

Additional Rules for the Listing of Exchange Traded Products

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I Purpose and scope

Art. 1 Purpose

- ¹ These Additional Rules determine which information must be provided to permit investors to evaluate the characteristics of Exchange Traded Products (ETPs) and to assess the quality of their issuers.
- ² They also lay down the additional disclosures that issuers must make in the context of their obligations concerning the maintenance of listing for as long as their products are listed, to ensure fair and proper trading on the exchange.

Art. 2 Reference to the LR

- ¹ Provided no regulations to the contrary, or additional regulations, are set out below, the Listing Rules (LR) and their corresponding implementing provisions apply to the listing of ETPs.
- ² The Art. 13 LR (Auditors), Art. 14 LR (Audit report), Art. 15 LR (Capital resources) and Art. 19 LR (Free float) are not applicable.

Art. 3 Scope of applicability

- ¹ These Additional Rules are applicable to all ETPs that are issued by Swiss and foreign issuers and listed on SIX Swiss Exchange Ltd ("SIX Swiss Exchange") in accordance with the provisions set out below.
- ² ETPs in the sense of these Additional Rules are classified as collateralised, non-interest-paying bearer debt securities (debentures), which
- 1. are issued as securities, and
- 2. are sold and redeemed in the same structure and denominations on a continuous basis;
- 3. replicate the price trend of an underlying instrument, either unchanged or leveraged (tracker certificate).
- ³ These Additional Rules are not applicable to Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) and Exchange Traded Structured Funds (ETSFs). Unlike ETFs and ETSFs, Exchange Traded Products are **not collective investment schemes** in the sense of the Federal Act of 23 June 2006 on Collective Investment Schemes Act (CISA). ETPs are not subject either to the approval or to the Federal Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA).
- ⁴ These Additional Rules do not apply to derivatives (certificates) that are collateralised under the COSI® scheme (collateral-secured instruments).

See also:

 Federal Act of 23 June 2006 on Collective Investment Schemes (Collective Investment Schemes Act, CISA)

II Listing

A Listing requirements

1 Requirements applying to the issuer

Art. 4 Capital resources

- ¹ On the first day of trading, the issuer's reported equity capital must be at least CHF 25 million, in accordance with the financial reporting standard applied.
- ² If the issuer is the parent company of a group, the above requirement refers to consolidated reported equity capital.
- ³ Art. 11 LR (Duration) and Art. 4 para. 1 and 2 do not apply if the outstanding amount of the ETPs is collateralised exclusively in accordance with Point 1 of Art. 14 para. 1 or if, instead of the issuer, a third party that fulfils those requirements (guarantor) provides a guarantee commitment in respect of the obligations associated with the ETPs.
- ⁴ Where, according to para. 1 Art. 11 LR (Duration) is not applicable, the issuer must only have produced the available annual financial statements pursuant to the accounting standard that applies to it.

See also:

- Directive Guarantee Commitments (DGC)
- Directive Financial Reporting (DFR)

Art. 5 Place of jurisdiction

- ¹ Investors must be able to take their case before a state court to assert their rights against those involved in the structure of the ETP (e.g. the issuer, the custodian of the collateral).
- ² In choosing the place of jurisdiction, the issuer must ensure, as at least one alternative, that the courts in the country whose legal system is applicable to the terms of the issue in question are competent to hear such cases.

2 Requirements applying to the Exchange Traded Products

Art. 6 Applicable law

- ¹ All ETPs that are subject to Swiss law are eligible for listing on SIX Swiss Exchange.
- ² ETPs that are subject to foreign law may be listed on SIX Swiss Exchange only if the foreign legal system in question is one recognised by the Regulatory Board. These recognised legal systems consist of those operating in OECD member states.
- ³ Upon application, the Regulatory Board may recognise further foreign legal systems, provided the applicant can demonstrate that the legal system in question meets international standards in respect of investor protection and transparency regulations.

Art. 7 Minimum capitalisation of issue

ETPs must have a minimum capitalisation of CHF 1 million at the time the listing application is submitted.

Art. 8 Underlying instruments

¹ Listing is restricted to ETPs that relate to an underlying instrument that is admitted by the Regulatory Board under the terms of Art. 9–Art. 13, that have a price that is set regularly, and that are publicly accessible.

² The Regulatory Board may permit further underlying instruments.

