



I. Important announcements [\(Chinese\)](#)

1. Regulations setting the scope of companies required to adopt electronic voting

The FSC, in accordance with the authority granted it under Article 177-1 of the Company Act as amended and issued on 4 January 2012, has studied and defined the scope of companies that are required to use electronic voting. The FSC issued on 20 February 2012. Beginning this year, the TWSE and the GTSM listed companies that have both authorized capital of NT\$10 billion or more and 10,000 or more shareholders are required to use electronic voting at shareholder meetings. As an incentive to encourage companies to use a nomination system helpful to implementing electronic voting, in cases of elections or by-elections for directors and supervisors, if the present shareholders meeting amends the articles of incorporation to adopt the nomination system, a grace period will be allowed and the company's use of electronic voting may begin from the following shareholders meeting, making it easier for companies to amend their articles of incorporation.

2. New compliance requirements in place regarding the issuance of employee restricted stock awards by public companies, and the ratio cap has been eliminated on capital amounts raised by domestic Taiwanese companies for investment in mainland China

The amended Regulations Governing the Offering and Issuance of Securities by Securities Issuers were issued on 20 February 2012. Key points of the amendments are as follows:

(1) In accordance with amendments to Article 267 of the Company Act, public companies may issue restricted stock awards to employees, and related new compliance requirements have been added:

- a. "Employee restricted stock awards" is defined in the new compliance requirements, which also provide that issuers may in fact redeem or buy back restricted stock awards in accordance with their issuance rules without regard to the provisions of Article 167, paragraph 1 of the Company Act that "a company may not, at its own discretion, redeem or buy back any of its outstanding shares."
- b. In accordance with the provisions of Article 267, paragraphs 8 and 9 of the

Company Act, and with reference to the relevant rules for issuance of employee stock warrants, rules have been added relating to the issuer's method of resolution on the issuance of employee restricted stock awards, the required filing documents, the period required to become effective, the content of issuance rules, and the related information disclosures.

- c. The compliance requirements, with reference to rules determining the exercise price of employee stock warrants, provide that the issuance prices of employee restricted stock awards are not subject to the restriction of Article 140 of the Company Act that a stock may not be issued at a price lower than par value. The requirements also provide that restricted stock awards may be granted to employees free of consideration.
- d. To prevent adverse impact on shareholder equity by the issuance of an excessive total amount in restricted stock awards to employees, and to avoid the likelihood of an overconcentration of equity among a small number of management-level employees, the compliance requirements place restrictions on the numbers of restricted stock awards granted and the numbers of employee stock warrants that may be exercised.

(2) In view of enterprises investing in the mainland area are already subject to mechanisms controlling the overall volume of investment, which are set out in the Principles for the Review of Investment or Technical Cooperation in the Mainland China Area issued by the Ministry of Economic Affairs, the ratio cap on amounts of funds raised by enterprises for investment in the mainland has been deleted.

(3) In cases where a TWSE listed, GTSM listed, or emerging stock company has not yet established a remuneration committee in accordance with regulations or the committee is not operating in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations, and the circumstances involve a material violation, or when the company has not yet listed electronic voting as one of the channels through which shareholders may exercise their voting rights, then the company's filing to raise capital, its issuance of new bonus shares, or its capital reduction plans may be rejected. These measures are established in order to realize the goal of remuneration committees established by companies in accordance with the law and functioning in accordance with related regulations as a means of enhancing corporate governance functions, and to institute an electronic shareholder voting system to encourage shareholder participation in corporate management and enhance the protection of shareholder rights and interests.

3. Amendment to the Regulations Governing the Acquisition and Disposal of Assets by Public Companies

To strengthen internal controls and corporate governance with respect to the acquisition

and disposal of assets by public companies, the Regulations Governing the Acquisition and Disposal of Assets by Public Companies were amended and issued on February 13 2012. Key points of the amendments are below:

- (1) Enhanced management of related-party transactions: In addition to the current requirement that relevant information be submitted for recognition by the board of directors and supervisors when real property is acquired from a related party, the amendments establish the same requirement in cases of the disposal of real property through a related party, regardless of the value of the property, and when other assets besides real property are acquired or disposed through a related party, when the value of those transactions meet the standards of materiality. In addition, beyond the current requirement that an outside professional opinion be obtained when the amount of a related-party transaction reaches 20 percent or more of paid-in capital or NTD300 million or more, the amendments also require an outside profession opinion when such a transaction equals 10 percent or more of the company's total assets.
- (2) Clearly establishing the times at which legally required action must be taken:
 - a. To ensure that a public company will in fact obtain a professional opinion to serve as a reasonable basis for assessing its decision prior to undertaking any material asset transaction, the amendments expressly require that such an opinion must be obtained prior to the fact.
 - b. To ensure that a public company will in fact submit the related information for passage by the board of directors and recognition by supervisors prior to a related-party transaction, the amendments expressly require that the signing of any related transaction agreement or payment of any funds may take place only after those actions have been performed.
- (3) New exception to the requirement for obtaining a professional opinion: The new amendments provide that if, after a comparison of the amount of the transaction with the relevant appraisal report, the transaction is found to be advantageous to the company, the company will be exempt from the requirement to obtain a CPA' s opinion.
- (4) Given that the nature of investment in the mainland China area is the same as other external investments, the original requirement for public announcement of any investment in the mainland area, regardless of amount, has been changed and the standards for public announcement and filing of ordinary transactions now apply.
- (5) To enhance the accuracy of publicly announced information, the new amendments provide that any change in such information after its initial announcement shall be publicly announced within two days after the occurrence of the fact.
- (6) Because the stock of foreign companies may be issued with no par value or with par

values not in units of NTD10, the new amendments provide that the original standard for determining materiality, set at 20 percent of paid-in capital, shall instead be calculated at 10 percent of shareholder equity.

