 8.4.6 R A *primary information provider* must set out clearly:
- (1) the services it provides in relation to the dissemination of *regulated information*; and
 - (2) the fees it charges for the provision of those services.
- 8.4.7 R A *primary information provider* must not charge a *regulatory body* listed in *DTR 8 Annex 1R* for the dissemination of *regulated information*.

Handling regulated information: operational hours and support

- 8.4.8 R A *primary information provider* must:
- (1) disseminate *regulated information* at least between the hours of 7:00 am and 6:30 pm on any *business day*;
 - (2) be able to receive *regulated information* at all times;
 - (3) provide service support at least between the hours of 7.00 am and 6.30 pm on any *business day* to:
 - (a) any *person* who has requested the dissemination of *regulated information*; and
 - (b) any *media operator* with whom the *primary information provider* has an arrangement for the dissemination of *regulated information*; and
 - (4) have staff available to assist the *FCA* exercise its functions in relation to the dissemination of *regulated information* by the *primary information provider* at least between the hours of 7.00 am and 6.30 pm on any *business day*.

Handling regulated information: business continuity

- 8.4.9 R A *primary information provider* must ensure that if circumstances arise which prevent it from disseminating and continuously receiving *regulated information*, it has adequate arrangements in place to ensure that it can continue to satisfy its obligations as a *primary information provider* with

minimal disruption.

- 8.4.10 G In considering whether a *primary information provider* satisfies the requirements of *DTR 8.4.9R*, the *FCA* will consider, among other things, whether the *primary information provider* has arrangements in place for an alternative *primary information provider* to receive and disseminate *regulated information* on its behalf.

Handling regulated information: security

- 8.4.11 R A *primary information provider* must:
- (1) ensure that *regulated information* is handled securely; and
 - (2) provide *persons* wishing to disseminate *regulated information* with a secure means of communicating *regulated information* to the *primary information provider*.

- 8.4.12 R A *primary information provider* must have arrangements in place to prevent the misuse of *regulated information* by any of its staff.

Handling regulated information: amendments

- 8.4.13 R A *primary information provider* must not make substantive changes to the *regulated information* it receives, unless requested by the *issuer* or other organisation who submitted the *regulated information* for dissemination.
- 8.4.14 G In determining whether a *primary information provider* has satisfied the requirement in *DTR 8.4.13R*, the *FCA* will consider whether the changes made by the *primary information provider* would be likely to affect the import of the *regulated information*.

Handling regulated information: record keeping

- 8.4.15 R A *primary information provider* must record the following information for each announcement of *regulated information* it disseminates:
- (1) the name of any *person* who communicates *regulated information* on behalf of an *issuer* or other organisation to the *primary information provider*;
 - (2) the name of the *issuer* or organisation on whose behalf the *regulated information* is communicated;
 - (3) the security validation details of the *issuer* or organisation;
 - (4) the date and time the *regulated information* is received by the *primary information provider*;
 - (5) details of the form in which the *regulated information* is received by the *primary information provider*;

- (6) if applicable, details of any embargo placed by the *issuer*, organisation or the *FCA* on the *regulated information*;
 - (7) details of all *persons* who are authorised by the *primary information provider* to have access to the *regulated information*;
 - (8) if applicable, details of, and reasons for, any substantive change made to the *regulated information* in accordance with *DTR 8.4.13R*; and
 - (9) the date and time the *primary information provider* disseminates the *regulated information* to the *media operator*.
- 8.4.16 R A *primary information provider* must retain the records required under *DTR 8.4.15R* for 3 years.
- 8.4.17 R Records must be capable of timely retrieval.
- 8.4.18 R A *primary information provider* that has had its approval cancelled must continue to comply with its record keeping obligations in *DTR 8.4.16R* to *DTR 8.4.17R*.

Receiving regulated information: validation of submissions

- 8.4.19 R A *primary information provider* must ensure that there is certainty about the:
- (1) identity of any *person* who submits *regulated information* on behalf of an *issuer* or organisation to the *primary information provider*;
 - (2) authority of the *person* to submit the *regulated information* on behalf of the *issuer* or organisation; and
 - (3) identity of the *issuer* or organisation on whose behalf the *regulated information* is submitted.
- 8.4.20 R A *primary information provider* must ensure that there is no significant risk of corruption of *regulated information* during its submission, handling and dissemination.