Art. 9 Equity securities, bonds and collective investment schemes as underlying instruments

¹ Equity securities such as shares, participation certificates and profit-sharing certificates that are listed or admitted to trading on SIX Swiss Exchange or on a foreign securities exchange with equivalent regulation are permitted as underlying instruments for ETPs. Furthermore, bonds and collective investment schemes that are listed on SIX Swiss Exchange or on a foreign securities exchange with equivalent regulation are also permitted as underlying instruments. Such collective investment schemes must nonetheless fulfil the conditions laid down in CISA and its implementing provisions.

² Foreign securities exchanges recognised as having equivalent regulation are those that hold full membership of the Federation of European Securities Exchanges (FESE) or the World Federation of Exchanges (WFE). Further exchanges may be recognised in a ruling as having equivalent regulation. The Regulatory Board may demand that the issuer provides evidence of equivalent regulation.

See also:

- Federal Act of 23 June 2006 on Collective Investment Schemes (Collective Investment Schemes Act, CISA)
- Website of the Federation of European Securities Exchanges
- Website of the World Federation of Exchanges

Art. 10 Derivatives and futures as underlying instruments

¹ All derivatives that are listed or admitted to trading on SIX Swiss Exchange are permitted as underlying instruments for ETPs.

² Standardised options and futures contracts which are traded on an exchange with equivalent regulation are also permitted. Further exchanges may be recognised upon request. The Regulatory Board may demand that the issuer provides evidence of equivalent regulation.

Art. 11 Indices as underlying instruments

Indices are permitted as underlying instruments for ETPs, provided the issuer ensures compliance with both of the following requirements:

- 1. the index is composed of permitted underlying instruments, as defined in these Additional Rules;
- 2. the index sponsor has issued index regulations that can be viewed, free of charge, on the internet. The issuer must provide interested investors with these index regulations free of charge upon request, without demanding any proof of interest;
- 3. the level of the index is published openly and free of charge on the internet at regular intervals, but at least once a month. The issuer must disclose the last published index level to interested investors free of charge upon request, without demanding any proof of interest.

Art. 12 Foreign currencies, reference rates, precious metals and commodities as underlying instruments

The following reference rates are permitted as underlying instruments for ETPs:

- 1. freely convertible foreign currencies: the requirement that a currency must be freely convertible may be waived provided that redemptions in currencies that are not freely convertible are prohibited;
- 2. standard market interest and swap rates, such as the 3-month Libor or Euribor. This excludes rates fixed unofficially (e.g. in an agreement between two parties);
- 3. precious metals, specifically gold, silver, platinum and palladium;
- 4. commodities that are traded on a Regulatory Board-recognised exchange and for which spot prices are published.

Art. 13 Baskets as underlying instruments

Baskets composed of the underlyings listed in Art. 9–Art. 12 are permitted as underlying instruments for ETPs.

Art. 14 Collateralisation

- ¹ ETPs are collateralised as follows:
- 1. by presenting the underlying instrument for deposit either physically or in the form of a futures contract; or
- 2. by means of liquid equities, participation certificates, profit-sharing certificates, collective investment schemes, bonds or commodities that are listed or admitted to trading on SIX Swiss Exchange or a foreign exchange with equivalent regulation; or
- 3. by means of cash balances or precious metals.
- ² The collateral must cover at least the outstanding amount of the ETP.

B Obligations with respect to listing

Art. 15 Prospectus in accordance with the Federal Financial Services Act dated 15 June 2018 ("FinSA")

¹ The issuer must provide evidence in the listing application that it has a prospectus that has been approved by a Prospectus Office in accordance with the FinSA or that is deemed to be approved in accordance with the FinSA. SIX Exchange Regulation can exempt the issuer from providing this proof, in so far as this information can be obtained from the competent Prospectus Office in an automated way and in electronic form.

² In the event that the issuer, in accordance with the FinSA, is exempt from the preparation of a prospectus, this must be explained in the listing application.

Art. 16 Form of the listing prospectus (cancelled)

(cancelled)

Art. 17 Incorporation by reference (cancelled)

(cancelled)

³ The assets that serve as collateral will be held in safekeeping by a third party that is independent of the issuer but appointed by it.

Art. 18 Fulfilment by the guarantor

Both the issuer and the guarantor must fulfil all of the obligations incumbent upon them.

Art. 19 Market making

- ¹ The issuer must make an undertaking to the Exchange to ensure that a market exists for the ETPs in question (market maker).
- ² The Exchange may issue implementing provisions with regard to market making.

