Financial Conduct Authority



UKLA Technical Note

Third country equivalent obligations

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DTR 5.11.1R; DTR 5.11.2R; DTR 5.11.3R; DTR 5.11.4R, and DTR 5.11.5G and DTR 6 Non-EEA issuers on regulated markets, whose home Mmember Sstate is the UK, are subject to the Transparency Directive (TD) requirements unless we deem the domestic regime to be equivalent to the TD. Non-EEA issuers on prescribed markets are not subject to these requirements.

Under the TD, we may exempt non-EEA issuers from certain disclosure and transparency obligations, provided that they are subject to equivalent obligations in their country (DTR 5.11) or if the issuer complies with the requirements of the law of a non-EEA State that we consider equivalent.

If we determine that provisions in a third country are equivalent, then this will result in the following dDirective provisions being disapplied:

- Article 12(6): Notification of the acquisition of, or disposal of, major holdings; (set out in DTR 5.8.12R(2))
- Article 14: Acquisition and disposal of own shares; (set out in DTR 5.5.1R), and
- Article 15: Notification following increase or decrease in capital/or voting rights-shares (set out in DTR 5.5.1R)

When a regime is deemed equivalent, the issuer will not be expected to comply with DTR5. However, the issuer will have to comply with the requirements under DTR6, including for example:

- the filing of information;
- the language provisions;, and
- the dissemination of information provisions-

We have conducted equivalence assessments on several non-EEA jurisdictions. All other non-EEA issuers will be expected to comply with TD minimum. Further details of our approach to equivalence and a list of equivalent regimes are published on our website: (www.fca.org.uk/firms/markets/ukla/information-for-issuers/non-eea-regimes).

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