

"Specific Setting Method" related to the Use of Roman Alphabet Characters in Securities Codes (Proposed Revisions)

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The specific setting method for specific name codes for stocks and reserved code accompanying the use of Roman alphabet characters shall be as follows.

1. The attribute of Roman alphabet characters used shall be the capital letters.
2. The alphabet letters used shall be 19 letters from "A" to "Z", excluding "B", "E", "I", "O", "Q", "V", and "Z".¹
3. No alphabet letters shall be assigned to the first and the third characters of a stock code. (the four-character specific name code and the one-character reserved code).²
4. Alphabet letters shall be used in the codes that will be set on or after January 1, 2024.³

¹ The scope of the use of alphabet letters will be limited to prevent misreading of numbers and confusion as to index presentation.

² The digits assigned alphabet letters will be limited to prevent stock codes from embodying a specific meaning and avoid confusion with existing codes among securities code users.

³ Irrespective of the number of numerical-only codes remaining as of January 1, 2024, alphabet letters will be assigned to the codes that will be set on or after January 1, 2024.