III Conditions for maintaining listing

Art. 20 Periodic reporting

- ¹ Art. 50 LR (Interim financial reporting) is not applicable to listings under these Additional Rules.
- ² The total of the fees collected in a given business year, expressed as a percentage of net asset value (NAV), must be notified to the market in the form of an "Official Notice" at the same time as the annual business report is published. The Regulatory Board may issue regulations concerning the calculation of net asset value (NAV).

Art. 21 Further duties to inform, facts subject to the reporting obligation

- ¹ Art. 52 LR (Corporate calendar) is not applicable to listings under these Additional Rules.
- ² As part of the maintenance of listing, issuers are under regular reporting obligations. The Annex states which report must be submitted by which deadline and in which form, the requirements placed on the report contents and the form in which a report may be published by SIX Exchange Regulation AG ("SIX Exchange Regulation").

Art. 22 Form of the reports

- ¹ For some reporting obligations SIX Exchange Regulation may make standardised forms or entry screens available that support issuers in the fulfilment of their reporting obligations.
- ² Each report must clearly reflect which issuer and securities are involved, as well as the name of the person who has submitted the report (the responsible individual, including telephone number and e-mail address in case any further information is required). In addition, it must be clearly evident which reportable fact is being addressed (indication of the corresponding Point as per Annex).

See also:

Reporting obligations forms

Art. 23 Publication in accordance with terms and conditions

If a reportable fact is to be published in the sense of a "Publication in accordance with conditions", then the details of the publication are based on the terms and conditions as disclosed in the given prospectus in accordance with the FinSA.

Art. 24 Official Notices

¹ If the dissemination of a reportable fact is to be made via an "Official Notice", then the issuer is obliged to forward to SIX Exchange Regulation the text of the "Official Notice" electronically at the earliest possible date, but no later than 11.00 a.m. Central European time (CET) on the exchange day immediately prior

to the desired date of publication if no differing regulation applies. An "Official Notice" is no substitute for any mandatory publication of an ad-hoc notice.

- ² Prior notification by telephone is requested in urgent cases. In addition, SIX Exchange Regulation is to be notified of the desired publication date.
- ³ SIX Exchange Regulation can provide other ways for the generation and the dispatch of "Official Notices" (e.g. via Web-based applications).
- ⁴ For reasons related to SIX Exchange Regulation publication media, "Official Notices" are to be submitted as text documents without formatting (i.e. as Notepad documents or similar).
- ⁵ SIX Swiss Exchange will make no changes to the content of the "Official Notices" it disseminates on a broader scale. The issuer bears full responsibility for the content of such announcements.
- ⁶ The "Official Notices" are published via:
- The "Newsboard" of the SIX Swiss Exchange Trading System (for Exchange participants);
- E-mail messages to interested circles of recipients;
- on the internet at (www.six-group.com/en/products-services/the-swiss-stock-exchange.html and www.ser-ag.com/en/home.html) under "Official Notices".

Art. 25 Publication and distribution of the notice by SIX Exchange Regulation

- ¹ SIX Exchange Regulation may process the data submitted by issuers, as well as publish and further disseminate such data via the Internet and other suitable media.
- ² Information which, at the time of its transmission to SIX Exchange Regulation, is still to be treated confidentially or the publication of which is to be deferred, must be clearly and obviously designated as such ("Confidential"/"Publication only after consultation", or similar). In addition, the date and time must be specified as of which the information may be published. SIX Exchange Regulation cannot otherwise guarantee the confidential treatment of the information.

Art. 26 Fulfilment by the guarantor

The conditions for maintaining listing must be fulfilled by both the issuer and the guarantor.

IV Exemptions

Art. 27 Grant of exemptions

The Regulatory Board may approve exemptions from the individual provisions of these Additional Rules and the implementing provisions to the Listing and Additional Rules.

V Termination of listing

Art. 28 Termination of listing

Listing will be terminated ordinarily by SIX Swiss Exchange without prior notice when the ETP expires.

VI Fees

Art. 29 Reference to the LR

The fee regime is based on Art. 63 LR.

See also:

- List of Charges under the Listing Rules
- List of Charges RegBod (LocRB)

VII Concluding provisions

Art. 30 Amendments to the Listing Rules (cancelled)

(cancelled)

Art. 31 Amendments to Directives (cancelled)

(cancelled)

Art. 32 Amendments to the List of Charges (cancelled)

(cancelled)

Art. 33 Entry into force

These Additional Rules were approved by the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority on 7 October 2010 and enter into force on 15 October 2010.