4. **The official work calendar for government administrative agencies for the year 2012 is available online at the Executive Yuan's Central Personnel Administration website: [Central Personnel Administration-Work Calendar](http://web.cpa.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=8875&ctNode=319&mp=10) (<http://web.cpa.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=8875&ctNode=319&mp=10>)**

2012 Non-weekend days that securities and futures markets closed and make-up days

Date	Day	Description
January 19	Thursday	Markets closed
January 20	Friday	Markets closed
January 23	Monday	Lunar New Year Holiday
January 24	Tuesday	Lunar New Year Holiday
January 25	Wednesday	Lunar New Year Holiday
January 26	Thursday	Makeup holiday
January 27	Friday	Adjusts to holiday
February 4	Saturday	Adjusts to work
February 27	Monday	Adjusts to holiday
February 28	Tuesday	Peace Memorial Day
March 3	Saturday	Adjusts to work
April 4	Wednesday	Tomb Sweeping Day/Children's Day
October 10	Wednesday	Founder Day of the Republic of China
December 22	Saturday	Adjusts to work
December 31	Monday	Adjusts to holiday

5. **A "Summary of Indictments and Sentences for Major Securities Crimes" is available online in Chinese and English. The English information can be downloaded at : [Indicments and Sentences](http://www.sfb.gov.tw/MultiMedia_FileDownload.ashx?guid=32c99d60-9ffc-4bdc-8dc9-51acf4402376) (http://www.sfb.gov.tw/MultiMedia_FileDownload.ashx?guid=32c99d60-9ffc-4bdc-8dc9-51acf4402376)**
6. **Information on the competitiveness of Taiwan's financial industry is available online in English at: [Taiwan's International Financial Competitiveness](http://www.fsc.gov.tw/Layout/main_en/ArtHtml_Show.aspx?ID=594624e4-0911-4394-9ea6-1c0432f08aa6&path=2927) (http://www.fsc.gov.tw/Layout/main_en/ArtHtml_Show.aspx?ID=594624e4-0911-4394-9ea6-1c0432f08aa6&path=2927)**

II. Market Wrap-up

As of the end of January 2012, 790 companies were listed on the Taiwan Stock Exchange, no incremental of listed companies compared with the previous month. The total capital issued was NT\$ 6,162.53 billion, an increase of NT\$10.15 billion against the preceding month, and the market capitalization was NT\$ 20,458.18 billion, an increase of NT\$ 1,242 billion over the previous month.

As of the end of January 2012, 610 companies were listed on the GreTai Securities Market, an increase of 3 newly listed companies compared with the previous month. The total capital issued was NT\$ 733.33 billion, an increase of NT\$ 1.41 billion against the preceding month, and the market capitalization was NT\$ 1,575.84 billion, an increase of NT\$ 158.75 billion over the previous month.

In January 2012, the trading value of shares on the Taiwan Stock Exchange was NT\$ 1,352.93 billion, a decrease of NT\$ 97.83 billion over the previous month, and the trading volume was 37.48 billion shares, a decrease of 4.3 billion shares compared with the previous month.

As of the end of January 2012, the accumulated net inward remittance of foreign investors was US\$ 158.99 billion, an increase of US\$ 3.02 billion over the preceding month.

There are currently 122 securities firms, 18 futures commission merchants with exclusive futures trading business, 39 securities investment trust enterprises and 107 securities investment consulting enterprises.

III. Measures related to futures trading, please refer to the website of Taiwan Futures Exchange (http://www.taifex.com.tw/eng/eng_home.htm)

IV. Q&A

1. Assets may be freely transferred between offshore overseas Chinese or foreign nationals with different ID numbers

- (1) Asset transfers are allowed, subject to the principle that the ultimate beneficiary remains unchanged. Examples include:
- i. For reasons of a merger or spin-off of a fund or company, or an adjustment or change to internal organization.
 - ii. As required based on a trust agreement relationship.
 - iii. For reasons of ETF in-kind creation/redemption.
 - iv. Upon obtaining a court order or judgment.
 - v. Under an umbrella fund, the transfer by a master fund to a subfund.
 - vi. Such "other" asset transfers that do not violate off-exchange transaction rules.

- (2) A foreign investor may open multiple depository accounts in Taiwan, as long as each account bears the same investor registration number. Assets may be transferred freely between such accounts, without the need for a buy-sell process.

2. Current prepaid fund issues in Taiwan

- (1) Securities firms' requirements of prepaid fund for foreign investment customers are not compulsory under laws or regulations. They are risk control methods employed by securities firms for some of their customers to avoid the possibility of having to report customer default subsequently. In addition, small-cap securities firms fear the inability to conduct settlement on behalf of their customers, and therefore make inquiries requiring funds and securities beforehand. These measures are basically proprietary judgments and risk control measures employed by securities firms. Some foreign investors, however, view these measures as prepaid fund enforcement by law imposing on them. In addition, as the positions held by foreign investment customers are all extremely large, any report of settlement default will result in negative repercussions on their credit risk and fund allocation status. Accordingly, before they place orders, some foreign investment customers authorize or instruct the securities firm to contact the custodial institution and inquire as to whether their funds or securities positions are sufficient for settlement.
- (2) In May of 2004, Taiwan granted permission for domestic financial institutions to provide intraday credit services to help foreign investors resolve time-difference issues that previously made them unable to remit funds in a timely manner to conduct settlement.
- (3) On 4 May 2005 the Taiwan securities markets announced a settlement grace period that allows foreign investors that encounter certain circumstances such as overlapping holidays, interruption of telecommunications, or natural disasters, to file for delay settlement until 6 p.m. on the third business day after the transaction date, or to delay settlement from the deadline date on which the securities firm is required to report default to the third business day after the transaction date.
- (4) The Taiwan Stock Exchange Corporation (TWSE) also amended Article 76 of its Operating Rules on 1 August 2005, deleting the provision prohibiting investors whose settlement default case has not been resolved for at least three years from opening a trading account.
- (5) On 20 June, 13 September, and 15 November of 2006 the FSC granted permission for offshore overseas Chinese and foreign nationals to borrow funds from securities firms, securities finance enterprises, and domestic financial institutions to meet settlement needs for the purchase of exchange or OTC listed securities.
- (6) The FSC also implemented a T+2 delivery-versus-payment (DVP) settlement system on 2 February 2009.