Disseminating regulated information: scope

- 8.4.21 R A *primary information provider* must disseminate *regulated information* that has been submitted by:
- (1) an *issuer*; or
 - (2) any *person* acting as agent for an *issuer*; or
 - (3) any *regulatory body* listed in *DTR 8 Annex 1R*; or
 - (4) any other *person* required to submit *regulated information*.

Disseminating regulated information: format

- 8.4.22 R A *primary information provider* must disseminate *regulated information* to any *media operator* with whom it has an arrangement in place for the dissemination of *regulated information* in:
- (1) unedited full text as submitted to the *primary information provider*; and
 - (2) an industry standard format.
- 8.4.23 R *Regulated information* disseminated to a *media operator* by a *primary information provider* must contain the following:
- (1) identification of the information as *regulated information* which has been disseminated by a *primary information provider*;
 - (2) the unique identification number for the item of *regulated information*;
 - (3) the sequence number of the *regulated information*;
 - (4) a clear indication of the start of the *regulated information*;
 - (5) the name of the *issuer* or organisation concerned;
 - (6) the *FCA short name* of the *issuer* or organisation concerned;
 - (7) the *headline information* relevant to the *regulated information*;
 - (8) a headline capturing the subject matter of the *regulated information*;
 - (9) the time and date the *regulated information* was submitted to the *primary information provider*;
 - (10) the time and date the *regulated information* was disseminated by the *primary information provider*; and
 - (11) a clear indication of the end of the *regulated information*.

Disseminating regulated information: use of headline information

- 8.4.24 R A *primary information provider* must add the appropriate *headline information* to *regulated information* it disseminates.
- 8.4.25 R *DTR 8.4.24R* does not apply when a *primary information provider* disseminates information it has received from a *recognised investment exchange*.

Disseminating regulated information: dissemination to media operators

- 8.4.26 R A *primary information provider* must ensure that all *regulated information* it receives is disseminated successfully to all *media operators* with whom it has arrangements for the dissemination of *regulated information*.
- 8.4.27 R If a *primary information provider* becomes aware that the dissemination of *regulated information* has failed, it must remedy the failure as soon as possible.

Disseminating regulated information: embargo of regulated information

- 8.4.28 R If requested by the *person* who has submitted the *regulated information* for dissemination, a *primary information provider* must place an embargo on the *regulated information* for release at the date and time specified by the *person* who submitted the *regulated information*.
- 8.4.29 R If requested by the *FCA*, a *primary information provider* must:
- (1) place an embargo on *regulated information*; or
 - (2) cancel any embargo placed on *regulated information* by the *person* that has submitted the *regulated information* and disseminate the *regulated information*; or
 - (3) cancel any embargo placed on *regulated information* by the *FCA* and disseminate the *regulated information*.

Disseminating regulated information: provision to the FCA

- 8.4.30 R A *primary information provider* must supply free of charge all *regulated information* that it disseminates, exclusive of all other information, to the *FCA* or an agent appointed by the *FCA* to act on its behalf.

Systems and controls

- 8.4.31 R A *primary information provider* must have effective systems and controls in place to ensure that it can comply with its continuing obligations in *DTR* 8.4.1R to *DTR* 8.4.30R.
- 8.4.32 G In considering whether a *primary information provider* satisfies the requirements of *DTR* 8.4.31R, the *FCA* will consider, among other things, whether the *primary information provider* has in place appropriate measures to identify new and emerging risks which would be likely to prevent its compliance with *DTR* 8.4.11R, *DTR* 8.4.19R or *DTR* 8.4.20R.

Relations with the FCA

- 8.4.33 R A *primary information provider* must at all times:

- (1) deal with the *FCA* in an open and cooperative manner; and
- (2) deal with all enquiries raised by the *FCA* as soon as possible.