Art. 33a Transitional provision

In accordance with Art. 116a and 116b LR, the transitional provisions apply mutatis mutandis.

Art. 34 Revision

- ¹ The revision of Art. 2 and 4 that was decreed by the Regulatory Board in its resolution of 6 May 2015 and approved by the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority on 9 June 2015 enters into force on 1 August 2015.
- ² The revision of Art. 21 and the issue of new section VI that was decreed by the Regulatory Board in its resolution of 4 April 2018 and approved by the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority on 30 April 2018 enters into force on 1 May 2018.
- ³ The revision of Art. 31(3) that was decreed by the Regulatory Board in its resolution of 14 December 2018 and approved by the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority on 25 February 2019 entered into force on 2 May 2019.
- ⁴ The revision of Art. 2, 4, 15, 18, 23, as well as the Annex, the rescission of Art. 16, 17, 30 and 31 enactment of Art. 33a that were decreed by the Regulatory Board in its resolution of 11 July 2019 and approved by the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority on 14 November 2019 enter into force on 2 January 2020.
- ⁵ The revision of the Annex that was decreed by the Regulatory Board in its resolution of 9 March 2020 and approved by the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority FINMA on 14 May 2020 enters into force on 22 June 2020.

Annex – Reporting Obligations regarding the Maintenance of Listing of Exchange Traded Products

Reporting Obligations regarding the Maintenance of Listing of Exchange Traded Products

Point	Reportable fact	Timing of report	Requirements	Manner of reporting to SIX Exchange Regulation	Manner of publication by SIX Swiss Exchange		
1	General information on the is	General information on the issuer and the guarantor					
1.01	Change of name	Within five exchange days of entry in the Commercial Regis- ter or of the change becoming legally effective	 Name old/new; web address old/new Ticker symbol old/new; security no., ISIN Date as of which exchange modification is to be made 	Official Notice via e-mail to: reporting-obligations@six- group.com	- Official Notice		
1.02	Address change of registered head office	Within five exchange days of entry in the Commercial Register or of the change becoming legally effective	Name; address; P.O. box; tel. no.Copy of extract from the Commercial Register	Official Notice via e-mail to: reporting-obligations@six- group.com	-		
1.03	Change of issuer/guarantor	Five exchange days prior to change entering into legal force	 Security no., ISIN Date of change Information on new issuer/guarantor (including an annual financial report) Information on continuation of guarantee, if applicable 	Official notice via e-mail to: listing@six-group.com	 Official Notice Publication in accordance with terms and conditions 		

Point	Reportable fact	Timing of report	Requirements	Manner of reporting to SIX Exchange Regulation	Manner of publication by SIX Swiss Exchange
1.04	Change of auditors	Within five trading days following entry in the Commercial Register	 Name; country of domicile; register number from the Audit Oversight Authority Reasons why previous auditors were replaced (incl. comments on whether the resignation was announced by the auditors or whether any unresolved differences of opinion between issuer and auditor exist) Copy of extract from the Commercial Register 	Official Notice via e-mail to: reporting-obligations@six- group.com	- Official Notice
1.05	Change of accounting stand- ard	Within five trading days follow- ing the publication of the annu- al report	Pursuant to Art. 7 Directive Financial Reporting	Official Notice via e-mail to: reporting-obligations@six- group.com	- Official Notice
1.06	Change of auditing standard	Within five trading days follow- ing the publication of the annu- al report		Official Notice via e-mail to: reporting-obligations@six-group.com	- Official Notice
1.07	and fees collected	ments Upon publication, at latest with- in deadlines as stipulated by Art. 10 Directive Financial Re- porting	Annual financial statements in electronic form as pdf file	Via e-mail: reporting-obligations@six- group.com	-
			 Path to the published annual and interim financial reports pursuant to Art. 13 Directive Financial Re- porting 	Via e-mail: reporting-obligations@six- group.com	-
			Details of fees collected, pursuant to Art. IIIArt. 202 para. 2	Official notice via e-mail to: listing@six-group.com	– Official Notice