3. Investment quotas for foreign investors

Under the Regulations Governing Investment in Securities by Overseas Chinese and Foreign Investors, foreign investors are divided into two categories: foreign institutional investors (FINIs) and foreign individual investors (FIDIs). Effective from October 20, 2008,

the investment cap of offshore FIDIs was also lifted. However, in a few specific industries foreign investors are still subject to investment ceilings under relevant acts or regulations.

4. Investment scope for offshore foreign investors

The scope of investment in Taiwan securities markets open to offshore foreign investors is as follows:

- (1) Stocks, bond conversion entitlement certificates, and Taiwan Depositary Receipts issued privately placed by listed, over-the-counter ("OTC"), or emerging-stock companies.
- (2) The beneficial interest certificates of securities investment trust fund.
- (3) Government bonds, financial bonds, ordinary corporate bonds, convertible corporate bonds, and corporate bonds with warrants.
- (4) Beneficial securities placed publicly or privately by trustee institutions, or asset-backed securities placed publicly or privately by special-purpose companies.
- (5) Call warrants and Put warrants.
- (6) Other securities approved by the competent authority for the securities industry such as call (put) warrants underwritten prior to initial listing; beneficial securities of publicly or privately placed REITs or REATs; the beneficial interest certificates of futures trust fund; stock underwritten prior to initial GTSM listing; stock underwritten for a cash capital increase; New Taiwan Dollar-denominated bonds issued in Taiwan by an international financial institution; preferred shares issued by a TWSE-listed or GTSM-listed company; securities issued by a foreign enterprise that is listed in Taiwan as a primary or secondary TWSE-listed or GTSM-listed company or registered as an emerging stock company; stock or Taiwan depositary receipts underwritten prior to the TWSE listing or GTSM listing of a foreign enterprise that is to be listed in Taiwan as a primary or secondary TWSE-listed or GTSM-listed company; or an aforesaid company's stock underwritten for a cash capital increase, or secondary issue of Taiwan depositary receipts, or foreign-denominated international bonds.

Additionally, Funds that have been duly remitted into Taiwan for the purchase of domestic securities and that have not yet been invested may be used as follows (with the total value of such use not to exceed 30 percent of the amount remitted in):

- (1) Investment in government bonds, money market instruments and money market funds, and the net amount paid on NT dollar premiums for engaging in trading of OTC equity derivatives, OTC NT dollar interest rate derivatives, and NTD premium on the option portion of convertible bond asset swaps, and on settling the price difference of swaps.
- (2) Investments in money market instruments, limited to bills and negotiable certificates of deposit within 90 days of expiration.
- (3) OTC New Taiwan Dollar interest rate derivatives include New Taiwan Dollar forward rate agreements, interest rate swaps, and interest rate options; OTC equity derivatives include options and equity swaps involving Taiwan or foreign equities and denominated in New Taiwan Dollars or foreign currency; OTC structured instruments include products linked to domestic or foreign equity and interest rates, and denominated in either New Taiwan Dollars or foreign currency.

5. Requirements over the outward remittance of investment principal, capital gains and other investment gains by foreign investors.

- (1) After receiving permission to invest in Taiwan, foreign investors may apply to remit investment capital and investment earnings out of the ROC. However, outward remittances of capital gains and stock dividends may be made from realized earnings only.
- (2) Applications for foreign exchange remittance for investment capital and earnings shall be handled in accordance with the Act for the Regulation of Foreign Exchange (under the purview of the Central Bank).
- (3) When a foreign investor intends to repatriate investment earnings, the investor's agent or representative shall submit documents evidencing the filing of a tax return and payment of taxes by an agent/representative approved by the tax authorities and carry out exchange settlement in accordance with the Act for the Regulation of Foreign Exchange; however, during a period when assessment of ROC income tax on capital gains from securities transactions is suspended, the agent or representative may submit a tax clearance certificate from the tax authorities and carry out exchange settlement in accordance with the Act for the Regulation of Foreign Exchange.
- (4) A foreign investor that borrows funds in New Taiwan Dollars from a domestic financial institution under the restriction that the funds be used only to pay for domestic securities settlement may not apply for foreign exchange settlement of the funds.

6. Do the overseas employees of a company lists on TWSE, Gre Tai Securities Market or emerging-stock need to make an application to a certain agency in order to sell bonus shares? When making an outward remittance after the sale of bonus shares, what documents should they submit to the bank for verification?

- (1) No application to the Securities and Futures Bureau or the MOEA Investment Commission is necessary in regard to bonus shares for overseas employees of an exchange-listed, OTC-listed, or emerging-stock company, or sale of those shares. The employee will need to submit a photocopy of their passport and related documents to a securities firm to open an account for the sale of the shares. For exchange-listed companies, this shall be done in accordance with Article 77, paragraph 1, subparagraph 2 of the Operating Rules of the Taiwan Stock Exchange Corporation; for OTC-listed and emerging stock companies, Article 46, paragraph 1, subparagraph 2 of the GreTai Securities Market Rules Governing Securities Trading on Over-the-Counter Markets will apply.
- (2) With regard to the documents necessary for outward remittances in connection with sales of bonus shares, in accordance with Point 5, paragraph 5 of the rules issued by the Foreign Exchange Department of the Central Bank, the Directions for Banking Enterprises Assisting Customers in Declaring Foreign Exchange Receipts and Disbursements or Transactions, the employee's company must fill out a foreign exchange transaction declaration and a listing of the given shares, after which the proceeds from

the sale of shares can be remitted.

