Decision regarding the Date of Implementing the use of Roman Alphabet Characters in Securities Codes (Partial revision on 'Guideline of Setting, Change, and Deletion of Stock and Bond Codes')

To address a decrease in available specific name codes assigned to general companies (4- digit numbers from [1300] to [9999]), the Securities Identification Code Committee (SICC) announced a basic plan for the use of Roman alphabet characters in the specific name codes when the available codes run out in April 2009, and further announced a Specific Setting Method thereof in March 2010 so that users of the securities codes could take necessary measures, such as supporting the system.

Based on the recent decrease in the remaining name codes, with the purpose of facilitating the smooth implementation of the use of Roman alphabet characters in the securities codes, the SICC has partially revised the 'Guideline of Setting, Change, and Deletion of Stock and Bond Codes', which includes that the date of implementing the use of Roman alphabet characters will be 1 January 2024, regardless of whether the available codes run out. (See attached documents)

Since the codes are widely used in securities market business, which includes orders, clearing, and settlement by market users such as individual investors, we would like to ask for your cooperation in order to smoothly incorporate Roman alphabet characters, for example by supporting the systems for incorporating Roman alphabet characters, checking the business flow, and disseminating information within the company and to related parties.

(Attached documents)

-Guideline of Setting, Change, and Deletion of Stock and Bond Codes -Outline of the Use of Roman Alphabet Characters in Securities Codes (Reference)

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