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AIX Regulation Newsletter

AIX Regulation Newsletter is a regular update from AIX Regulation & Compliance office (“R&C”), which is issued from time to time to provide information and guidance for AIX Market Participants on various regulatory matters, expected standards and disciplinary action taken for breaches of AIX Group Business Rules.

About R&C

R&C operates under a self-regulatory (SRO) model to ensure the effectiveness of regulation and market integrity of AIX Markets. R&C performs front-line regulatory functions on the AIX Markets under supervision of Astana Financial Services Authority (“AFSA”) and reports on regulatory matters to AIX Board of Directors.

R&C is responsible for the monitoring the AIX Markets, developing and enforcing the AIX Group Business Rules and related procedures and facilitating effective engagement between Market Participants, R&C and AFSA.

Any dispute in relation to R&C’s regulatory rulings may be referred to the AIX Appeals Committee at secretary@aix.kz. If appeal has failed at the level of the AIX Appeals Committee, it could be referred to AFSA at <https://afsa.aifc.kz/submit-your-complaint/> and/or to the AIFC Court as the final court of appeal.

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I. Off the Order Book Transactions Reporting Obligations

By way of maintaining post-trade transparency, as specified in section 3.4.2 AMI, AIX reaches to make data on settled Off the Order Book Transactions (hereinafter “OTC”) available to its members and investors to maintain fair trade in the market. For this purpose, AIX reminds of reporting obligations among the market members on OTC transactions.

Members are obliged to report OTC transactions with change of legal owner of the security in DVP and FOP transactions including transfers within omnibus accounts that result in a change of legal owner in the form given by AIX. The reports are submitted on T+0 or T+1 basis to TradeReporting@aix.kz. The data reflected in the reports shall be sufficient and accurate and AIX is empowered to specify the information related to the price and volume of Securities indicated in OTC reports.

For further details, AIX recommends its members to be familiar with [AIX Market Notice on Reporting of Off the Order Book Transactions](#).

AIX reminds that it is entitled to apply disciplinary actions for late reporting or failure to report in accordance with [Guidance note on penalties and enforcement action](#).



II. AIX Business Rules update

As part of periodic review of the rules and received requests from the market participants, AIX introduced amendments to the AIX Business Rules with effect as of 5 September 2024.

Summary of amendments:

(1) Environmental Instruments

A new framework has been established for trading Environmental Instruments, including voluntary market for Carbon Credits and Renewable Energy Certificates (I-REC). The amendments include establishing the criteria for admission to trading, ongoing obligations, and specific procedures for trading and settlement, enabling trading of these instruments on a dedicated AIX Environmental Instrument Market (without admission to the AIX Official List).

(2) Unsponsored Listing

A new segment for Unsponsored Listings has been introduced, allowing the admission of securities to trading on AIX without the issuer's consent. This aims to increase market liquidity by allowing more securities to be traded on AIX, thus attracting a broader range of securities and investors.

(3) Exempt Funds

Following AFSA's permission to admit Exempt Funds to the Official List and trading, the listing regime for Funds has been expanded to include Exempt Funds, with prerequisite that the AFSA's written consent is needed and that such Funds must provide monthly reports to AFSA on units admitted to trading.

(4) Structured Products

In order to provide clear guidelines for the admission and valuation of Structured Products, ensuring that investors can make informed decisions based on reliable and transparent information, a new section addressing the peculiarities of the admission of Structured Products has been added.

(5) Free-Float Threshold

A free-float threshold for equities listed on AIX Markets has been reduced from 25% to 10%. By lowering the barrier for entry of equity issuers, it will make it easier to list on AIX, and align with recent FCA's adjustments, thereby improving market accessibility and liquidity.

(6) Other amendments

Enhancement of the existing chapters of AIX Business Rules (clarifications and alignment with the best industry practice), inter alia:

- Share Buyback: introducing a dynamic price reference for share buybacks, linking the reference to the last trade date rather than the start of the buyback program.
- Connected Person's Report: clarifying that natural persons are not required to disclose their personal data (residential address) and non-PDMR connected persons are not required to disclose the equity transaction price.
- Mining Company's Ongoing Disclosure: clarifying that mining companies should comply with additional disclosure requirements set out in the AIX Mining Company Rules, regardless of their market segment.
- Expert's Reports: revising the definition of a "Competent Person" to ensure it is universally applicable to various industries beyond mining, such as the oil and gas industry, and potentially other sectors requiring expert reports.
- Open-Method Public Trades: defining "open-method public trades" for the purpose of the KZ taxation and compliance with NBK's prudential requirements.

The full text of the AIX Business Rules (as amended and restated) is available in section "Rules & Regulations" on AIX website: <https://aix.kz/about-aix/rules-regulations/>.

III. AIX Green Equity Principles and Guidelines

In furtherance of AIX MLR 1.7, AIX introduced the voluntary Green Equity Principles and Guidelines ("**Guidance**") with effect from 21 October 2024.

This Guidance is designed for both AIX-listed and prospective issuers seeking to obtain the World Federation of Exchanges (WFE) Green Equity Classification. The Guidance outlines the criteria issuers must meet to classify their equities as "green," including generating more than 50% of annual revenues from green activities or allocating over 50% of investments to green projects.

While this Guidance is not mandatory and does not impose additional listing standards, it provides issuers with the opportunity to increase visibility among investors interested in environmentally positive contributions. The Guidance also includes details on the application process, external review requirements, and annual renewal procedures.

The AIX Green Equity Principles and Guidelines is available in section "Rules & Regulations" - "AIX Guidance for Issuers" on AIX website: <https://aix.kz/about-aix/rules-regulations/>.

IV. Guide to continuing obligations update

The Guide to continuing obligations of Companies admitted to the AIX Official List ("**Guide to continuing obligations**") was updated to reflect the latest amendments to AIX Business Rules accordingly.

The full text of the Guide to continuing obligations (as updated) is available in section "Rules & Regulations" - "AIX Guidance for Issuers" on AIX website: <https://aix.kz/about-aix/rules-regulations/>.

V. Corporate Actions

In accordance with Rule MR5 of the AIX Business Rules, all Participants are responsible for maintaining the integrity and transparency of the AIX Market. AIX CSD reminds Participants that ultimate security holders must be properly informed by Nominees regarding Issuers' Corporate Actions to make informed investment decisions and exercise their rights.

AIX CSD disseminates Corporate Action notifications to its Participants as per Rule 4.4 of the AIX CSD Rules, and it is expected that these notifications are promptly relayed to ultimate security holders. This ensures investors can exercise their rights, including shareholders' voting rights via proxy voting procedures.

AIX Regulation urges all Participants to review their internal communication procedures, with Clients regarding Corporate Actions initiated by AIX Issuers and to take appropriate action.