7. Exercising shareholder's rights for offshore foreign investors

- (1) The voting rights of a foreign institutional investor outside of Taiwan ("offshore foreign institutional investor") holding shares in a public company in Taiwan may be exercised as follows:
 - a. Exercise electronically or by means of a written form in accordance with Article 177-1 of the Company Act;
 - b. Exercise through appointment of a company conforming to Article 3, paragraph 2 of the Regulations Governing Handling of Stock Affairs by Public Companies;
 - c. Exercise through appointment of a domestic agent or representative to exercise voting rights at the shareholder meeting;
 - d. Exercise through an appointment by the domestic agent or representative, as authorized by the offshore foreign institutional investor, of a party other than the domestic agent or representative to exercise voting rights at the shareholder meeting.
- (2) An offshore foreign institutional investor that appoints a company as indicated in item 2 of the preceding paragraph or a person as indicated in points 3 and 4 therein to exercise voting rights at a shareholder meeting shall in each case clearly indicate in the letter of appointment its instructions regarding the exercise of voting rights on each proposal.
- (3) An offshore foreign institutional investor may not give a proxy form issued by the public company to a proxy solicitor or proxy agent.

8. Restrictions on investment of money market instruments for offshore foreign investors

The liberalization of Taiwan's securities market for offshore foreign investors is primarily oriented toward drawing investment into securities on the centralized exchange market. Investing in money market instruments is mainly for short-term cash management needs. The cap of 30 percent should be sufficient for this purpose. Therefore, currently there are no plans to raise the ceiling.

9. Disclosure of the investment positions of foreign investors

The FSC does not disclose investment information of individual foreign investors, but foreign investors are nevertheless obligated to comply with reporting requirements.

10. Lock-in period of stocks

The trading of stocks held by foreign investors is not subject to a "lock-in period".

11. Off-exchange transactions

- (1) Article 150 of the Securities and Exchange Act provides that trading of listed securities shall be conducted on a centralized securities trading market operated by a stock exchange. However, paragraph 4 of the same Article empowers the Competent Authority to make provisions for permitting off-exchange transactions in certain

situations. For example, a foreign investor who has received approval from the Investment Commission of the Ministry of Economic Affairs under the Act Governing Investment by Foreign Nationals to transfer assets to another foreign investor may do so through off-exchange trading. Many foreign investors have invested in Taiwan stocks through such off-exchange channels over the years.

- (2) Under current law, securities listed on the GreTai Securities Market (GTSM) can be traded off-market. But, in those cases of securities for which the relevant authorities have duly set a foreign investment ceiling in accordance with law, foreign investors (who must have obtained approval or registration in accordance with the Regulations Governing Securities Investment by Overseas Chinese and Foreign Investors) are required to trade such securities through the GTSM trading system. However, only a very few OTC stocks are subject to this requirement. Most GTSM stocks can also be traded by foreign investors via price negotiation at the business places of securities firms.
- (3) After each market close, the TWSE also provides paired block trades and auction and tender offer systems in which securities prices are negotiable to satisfy various investors' demands.

12. The latest changes to block trading system in Taiwan

To simplify the management of block trading and meet the needs of investors engaging in block trading, transaction-day delivery for block trades has been eliminated. Pursuant to this cancellation, when securities firms receive block trade orders to sell securities, they should verify regulations pertaining to the principal's central depository accounts and to the suspension of block trading orders for listed securities on their ex-dividend and ex-rights dates and on the following business day. This measure will be implemented on 19 December 2011.

13. Foreign ownership restrictions

Taiwan lifted limits on total/individual foreign shareholding in public companies from 30 December 2000. Applicable acts and regulations may in a few instances limit the percentage of equity holdings by foreign nationals in companies in certain industries (such as postal industry, telecommunications, and shipment) to meet policy needs related to national interests in the economic, social, or cultural spheres. Most developed countries have similar policies, and the practice in Taiwan is in line with developed-market standards.

14. Odd-lot trading

In the past, offshore foreign investors were permitted to sell stocks in odd lots, but not to buy them. To meet the varied trading and investment demands of foreign investors, the FSC announced on 22 July 2005 that offshore foreign investors are also permitted to buy odd lots.

15.Update: FTSE reforms

In its country advisory report issued in September of 2004, the global index compiler FTSE upgraded the Taiwan and South Korea securities markets from its Provisional Watch List for Developed Markets to its Watch List for Developed Markets. The FSC therefore set up a task force in November of that same year to review the domestic securities market system and gradually implement relevant reform measures while actively publicizing those measures abroad.

To continue to attract foreign investors to invest in Taiwan, in addition to simplifying registration procedures and asset transfer methods, allowing foreign investors access to a broader range of investment vehicles, and expanding the capital raising and securities borrowing channels open to foreign investors, furthermore, with the implementation of T+2 DVP settlement, effective 2 February 2009, the block trading system has been further improved, so as to align it with international practices.

To strengthen block trading capabilities and accommodate the needs of block trade investors, the FSC made a number of adjustments to the block trading system on 14 April 2008, including measures expanding the paired trading period before market opening to 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and adjusting the tick size for block trade quotes to NT\$0.01.

Three additional changes are now further being introduced to improve the block trading system: (1) the daily price limit on block trade prices has been relaxed from 3.5 percent to 7 percent (the same as the limit for ordinary trades); (2) the threshold volume for paired trades has been reduced to the same as that for non-paired trades; and (3) sale of securities obtained on loan through the securities borrowing and lending system will be permitted in block trading. The sale of borrowed securities in block trading was allowed beginning from 28 July 2008, while the other two measures were implemented from 12 May 2008.

