

Amendments to Main Board Listing Rules

Chapter 13

EQUITY SECURITIES

CONTINUING OBLIGATIONS

Closure of books and record date

- 13.66 (1) An issuer ~~shall publish in accordance with rule 2.07C a notice of the~~ must announce any closure of its transfer books or register of members in respect of securities listed in Hong Kong at least six business days before ~~the~~ such closure ~~in the case of for~~ a rights issue, or 10 business days before ~~the~~ such closure in other cases. In cases where there is an alteration of book closing dates, the issuer ~~must~~ shall, at least five business days before the announced closure or the new closure, whichever is earlier, notify the Exchange in writing and ~~give~~ make a further announcement ~~notice by publishing it in accordance with rule 2.07C.~~ If, however, there are exceptional circumstances (e.g. a typhoon) that render the giving of ~~the~~ such notification to the Exchange and publication of the ~~notice~~ announcement impossible, the issuer ~~must~~ shall comply with the requirements as soon as practicable. Where the issuer decides on a record date without book closure, these requirements in this rule shall apply to the record date.
- (2) An issuer must ensure that the last day for trading in the securities with entitlements falls at least one business day after the general meeting, if the entitlements require the approval of shareholders in the general meeting or are contingent on a transaction that is subject to the approval of shareholders in the general meeting. This rule shall not apply where the issuer announces the timetable of an entitlement on or before 19 June 2011.

Notes:

1. *See Practice Note 8 for emergency share registration arrangements during a typhoon and/or a black rainstorm warning.*
2. *In addition, ~~in the case of for~~ a rights issue, the issuer must provide at least two trading days (as defined in the Rules of the Exchange) for trading in the securities with entitlements (i.e. before the ex-date) after publication of the book closure. If trading on the Exchange is interrupted due to a typhoon and/or a black rainstorm warning, the book-close date will be automatically postponed, where necessary, to provide at least two trading days (during neither of which trading is interrupted) for trading of the securities with entitlements during the notice period. ~~In such~~ these circumstances the issuer must publish an announcement on the revised timetable.*

3. For the purposes of rule 13.66(2),

- the record date (when there is no book closure) or the last registration date (when there is a book closure) must be at least three business days after the general meeting; and
- if the issuer fails to publish the result of the poll conducted in the general meeting in the manner prescribed under rule 13.39(5), it must ensure there is at least one trading day for trading in the securities with entitlements after publication of the results of the poll. The issuer must publish an announcement on any revised timetable.