Point	Reportable fact	Timing of report	Requirements	Manner of reporting to SIX Exchange Regulation	Manner of publication by SIX Swiss Exchange	
1.08	Change of contact person (VRP, CEO, CFO, Head of Investor Relations), if the issuer is organised under company law	As appropriate	Last name; first name; addressDirect tel. no.Direct e-mail addressTeam e-mail address	Form: "Reporting contacts"	-	
1.09	Change of contact person for the publication of price- sensitive information, provid- ed the Directive on Ad Hoc Publicity (DAH) applies to the issuer	As appropriate	 Last name; first name; address Direct tel. no. Direct e-mail address Team e-mail address 	Form: "Reporting contacts"	-	
1.10	Changes of contact persons for reporting obligations	As appropriate	Last name; first name; addressDirect tel. no.Direct e-mail addressTeam e-mail address	Form: "Reporting contacts"	-	
1.11	Change of the link for registering with the e-mail distribution service (subscription) according to Art. 8 Directive Ad hoc Publicity (push system)	As appropriate	New link	Via e-mail: reporting-obligations@six- group.com	-	
1.12	Change of the path to the directory containing ad hoc notices in accordance with Art. 9 Directive Ad hoc Publicity (pull system)	As appropriate	New link	Via e-mail: reporting-obligations@six- group.com	-	
2	General details of those parties involved in the ETP structure					

Point	Reportable fact	Timing of report	Requirements	Manner of reporting to SIX Exchange Regulation	Manner of publication by SIX Swiss Exchange
2.01	Change of name	Within five exchange days of entry in the Commercial Register or of the change becoming legally effective	Name old/new; web address old/newTicker symbol; security no., ISIN	Official notice via e-mail to: listing@six-group.com	- Official Notice
2.02	Address change of registered head office	Within five exchange days of entry in the Commercial Register or of the change becoming legally effective	Name; address; P.O. box; tel. no.Copy of extract from the Commercial Register	Official notice via e-mail to: listing@six-group.com	-
2.03	Loss of required permit granted by relevant supervisory authority (where granted at all)	Immediately following notification of decision by supervisory authority	Copies of formal decision by su- pervisory authority	Official notice via e-mail to: listing@six-group.com	- Official Notice
2.04	Change of one party involved in the structure	Five exchange days prior to change entering into legal force	 Security no., ISIN Information on new participant (including annual financial report) Details of the continuation of collateral (where change of custodian) 	Official notice via e-mail to: listing@six-group.com	Official NoticePublication in accordance with terms and conditions
3	Information on the securities				
3.01	Adjustments to the terms of the securities, e.g. with regard to corporate actions affecting the underlying	Immediately	 Security no., ISIN Security no., ISIN of underlying instrument Terms and conditions old/new (weighting, basket composition, etc.) 	Official notice via e-mail to: listing@six-group.com	 Official Notice Publication in accordance with terms and conditions

Point	Reportable fact	Timing of report	Requirements	Manner of reporting to SIX Exchange Regulation	Manner of publication by SIX Swiss Exchange
3.02	Increase or reduction in number of securities	Annually	 Security no., ISIN Number of securities old/new Copy of the corresponding global certificate (where applicable) 	Official notice via e-mail to: listing@six-group.com	Official NoticePublication in accordance with terms and conditions
3.03	Temporary interruption or permanent cessation of regular price determination of underlying instrument (owing to trading suspensions, delisting of underlying instrument, or similar events)	Immediately	 Security no., ISIN Security no., ISIN of underlying instrument Terms and conditions old/new 	Official notice via e-mail to: listing@six-group.com	Official NoticePublication in accordance with terms and conditions
3.04	Premature termination by issuer (to the extent provided for in conditions)	According to terms and conditions	Security no., ISINSecurity no., ISIN of underlying instrumentTerms and conditions old/new	Official notice via e-mail to: listing@six-group.com	Official NoticePublication in accordance with terms and conditions
3.05	Changes regarding the issuer or one of the parties involved in the structure of the ETP which might impact on the price or valuation of that ETP (e.g. insolvency, bankruptcy or similar)	Immediately	 Security no., ISIN Security no., ISIN of underlying instrument Description of event Date; Effects 	Official notice via e-mail to: listing@six-group.com	 Official Notice Publication in accordance with terms and conditions
3.06	Changes with regard to the collateral (as per product conditions)	Immediately	Security no., ISINDescription of eventDate;Effects	Official notice via e-mail to: listing@six-group.com	Official NoticePublication in accordance with terms and conditions