In addition, beginning on 12 January 2009, trading hours for non-paired block trades were adjusted to 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and trading hours for paired block trades were adjusted to 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. These adjustments were designed to provide investors with extra trading time and avoid the loss of trading time due to non-continuous trading hours, while allowing more investors to conduct share transfers by means of block trades.

The FSC has approved the following measures as proposed by the TWSE:

(1) Securities borrowing and lending (SBL) transaction restrictions eased.

The Taiwan Securities Association has been given approval to adopt a securities borrowing agreement template drafted with reference to international trading practice and securities acts and regulations, without being required to further file the template with the FSC for approval and recordation.

(2) Mechanism for free transfer of assets

Asset transfers are freely permitted provided they do not violate off-exchange transaction regulations. Also, the requirement to have relevant documents notarized has been canceled.

16.Agencies designated to accept and process individual investment cases in which an

overseas Chinese or foreign national acquires 10 percent or more of the equity in an exchange-listed, OTC-listed, or emerging stock company

As restrictions on fund transfer amounts no longer exist for overseas Chinese or foreign national investing in exchange-listed, OTC-listed, or emerging stock companies, a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Securities and Futures Bureau and the Investment Commission of the Ministry of Economic Affairs abolish, beginning 1 April 2008, the existing requirement that an application be submitted to the Investment Commission for any single case of an overseas Chinese or foreign national making an investment of US\$50 million or more in such a company. Instead, after that date, an overseas Chinese or foreign national acquiring 10 percent or more of the equity rights of such a company will be required to submit an application to the Investment Commission, respective science park administration, or the Export Processing Zone Administration of the Ministry of Economic Affairs.

17. Are offshore overseas Chinese and foreign nationals permitted to engage in bond reverse repo (resell; RS) trades?

Bond reverse repo (resell; RS) trades involve using bonds as collateral for financing. This does not comply with Article 21, subparagraph 3 of the Regulations Governing Investment in Securities by Overseas Chinese and Foreign Nationals, which prohibits the provision of collateral by an offshore overseas Chinese or foreign national investing in domestic securities with inwardly remitted collateral. RS trading also does not fall within the permitted scope of use for inwardly remitted funds by offshore overseas Chinese and foreign nationals under Article 4, paragraph 2 of those Regulations.

18. Who is exempt from issuing a declaration to the effect that their capital is not from the mainland area?

A foreign institutional investor who is a fund management company is not required to issue a declaration stating that its capital is not from the mainland area. However, a non-fund type foreign investor must still declare on the registration form that their inwardly remitted funds for securities investments or futures trading do not come from the mainland area when registering with the Taiwan Stock Exchange Corporation (TWSE).

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重要公告

一、訂定應採電子投票之公司範圍

金管會依 101 年 1 月 4 日修正發布之公司法第 177 條之 1 授權，規範應採電子投票之公司範圍，於 101 年 2 月 20 日發布自今年起，公司規模達資本額 100 億元以上及股東人數同時達 1 萬人以上之上市（櫃）公司，召開股東會應採電子投票。另為鼓勵公司採提名制以利電子投票推行，對於今年股東會有董事監察人改選或補選且該次股東會修正章程採提名制之公司，給予緩衝期，得自下次股東會起始採用電子投票，以利其修正章程採提名制。

二、增訂公開發行公司得發行限制員工權利新股應遵行事項並刪除企業募集資金赴大陸投資金額比例上限規定

101 年 2 月 20 日發布修正「發行人募集與發行有價證券處理準則」，修正重點摘要如下：

(一)配合公司法第 267 條之修正，公開發行公司得發行限制員工權利新股，增訂相關應遵行事項：

1. 定義限制員工權利新股，並明定發行人得依發行辦法之約定收回或收買已發行之限制員工權利新股，不受公司法第 167 條第 1 項關於公司不得自將股份收回或收買規定之限制。
2. 依公司法第 267 條第 8 項及第 9 項規定暨參照發行員工認股權憑證相關規範，增訂發行人發行限制員工權利新股之決議方式、申報書件及生效期間、發行辦法應記載事項及資訊公開相關規範。
3. 參照發行員工認股權憑證認股價格之規範，明定限制員工權利新股之發行價格不受公司法第 140 條關於股票發行價格不得低於票面金額規定之限制，另明定得無償配發限制員工權利新股予員工。
4. 為防止限制員工權利新股發行總額過高，影響股東權益，及避免股權有集中於少數經營階層之虞，爰針對發行限制員工權利新股及員工認股權憑證可認股數進行限制。

- (二)鑒於現行企業赴大陸投資已於經濟部發布之「在大陸地區從事投資或技術合作審查原則」訂有相關總量管控機制，爰刪除關於企業募集資金赴大陸投資金額比例上限規定。
- (三)為落實公司依法設置薪資報酬委員會，並依相關規定辦理，以強化公司治理職能，暨為落實電子投票制度，鼓勵股東參與公司經營，強化股東權益之保護，爰明定上市、上櫃或興櫃股票公司未依規定設置薪資報酬委員會或未依相關法令規定辦理，情節重大者，或未依規定將電子方式列為股東會表決權行使管道之一者，為得退回其申報募資、無償配發新股及減少資本案件之情形。

