



FTSE Russell Index Policy for Trading Halts and Market Closures

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Section 1

Purpose of the Guide

1.0 Purpose of the Guide

1.1 This document sets out guidance for the treatment of index changes in the event of trading halts or market closures.

FTSE Russell defines a scheduled market closure as an announced market holiday and defines an unexpected market closure as one where a market is closed due to an unplanned event, for example, extreme weather or technical issues.

FTSE Russell defines a corporate action as an action on shareholders with a prescribed ex date. The share price and indexes in which the company is included will be subject to an adjustment on the ex date. This is a mandatory event. These include the following:

- Capital Repayments
- Rights Issues/Entitlement Offers
- Stock Conversion
- Splits (sub-division) / Reverse splits (consolidation)
- Scrip issues (Capitalisation or Bonus Issue).

FTSE Russell defines a corporate event as a reaction to company news (event) that might impact the index depending on the index rules. For example, a company announces a strategic shareholder is offering to sell their shares (secondary share offer) – this could result in a free float weighting change in the index. FTSE Russell will decide whether there is an index adjustment or not and will provide notice advising of the timing of the change.



Section 2

Index Review

2.0 Index Review

2.1 Unscheduled Market Closure

2.1.1 For the following scenarios, FTSE Russell will review the scenario on a case-by-case basis, but generally the index review changes will proceed as announced:

- **Market has an unexpected partial day closure on the last trading day before index review effective date;**
- **Market has an unexpected full day closure on the last trading day before index review effective date;**
- **Market has an unexpected outage during the last trading day before an index review effective date.**

2.2 Scheduled Market Closure

2.2.1 For the following scenarios, the index review changes will proceed as announced:

- **Market has a scheduled full day closure a trading period before and/or on the index review effective date;**
- **Market has a scheduled partial day closure a trading period before and/or on the index review effective date.**



Section 3

Corporate Actions and Events

3.0 Corporate Actions and Events

3.1 Unscheduled Market Closure

- 3.1.1 For the following scenario, FTSE Russell will postpone any corporate event changes for the security until the market reopens for regular trading and implement changes with two trading days' notice:
- **Market has an unexpected full day closure on the last trading day before effective date of a security level corporate event.**
- 3.1.2 For the following scenario, FTSE Russell will review the scenario on a case-by-case basis, but will generally postpone the implementation of the security level corporate action until the market reopens for regular trading:
- **Market has an unexpected full day closure on the effective date of a security level corporate action.**
- 3.1.3 For the following scenario, FTSE Russell will review on a case-by-case basis but generally the implementation of the security level corporate event will proceed as announced
- **Market has an unexpected partial day closure on the last trading day before effective date of a security level corporate event.**



Section 4

Trading Halts

4.0 Trading Halts

4.1 Corporate Actions and Events

4.1.1 For the following scenario, FTSE Russell will postpone the implementation of the corporate event until the security resumes trading and changes will be implemented with two trading days' notice:

- **Security is suspended a trading day before a corporate event effective date.**

4.1.2 For the following scenario, FTSE Russell will postpone the implementation of the corporate action until the security resumes trading:

- **Security has a preannounced suspension on the prescribed effective date of a corporate action.**

4.1.3 For the following scenario, FTSE Russell will ascertain whether the listing exchange has adjusted the price of the security in line with the corporate action. If the price is adjusted, then the corporate action will proceed as announced. If the price is unadjusted, then the event will be postponed until the security resumes trading:

- **Security is unexpectedly suspended on the prescribed effective date of a corporate action.**

4.2 Index Reviews

4.2.1 FTSE Russell will review on a case-by-case basis, but will generally follow the below guidelines:

Securities that suspend before the index review lock-down period (and without a pre-confirmed resumption of trade date which occurs prior to the review effective date)

- Scheduled review changes are postponed. Upon resumption of trading, the review changes will be implemented after the review effective date, at the earliest (with the provision of T+5 notice).

Securities that suspend during the index review lock-down period (and without a pre-confirmed resumption of trade date which occurs prior to the review effective date)

- Securities that suspend up to and including the Tuesday prior to the review effective date will have their scheduled review changes reversed. Upon resumption of trading, the review changes will be implemented after the review effective date, at the earliest (with the provision of T+5 notice).

- For securities that suspend on the Wednesday, Thursday or Friday prior to the review effective date, the review changes will proceed as previously communicated.
- In exceptional circumstances, it may be deemed necessary to reverse the review changes when a company suspends on the Wednesday, Thursday or Friday prior to review effective date

Securities that resume trading during the index review lock-down period

- Securities that resume trading during an index review lock-down period will have their scheduled review changes implemented after the review effective date, at the earliest (with the provision of T+5 notice).

For the avoidance of doubt, this includes changes which were scheduled to be implemented at a previous index review. Example: As a result of suspension, Company A's scheduled share change for the June review was postponed. Company A resumes trading during the September lock-down period, the postponed share change will be implemented after the September review effective date.

Please note: The commencement of the index review "lock-down" period is from the Friday two weeks prior to the review effective date.

4.2.2 Russell US Indexes

Scheduled reconstitution or quarterly review changes will be implemented only when there is an active market on the Friday effective date of the reconstitution or index review; otherwise the changes will be postponed and implemented with notice upon resumption of trading.



Further Information

For further information on the FTSE Russell indexes please visit the FTSE Russell website or contact FTSE Russell client services at info@ftserussell.com.

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