General notifications

- 8.4.34 R A *primary information provider* must notify the *FCA* immediately if:
- (1) there is any change to the names and contact details of staff who are available to assist the *FCA* exercise its functions in relation to the dissemination of *regulated information* by the *primary information provider*; or
 - (2) any contractual arrangement between the *primary information provider* and a *media operator* regarding the dissemination of *regulated information* is terminated; or
 - (3) any changes are proposed to the fees the *primary information provider* charges in relation to the dissemination of *regulated information*; or
 - (4) it becomes aware of any matter which in its reasonable opinion would be likely to affect its ability to satisfy its obligations in *DTR* 8.4.
- 8.4.35 R If a *primary information provider* learns of a breach of its security it must:
- (1) notify the *FCA* immediately; and
 - (2) provide the *FCA* as soon as possible with a report containing details of the security breach and the steps taken to rectify it.
- 8.4.36 R A *primary information provider* must notify the *FCA* and its clients as soon as possible if its ability to disseminate or continuously receive *regulated information* is disrupted.
- 8.4.37 R If a *primary information provider* has its approval cancelled it must immediately notify its clients, *regulatory bodies* and any *media operator* with whom it has an arrangement for the dissemination of *regulated information* that it is no longer approved as a *primary information provider*.
- 8.4.38 R
- (1) Notifications must be made in writing.
 - (2) Notifications to the *FCA* must be sent to the following address:
 Primary Market Monitoring
 Markets Division
 The Financial Conduct Authority
 25 The North Colonnade
 Canary Wharf
 London
 E14 5HS

Fax: 020 7066 8349

Annual fee

- 8.4.39 R A *primary information provider* must pay the annual fee set out in *FEES 4* in order to remain on the *list of primary information providers*.

8.5 Supervision of primary information providers

Annual report

- 8.5.1 R A *primary information provider* must submit to the *FCA* an annual report prepared by a reporting accountant qualified to act as auditor which states that the *primary information provider* has satisfied its continuing obligations in *DTR 8.4* in the preceding 12 months.

- 8.5.2 G The annual report provided under *DTR 8.5.1R* should state:

- (1) the opinion of the reporting accountant qualified to act as auditor as to the matters set out in *DTR 8.5.1R*;
- (2) the significant areas tested in reaching that opinion; and
- (3) a summary of the work undertaken to address these areas and reach that opinion.

- 8.5.3 R The annual report must be sent to the *FCA* within 3 months of the anniversary of the date of the *primary information provider's* approval as a *primary information provider*.

Requirement to provide information

- 8.5.4 R
- (1) The *FCA* may require a *primary information provider* to provide specified information or specified documents to the *FCA*.
 - (2) The *primary information provider* must as soon as practicable provide to the *FCA* any information or documents it has been required to provide under (1).
 - (3) This rule applies only to information or documents reasonably required by the *FCA* in connection with the performance of its functions in relation to a *primary information provider*.

Restrictions or limitations on approval

- 8.5.5 G The *FCA* may impose restrictions or limitations on the services a *primary information provider* can provide at any time following the grant of a *primary information provider's* approval.

- 8.5.6 G Situations when the *FCA* may impose restrictions or limitations on the

services a *primary information provider* can provide include (but are not limited to) where it appears to the *FCA* that:

- (1) the *primary information provider's* ability to satisfy its obligations in *DTR* 8.4 would be likely to be compromised; or
- (2) the *primary information provider* is proposing to make changes to its systems and controls or operations which would be likely to prevent it from satisfying any of its obligations in *DTR* 8.4; or
- (3) the *primary information provider* is proposing to make changes to the services offered or fees charged which would be likely to prevent it from satisfying its obligation in *DTR* 8.3.1R(1).

[**Note:** A *statutory notice* may be required under section 89P of the *Act*. Where this is the case, the procedure for giving a *statutory notice* is set out in *DEPP*.]

Discipline of primary information providers

- 8.5.7 G The decision-making procedures that the *FCA* will follow when it uses its disciplinary powers in relation to a *primary information provider* are set out in *DEPP*.

Suspension of a primary information provider's approval at the primary information provider's request

- 8.5.8 R A request by a *primary information provider* for its approval as a *primary information provider* to be suspended must be in writing and must include:
- (1) the *primary information provider's* name;
 - (2) a clear explanation of the background and reasons for the request;
 - (3) the date on which the *primary information provider* requests the suspension to take effect; and
 - (4) the name and contact details of the *person* at the *primary information provider* with whom the *FCA* should liaise in relation to the request.
- 8.5.9 G A *primary information provider* may withdraw its request at any time before the suspension takes effect.

