

Revisions to Listing Rules, etc. related to Improving the Disclosure-in-Question Security System regarding Alerts on Unclear Information

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I. Purpose

Tokyo Stock Exchange (TSE) introduced the Disclosure-in-Question Security system in 1999 for the purpose of alerting investors when information likely to have material impact on investment decisions (hereinafter referred to as "unclear information") becomes available. However, the system involves strict criteria and is positioned as a means to ensure the effectiveness of the listing rules and regulations. As a result of the rigidity of the system, only a small number of issues have been designated as disclosure-in-question securities. As such, the system has not been able to adequately fulfill its intended purpose.

Listed companies are required to conduct disclosure on the facts in a timely and appropriate manner when unclear information becomes available, however, there have been past cases of insufficient disclosure on information deemed necessary for investment, as indicated by the Financial System Council's Working Group on Insider Trading Regulations in its recommendation in 2012 that financial instruments exchanges should consider ways to require listed companies to make more in-depth disclosure on unclear information.

While we continue to dedicate efforts toward further developing and improving disclosure practices, we also recognize the difficulties surrounding the foreseeability and timing of such information and in making preparations for an appropriate response. As such, we acknowledge that there may be cases where a certain amount of time may be required for conducting appropriate disclosure and there may be cases where only certain information can be disclosed immediately.

In light of the situation, to enable TSE to respond swiftly and flexibly in such situations by issuing alerts to investors, TSE will revise the current Disclosure-in-Question Security system to establish provisions so that it can respond appropriately by issuing alerts when on unclear information.

II. Outline

Items	Contents	Remarks
Revisions to the Disclosure-in-Question Security	- TSE shall be able to issue alerts to investors concerning listed securities or their issuers, etc. in cases where it is deemed necessary.	* To clarify that the system is aimed at informing investors, the revised rules will be specified in the Business Regulations in a way similar to trading halts.

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System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cases that are deemed necessary mean the cases described in the following a. and b.: a. Cases where information that is likely to have material impact on investment decisions becomes available, and the content of such information is unclear. b. Cases where there are circumstances regarding listed securities or their issuers, etc. deemed to require particular attention. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alerts will be made by means including notices to trading participants, announcements to the media, and releases on the TSE website. - In cases where the listed security subject to such alert is a standardized margin trading issue, where it is deemed necessary, TSE shall be able to subject such issue to daily disclosure of outstanding margin trading.

III. Implementation Date (Scheduled)

These rules and regulations will be implemented in May 2014.