三、修正「公開發行公司取得或處分資產處理準則」相關規範

為強化公開發行公司取得或處分資產之內部控制及公司治理，爰於 101 年 2 月 13 日發布修正「公開發行公司取得或處分資產處理準則」相關規範，重點如下：

- (一)強化對關係人交易之管理：除現行向關係人取得不動產外，新增向關係人處分不動產不論金額大小，及與關係人取得或處分除不動產外之其他資產且交易金額達重大性標準者，亦需將相關資料提交董事會及監察人承認；且除現行交易金額達實收資本額百分之二十或新臺幣三億元以上應取得外部專家意見外，增訂關係人交易金額達公司總資產百分之十者亦應取得外部專家意見。
- (二)明確規範行為義務應作為時點：
 1. 為使公開發行公司確實於辦理重大資產交易前取得專家意見，以作為評估決策之合理依據，爰明文規範應於事實發生日前取得前開資料。
 2. 為使公開發行公司與關係人交易前應確實將相關資料提交董事會通過及監察人承認，爰明文規定關係人交易應將相關資料提交董事會通過及監察人承認後，始得簽訂相關交易契約及支付款項。
- (三)增訂取得專家意見之除外規定：考量交易金額與估價報告相比結果，若係對公司有利，應免再洽會計師表示意見，爰增定除外規定。
- (四)鑒於赴大陸地區投資與一般對外投資性質相同，爰修正大陸地區投資原不論金額大小均須公告，改按一般交易之公告申報標準辦理。
- (五)為強化公告資訊之正確性，爰規定公告內容嗣後如有變更者，應於事實發生之日起算二日內辦理公告。
- (六)配合外國公司股票得以無面額或面額非新臺幣十元發行，爰增訂有關原實收資本額百分之二十之重大性認定標準，以股東權益百分之十計算。

- 四、中華民國一百零一年政府行政機關辦公日曆表請參考行政院人事行政局網站：<http://www.cpa.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=8843&ctNode=765&mp=1>
彙整一百零一年非週六、日之證券期貨市場休市日及補行上班日如下：

日期	星期	說明
一月十九日	四	休市
一月二十日	五	休市
一月二十三日	一	春節初一
一月二十四日	二	春節初二
一月二十五日	三	春節初三
一月二十六日	四	補假
一月二十七日	五	調整放假日
二月四日	六	補行上班日
二月二十七日	一	調整放假日
二月二十八日	二	和平紀念日
三月三日	六	補行上班日
四月四日	三	清明/兒童節
十月十日	三	國慶日
十二月二十二日	六	補行上班日
十二月三十一日	一	調整放假日

五、重大證券犯罪起訴及判決情形中英文資訊請參考證券期貨局網站

(http://www.sfb.gov.tw/MultiMedia_FileDownload.ashx?guid=78ee4e8a-c247-4c7e-baf3-a6b0d1a31741)

六、有關我國金融競爭力相關資訊可參考本會金融競爭力專區網站

(http://www.fsc.gov.tw/Layout/main_en/ArtHtml_Show.aspx?ID=594624e4-0911-4394-9ea6-1c0432f08aa6&path=2927)

貳、重要指標

截至 2012 年 1 月底止，上市公司計有 790 家，較上月增加 0 家；資本額新臺幣 61,625.3 億元，較上月增加新臺幣 101.5 億元；上市市值新臺幣 204,581.8 億元，較上月增加新臺幣 12,420 億元。

上櫃公司計有 610 家，較上月增加 3 家；資本額新臺幣 7,333.3 億元，較上月增加新臺幣 14.1 億元；上櫃市值新臺幣 15,758.4 億元，較上月增加新臺幣 1,587.5 億元。

集中市場股票總成交值新臺幣 13,529.3 億元，較上月減少新臺幣 978.3 億元；成交量 374.8 億股，較上月減少 43 億股。外資總累積匯入淨額 1,589.9 億美元，較上月增加 30.2 億美元。

證券商計 122 家，專營期貨商計 18 家，投資信託公司計 39 家，投資顧問公司計 107 家。

參、交易人從事期貨交易相關措施請參考臺灣期貨交易所網站
<http://www.taifex.com.tw/chinese/home.htm>

肆、Q&A

一、不同 ID 之境外華僑及外國人得進行資產自由移轉

答：

- (一) 現行資產移轉，在不變更最終受益人原則下，得進行資產移轉，例如：
1. 因基金或公司合併、分拆，或因組織內部調整、改變
 2. 基於信託契約關係而須資產移轉
 3. 因 ETF 實物申購/買回
 4. 取得法院之命令或判決
 5. 傘型基金旗下由主基金移轉至子基金
 6. 不違反場外交易規定之「其他」資產移轉
- (二) 同一 ID 之外資得開立多元帳戶，其資產亦得自由移轉而毋需透過買賣程序。

二、目前在台灣面臨的預繳款項問題

答：

- (一) 證券商對外資客戶要求資金提前到位之情形，並非法規強制規定，係證券商對部分客戶的風險控管方式，以避免事後申報客戶違約，且部分證券商資本較小恐無能力代辦交割，故有事先查詢款券動作，此行為本屬證券商之自行判斷與風險控管，惟該項行為被部分外資投資人指稱我國市場對外資要求資金提前到位之情形。另因外資客戶所持有之部位均非常龐大，若申報其違約交割將使其蒙受信用風險及資金調度困擾等效應，致有部分外資客戶會授權或指示證券商於下單前洽保管機構查詢款券部位是否足敷交割之服務。
- (二) 我國已於 2004 年 5 月份開放國內金融機構得對外國投資人辦理「日中墊款」，以協助解決外國投資人因為時差原因，而未能及時匯入資金進行交割之問題。
- (三) 我國證券市場於 2005 年 5 月 4 日公布「遲延交割」方案，允許外資投資人若遇特定情況如假日交錯、電信中斷、天然災害，得申報遲延交割至成交日後第三營業日下午六時；或證券商申報違約之最後期限延後為成交日後第三營業日。
- (四) 臺灣證券交易所另於 94 年 8 月 1 日修正該公司「營業細則」第 76 條，廢止投資人違約交割已結案未滿 3 年不得開戶買賣之規定。
- (五) 金管會分別於 95 年 6 月 20 日、9 月 13 日及 11 月 15 日開放境外華僑及外國人得因購買上市、櫃有價證券交割需求，向證券商、證券金融事業及國內金融機構