Cancellation of a primary information provider's approval at the primary information provider's request

- 8.5.10 R A request by a *primary information provider* for its approval as a *primary information provider* to be cancelled must be in writing and must include:
- (1) the *primary information provider's* name;
 - (2) a clear explanation of the background and reasons for the request;

- (3) the date on which the *primary information provider* requests the cancellation to take effect; and
- (4) the name and contact details of the *person* at the *primary information provider* with whom the *FCA* should liaise in relation to the request.

8.5.11 G A *primary information provider* may withdraw its request at any time before the cancellation takes effect.

Primary information providers: advancing the *FCA*'s operational objectives

8.5.12 G The *FCA* may impose restrictions or limitations on the services a *primary information provider* can provide or suspend a *primary information provider's* approval if the *FCA* considers it desirable to do so in order to advance one or more of its *operational objectives*.

[**Note:** A *statutory notice* may be required under section 89V of the *Act*. Where this is the case, the procedure for giving a *statutory notice* is set out in *DEPP*.]

8 Annex 1R List of regulatory bodies

(1)	the Financial Conduct Authority
(2)	the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers
(3)	the Competition Commission
(4)	the Civil Aviation Authority
(5)	the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills
(6)	the Environment Agency
(7)	the Gambling Commission
(8)	the Prudential Regulation Authority
(9)	the Office of the Gas and Electricity Markets
(10)	the Office of the Rail Regulator
(11)	the National Lottery Commission
(12)	the Water Services Regulation Authority
(13)	the Office of Communications
(14)	the Office of Fair Trading

	(15)	the Financial Reporting Review Panel
	(16)	the House of Commons Department of Chamber and Committee Services

8 Annex 2R Headline codes and categories

Headline code	Headline category	Description
Urgent priority		
SUS	Temporary Suspension	Submitted to indicate that a security has been temporarily suspended from the Official List
SRS	Statement re. Suspension	Statement regarding the suspension of listing/trading of a company's listed securities
REN	Restoration of Listing	Submitted to indicate that a security has been admitted/cancelled from the Official List
NOT	Official List Notice	Submitted to indicate that a security has been admitted to/cancelled from the Official List
MSC	Miscellaneous	Miscellaneous urgent priority announcements
High priority		
QRF	1st Quarter Results	First quarter financial results
QRT	3rd Quarter Results	Third quarter and nine months financial results
ACQ	Acquisition	Statement regarding an acquisition of a company or assets
AGM	AGM Statement	Statement made at a company's AGM
ACS	Annual Financial Report	Publication of a company's annual financial report
CAR	Capital Reorganisation	Notification of the restructuring of a company's existing share capital
CON	Conversion of Securities	Notification of the details of a conversion of securities (e.g. warrants/convertible loan stock)
TAB	Disclosure Table	Notification of companies currently in offer period
DIS	Disposal	Statement regarding the disposal of a company or

		assets
DRL	Drilling Report	Report given by mineral, oil and natural gas companies
EGM	EGM Statement	Statement made at a company's EGM
FR	Final Results	Announcement of full year/4th quarter financial results
FEE	Form 8 (OPD) [Insert name of offeree or offeror]	Opening position disclosure by a party to an offer
FEO	Form 8.5 (EPT/NON-RI)	Opening position disclosure/dealing disclosure by an exempt principal trader without recognised intermediary ("RI") status or where RI status is not applicable
FER	Form 8.5 (EPT/RI)	Dealing disclosure by an exempt principal trader with recognised intermediary ("RI") status dealing in a client-serving capacity
FON	Formal Notice	Notification of the issue of a debt instrument programme and publication of relevant listing particulars
FUR	Further re (insert appropriate text)	Announcement made following an initial, related announcement
IR	Half-year Report	Announcement of half-year/second quarter financial results
IMS	Interim Management Statement	A twice-yearly statement of material events and transactions during the period
IOD	Issue of Debt	Notification of an issue of debentures, debenture or loan stock, bonds and notes, whether secured or unsecured
IOE	Issue of Equity	Notification of an issue of equity shares e.g. offer for subscription/offer for sale/rights issue
LOI	Letter of Intent Signed	Statement regarding a letter of intent signed between entities
MER	Merger Update	Statement regarding decision whether a takeover/merger has been referred for investigation to the Competition Commission/Secretary of State for Trade and Industry

