

UKLA Technical Note

Compliance with the Listing Principles and Premium Listing Principles

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LR 7 and
LR 2.2.4R

The Listing Principles and Premium Listing Principles which are set out in LR 7, are a general statement of the fundamental obligations of listed companies with a premium listing of their equity. Companies with a standard listing of their equity shares must comply with the Listing Principles. Companies with a premium listing of their equity shares must, in addition, comply with the Premium Listing Principles. They were introduced to ensure adherence to the spirit as well as the letter of the various rules, including the Disclosure and Transparency Rules, comprising the listing regime.

Issuers should therefore be aware of the importance we place on complying with the Principles on an ongoing basis. As our Handbook notes, breaching a Listing Principle or Premium Listing Principle will make a listed company liable to disciplinary action by us. While cases may be brought in conjunction with action for a breach of a specific rule or rules, we are prepared to take enforcement action on the basis of the Principles alone, taking account of the standard of conduct required by the Listing Principle in question.

LR 7.2.1AR: Articles containing compulsory acquisition provisions

Compulsory acquisition or redemption powers need to be considered carefully to ensure they do not offend the principle of equality of treatment of all shareholders in LR 7.2.1AR (Premium Listing Principle 5) if they do not generally treat shareholders equally. Please see LR 2.2.4R for further details about such powers