辦理資金融通。

(六) 金管會業自 98 年 2 月 2 日起開始實施 T+2 款券同步交割 (DVP) 制度。

三、 外資申請投資證券之限額及持股比例

答：依「華僑及外國人投資證券管理辦法」，外國投資人將區分為境外自然人及境外機構投資人二類。金管會已於 97 年 10 月 20 日公告取消境外華僑及外國自然人投資國內證券之限額規定。至外資持股比例限制，目前僅少數特定產業依法律規定仍然對外資持股有上限限制。

四、 外資之投資範圍

答：外資投資台灣證券市場之投資範圍以下列為限：

- (一) 上市、上櫃公司及興櫃股票公司發行或私募之股票、債券換股權利證書及台灣存託憑證。
- (二) 證券投資信託基金受益憑證。
- (三) 政府債券、金融債券、普通公司債、轉換公司債及附認股權公司債。
- (四) 受託機構公開招募或私募受益證券、特殊目的公司公開招募或私募資產基礎證券。
- (五) 認購(售)權證。
- (六) 其他經證券主管機關核定之有價證券，如初次上市前承銷之認購(售)權證、公開招募或私募之不動產投資信託及資產信託受益證券、期貨信託基金受益憑證、初次上市(櫃)前承銷、現金增資承銷股票、國際金融組織來台發行之新臺幣債券、上市或上櫃公司發行之特別股及外國企業來臺第一、第二上市(櫃)、興櫃公司發行之有價證券、外國企業來臺第一上市(櫃)公司及第二上市(櫃)公司上市(櫃)前承銷之股票或臺灣存託憑證，以及前揭公司現金增資承銷股票或再次發行之臺灣存託憑證、及外幣計價國際債券。

另，依規定期限內匯入資金尚未投資於國內證券之運用（總額度上限不得超過其匯入資金之百分之三十）：

1. 投資於公債、貨幣市場工具、貨幣市場基金之總額度，併計從事店頭新臺幣利率衍生性商品、店頭股權衍生性商品及轉換公司債資產交換選擇權端交易所支付之新臺幣權利金、店頭結構型商品及交換結算差價淨支付金額。
2. 投資於貨幣市場信用工具者，以距到期日九十天以內之票券為限。
3. 店頭新臺幣利率衍生性商品包括新臺幣遠期利率協定、利率交換及利率選擇權；店頭股權衍生性商品包括以新臺幣或外幣計價涉及台股股權之選擇權及股權交換，暨以新臺幣或外幣計價涉及外國股權之選擇權及股權交換；店頭結構型商品包括以新臺幣或外幣計價連結國內、外股權與利率之商品。

五、 外資之本金、資本利得及其他投資收益之匯出規定

答：

- (一) 依規定，外資經許可投資國內證券，其投資本金及投資收益，得申請結匯。外資投資國內證券所得之收益申請結匯，其資本利得及股票股利部分以已實現者為限。
- (二) 外資投資本金及收益申請結匯，應依管理外匯條例（中央銀行法規）等有關規定辦理結匯。
- (三) 外資投資收益之結匯，應檢附經稽徵機關核准委託代理申報及繳納稅捐之證明文件，依管理外匯條例等有關規定辦理結匯。惟於證券交易所所得稅停徵期間，代理人或代表人檢附該管稽徵機關出具之完稅證明，依管理外匯條例等有關規定辦理結匯。
- (四) 外資向國內金融機構辦理新臺幣借款限供支付國內有價證券交割款項之用，不得申請結匯。

六、 上市、上櫃公司及興櫃股票公司海外員工出售配股是否需向何單位申請？國外員工出售配股後匯出時應提供何文件供銀行確認？

答：

- (一) 有關上市、上櫃公司及興櫃股票公司海外員工配股及出售配股事宜，無須向證券期貨局或經濟部投審會申請；上市公司部分，依「臺灣證券交易所股份有限公司營業細則」第 77 條第 1 項第 2 款規定，上櫃公司及興櫃股票公司部分，依「財團法人中華民國證券櫃檯買賣中心證券商營業處所買賣有價證券業務規則」第 46 條第 1 項第 2 款規定，檢具本人護照影本及相關文件向證券商開戶賣出股票。
- (二) 至於售出配股匯出及應檢附文件乙節，應依據中央銀行外匯局「銀行業輔導客戶申報外匯收支或交易應注意事項」第 5 點第 5 項規定，由上開公司填報申報書及出售股票清冊後辦理匯出出售公司股票價款。

七、 外資如何行使股東權利

答：

- (一) 境外外國機構投資人持有公開發行公司之股份者，其表決權之行使方式如下：
 1. 依公司法第 177 條之 1 規定以書面或電子方式行使；
 2. 指派符合「公開發行股票公司股務處理準則」第 3 條第 2 項規定條件之公司行使之；
 3. 指派國內代理人或代表人出席行使之；
 4. 由指定之國內代理人或代表人依境外外國機構投資人之授權，指派國內代理人

或代表人以外之人出席行使之。

- (二) 境外外國機構投資人指派符合前項 2 之公司或 3、4 之人員出席股東會，均應於指派書上就各項議案行使表決權之指示予以明確載明。
- (三) 境外外國機構投資人不得將公司印發之委託書交付徵求人或受託代理人。

八、 外資投資貨幣市場工具之限制

答：政府開放外資投資國內證券市場是希望外資以投資集中交易市場證券為主，投資於短期貨幣市場工具為短期資金調度需要（詳見第二題）。30%上限投資於短期貨幣市場工具應足以因應資金調度需要，故目前暫無提高 30% 上限的計畫。