OFB	Offer by [add offeror's name]	Statement giving details of an offer announced by the offeree
OFF	Offer for [add offeree's name]	Statement giving details of an offer announced by the offeror
OLA	Offer Lapsed	Statement declaring that the required acceptances for an offer to be successful have not been obtained and that the offer has lapsed
ORE	Offer Rejection	Statement that an offer has been rejected
OTT	Offer Talks Terminated	Statement that a company's offer discussions have been terminated without an offer being made
OUP	Offer Update	Statement giving an update on an offer e.g. offer acceptances/offer extension/offer becoming wholly unconditional
PNM	Prior Notice of Merger	Statement regarding proposed mergers
PRL	Product Launch	Statement regarding the launch of a new product by a company
AGR	Re Agreement	Statement regarding an alliance between entities
SAL	Re Alliance	Statement regarding an alliance between entities
CNT	Re Contract	Statement regarding a contract entered into/awarded/signed
JVE	Re Joint Venture	Statement regarding a joint venture between entities
RAP	Regulatory Application	Application by a company to a regulatory body for a product or service (e.g. approval to market a pharmaceutical product)
REA	Regulatory Approval	Approval from a regulatory body for a company's product or service (e.g. approval to market a pharmaceutical product)
RES	Research Update	A statement giving an update on research (e.g. clinical trials)
RSP	Response to (insert appropriate text)	Statement submitted in response to a previous statement made another entity
REP	Restructure Proposals	Operational restructuring of a company

RAG	Result of AGM	Notification of the result of any voting at an AGM
REG	Result of EGM	Notification of the results of any voting at an EGM
ROI	Result of Equity Issue	Notification of the result of an issue of equity shares e.g. offer for subscription/offer for sale/ rights issue
ROM	Result of Meeting	Outcome of a meeting other than an AGM or EGM
RTE	Result of Tender Offer	Notification of the result of a tender offer
DCC	Form 8 (DD) - [Insert name of offeree or offeror	Dealing disclosure by a party to an offer or person acting in concert (including for the account of discretionary investment clients)
RET	Form 8.3 – [Insert name of offeree or offeror]	Opening position disclosure/dealing disclosure by a person with interests in relevant securities representing 1% or more
SOA	Scheme of arrangement	Statement giving details of a scheme of arrangement
STR	Statement re (insert appropriate text)	Statement regarding a particular issue
STC	Statement re (insert appropriate text)	Statement by the Competition Commission regarding the outcome of its investigation of a takeover/merger
OFD	Statement re Possible Offer	Statement that a company is in discussions which may or may not lead to an offer being made
SPC	Statement re Press Comment	Statement regarding press comment
SPM	Statement re Share Price Movement	Statement regarding a movement in the price of a company's listed securities
SYR	Syndicate Results	Statement of results submitted by Lloyd's
TEN	Tender Offer	Notification of a tender offer
TVR	Total Voting Rights	Notification of a change in the total number of voting rights
TST	Trading Statement	Statement regarding a company's trading

		performance (e.g. profit warning)
POS	Transaction in Own Shares*	Notification of a transaction involving own shares, including a purchase, sale, redemption, cancellation, transfer or allotment
	Miscellaneous	Miscellaneous high priority announcements
Medium priority		
ARI	Announcement re: Rights Issue	Announcement by an issuer confirming the commencement of a Rights Issue period
LIS	Additional Listing	Notification of any addition to a company's existing share capital
AIU	Annual Information Update	Notification referring to or containing all information that has been published or has been made available to the public over the last 12 months
BRC	Base Rate Change	Announcement of a change in bank base rate
BLR	Block listing Interim Review*	Six monthly notification by a company issuing securities on a regular basis. Notification of a company's annual report & accounts
CMC	Compliance with Model Code	Statement by a closed-ended investment fund under LR 15.5.1 confirming it is satisfied that all inside information has been previously notified.
CAS	Compulsory Acquisition of Shares	Statement regarding the compulsory acquisition of shares
RDS	Director/PDMR Shareholding*	Notification of issuers, persons discharging managerial responsibilities and their connected persons in respect of transactions conducted in their own account in shares of the issuer
BOA	Directorate change	Notification of any change to a company's board e.g. appointments/resignations/changes to important functions or executive responsibilities of a director
DIV	Dividend Declaration	Declaration of a dividend issued by a company
RC	FRN Variable Rate Fix	Update of interest rate for a floating rate note
GEO	Geographical	Notification by an investment company/trust of

	Distribution	the geographical distribution of its assets
HOL	Holding(s) in Company*	Notification of major interests in shares
NAV	Net Asset Value(s)	Notification by an investment company/trust of its Net Asset Value
PFU	Portfolio Update	Periodic notification by an investment company/trust of its investment portfolio as required by Listing Rule 15.4.10R
PDI	Publication of a prospectus	Publication of a prospectus in accordance with prospectus rules
RTT	Rule 2.10 Announcement	Announcement by an offeree company at the beginning of an offer period regarding details of all relevant securities issued by the company together with the numbers of such securities in issue as required by the Takeover Panel.
TAV	Total Assets Value	Notification by an investment company/trust of its Total Asset Value
TRS	Treasury Stock	Notification of the rate of interest payable on treasury stocks
MSC	Miscellaneous	Miscellaneous medium priority announcements
Low priority		
CAN	Change of Name	Notification of a company's change of name
CIR	Circ re. [insert appropriate document title]	Notification that a document issued to holders of listed securities (including notices of meetings but excluding listing particulars, annual report and accounts, interim reports, proxy cards and dividend or interest vouchers) is available for public inspection
COS	Company Secretary Change	Notification of the appointment/resignation of a company secretary
RDN	Director Declaration	Notification of details of all directorships held by a director in any other publicly quoted company and of any details shown in Listing Rule 9.6.13R(2) to (6)
DOC	Doc re. [insert appropriate document title]	Notification that a document issued to holder of listed securities is available for public inspection

NAR	New Accounting Ref Date	Notification of a change in a company's accounting reference date
NOA	Notice of AGM	Notification of a company's annual general meeting
NOE	Notice of EGM	Notification of a company's extraordinary general meeting
NOR	Notice of Results	Notification of the date financial results will be published
ODP	Offer Document Posted	Statement that offer document has been posted to holders of a company's listed securities
MSC	Miscellaneous	Miscellaneous low priority announcements
TSM	Test Message	Message submitted to test announcement system but not published

* Headline category is associated with a standard form, which is available on the *FCA's* website.

Amend the following text as shown.

TP1 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
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<u>22</u>	<u>DTR 8</u>	<u>R</u>	<p><u>(1) This rule applies to a person who was approved by the FCA as meeting the Criteria for Regulated Information Services and was on the list of Regulated Information Services maintained by the FCA on 30 January 2014.</u></p> <p><u>(2) A person to whom this rule applies may continue to disseminate regulated information in accordance</u></p>	<u>31 January 2014 to 31 July 2013</u>	<u>31 January 2014</u>

		<p><u>with the Criteria for Regulated Information Services published on the FCA's website as at 30 January 2014.</u></p> <p><u>(3) A person to whom this rule applies may apply for approval as a primary information provider to take effect from 1 August 2014 in accordance with DTR 8.2.</u></p>		
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Annex E**Amendments to the Enforcement Guide (EG)**

In this Annex, underlining indicates new text.

18 Cancellation of approval as sponsor or primary information provider on the FCA's own initiative

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18.3 The FCA may also cancel a *primary information provider's* approval under section 89P of the Act if it considers that a *primary information provider* has failed to meet the criteria for approval as a *primary information provider* as set out in DTR 8.3.

18.4 When considering whether to cancel a *primary information provider's* approval on its own initiative, the FCA will take into account all relevant factors, including, but not limited to, the following:

- (1) the competence of the *primary information provider*;
- (2) the adequacy of the *primary information provider's* systems and controls;
- (3) the *primary information provider's* history of compliance with DTR 8;
- (4) the nature, seriousness and duration of the suspected failure of the *primary information provider* to meet (at all times) the criteria for approval as a *primary information provider* set out in DTR 8.3;
- (5) any matter which the FCA could take into account if it were considering an application for approval as a *primary information provider* made under section 89P(4)(c) of the Act.

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