九、 外資投資資料之揭露

答：個別外資投資之資料，係屬投資人之投資行為，金管會不對外揭露，但外資仍有申報之義務。

十、 外資投資當地股票有無閉鎖期之限制

答：現行規定，外資投資台灣證券市場，所持有股票之買賣並無須持有一定期限之限制。

十一、 場外交易

答：

- (一) 證交法第一五〇條規定，上市有價證券之買賣，應於證券交易所開設之有價證券集中交易市場為之。但該條文第四款亦授權主管機關得規範允許場外交易之例外情況，例如經濟部投審會依外國人投資條例核准讓售予其他外國人之外資亦可採場外交易。歷年來已有多家外資藉此管道投資台股。
- (二) 依現行規定，上櫃股票可進行場外交易，但經依華僑及外國人投資證券管理辦法核准或登記之華僑及外國人，其所買賣之上櫃股票為依法經各該目的事業主管機關訂有投資比例上限者，應透過櫃檯買賣中心之交易系統買賣。惟受此規範之上櫃股票為數甚少，大部分之上櫃股票，外資亦可與證券商以議價之方式進行交易。
- (三) 目前集中交易市場收盤後，尚提供鉅額配對、拍賣、標購等交易制度，其交易價格具有相當彈性，可滿足投資人之需求

十二、 我國鉅額交易制度之近期主要調整內容

答：為簡化鉅額買賣之控管，符合鉅額買賣投資人需求，取消鉅額交易成交日交割期，並配合刪除證券商受託以鉅額買賣申報賣出有價證券時，應檢核委託人之集保帳戶之規定，及上市證券除息或除權交易日暨次一營業日暫停鉅額交易買賣申報之限制，該措施自 100 年 12 月 19 日實施。

十三、 有關外資持股比例之限制

答：我國已於 89 年 12 月 30 日取消華僑及外國人對發行公司股票之整體暨個別投資比例限制，惟少數產業（例如郵政、電信、航運）基於民生、經濟、社會及文化政策考量，依其主管機關之法令仍存在對外資投資之比例限制。鑒於其他已開發國家亦有基於類似考量及政策需求，設定類似之限制，我國情形應符合已開發市場國家之標準。

十四、 零股交易

答：過去境外華僑及外國人僅得賣出、不得買入零股，為滿足外資各種交易及投資需求，本會已於 2005 年 7 月 22 日發函開放境外華僑及外國人得買賣零股股票。

十五、 推動富時專案情形

答：國際知名指數編製機構英國富時指數有限公司（FTSE）於 2004 年 9 月發布之「國家諮詢報告」，宣布將我國及南韓之證券市場由「已開發市場臨時觀察名單」提昇至「已開發市場觀察名單」，是以金管會於 2004 年 11 月組成專案小組，除就制度面進行檢討並陸續開放相關措施外，積極對外界進行宣導。

為持續吸引外資來台投資，金管會除簡化外資登記流程及資產移轉方式、放寬外資投資標的、及增加外資籌資及借券管道外，已進一步改善鉅額交易制度及於 98 年 2 月 2 日實施 T+2 日 DVP，俾與國際接軌。

為強化鉅額買賣功能，符合鉅額買賣投資人需求，金管會於 97 年 4 月 14 日實施調整鉅額交易制度，包括增加開盤前配對交易時間為上午 8:00 至 8:30 及調整鉅額交易申報買賣價格升降單位為 0.01 元等措施。

為進一步強化鉅額交易功能，調整鉅額交易制度包括放寬買賣價格範圍由原來的 3.5% 調整為 7%（與目前一般交易的範圍相同）、降低配對交易最低數額標準與逐筆交易相同及開放鉅額交易得借券賣出等三項措施，除開放鉅額交易得借券賣出措施於 97 年 7 月 28 日實施外，其餘二項措施則於 97 年 5 月 12 日實施。另為增加投資人交易時間，避免因交易時間不連續，可能錯失交易時間，並為讓更多投資人可利用鉅額交易進行股權轉讓，鉅額逐筆交易時間調整為 09:00-17:00、鉅額配對交易時間調整為 08:00-08:30 及 09:00-17:00，該措施自 98 年 1 月 12 日實施。

金管會同意開放臺灣證券交易所所報下列事項

(一) 放寬借券交易限制

同意券商公會參酌國際交易實務並兼顧證券管理法令規定，訂定借券合約範本，無需再報本會核備。

(二) 資產自由移轉機制

在不違反場外交易規定下，即可適用資產移轉，並取消相關文件須公證之規定。

十六、 有關華僑及外國人投資上市（櫃）及興櫃公司單次投資取得投資事業 10%以上股權案件之受理單位

答：由於華僑及外國人投資上市（櫃）及興櫃公司已無匯款額度限制，經證券期貨局與經濟部投資審議委員會開會決議，自本（97）年 4 月 1 日起，取消現行僑外人投資上市（櫃）及興櫃公司單次投資金額達 5 千萬美元以上須向投審會提出申請之規定，改為華僑及外國人投資上市（櫃）及興櫃公司單次投資取得投資事業 10% 以上股權，須向投審會、各科學工業園區管理局或經濟部加工出口區管理處提出申請。

十七、 境外華僑及外國人可否從事債券附賣回交易（RS）

答：從事債券附賣回交易（RS）涉及以債券作為擔保融資，與「華僑及外國人投資證券管理辦法」第 21 條第 3 款，境外華僑及外國人匯入投資資金投資國內證券不得提供擔保之規定不符，亦非屬上述管理辦法第 4 條第 2 項規定，境外華僑及外國人匯入資金之運用範圍。

十八、 何者得免出具資金非來自大陸地區之聲明

答：基金型態之外國機構投資人免出具資金非來自大陸地區之聲明，至於非基金型態之外資於向臺灣證券交易所辦理登記時，仍須於登記表聲明擬匯入投資有價證券或從事期貨交易之資金非來自大陸地區。

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