

FTSE Russell Index Policy for Free Float Restrictions - Update

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Further to the notice published on [19 December 2024](#), FTSE Russell would like to inform clients of the following associated updates to the FTSE Russell Index Policy for Free Float Restrictions which will become effective from the June 2025 index review.

As a reminder, FTSE Russell free float data will be based on public filings data sourced from [LSEG Data & Analytics Ownership and Profiles Data | LSEG](#). Further details regarding filing types referenced by LSEG Data & Analytics can be found within the following link: [LSEG Ownership Filings Types.pdf](#)

As noted in the previous notice, the 10% threshold currently applied to shares held by founders, promoters, former directors, venture capital and private equity firms, private companies, individuals (including employees) and shares held by several holders acting in concert, is being removed, so that all disclosed holdings will be removed from the free float of a company, apart from a:

- 30% threshold for Single Portfolio Holdings; and a
- 10% threshold for Sovereign Wealth Funds

In other words, the current thresholds applied to Single Portfolio Holdings and Sovereign Wealth Funds are being retained.

Please note that assigned free floats will be rounded to **four decimal places** going forward, although the application of corporate events may extend to more than four decimal places to ensure appropriate implementation. The impacted ground rule documents will be updated in due course to reflect the rounding change.

The guidelines have also been updated to specify that, *US eligible companies that conduct their initial public offering via a de-SPAC transaction will only be considered for index inclusion following expiry of the longest stated lock-up. Former SPACs will be evaluated at the quarterly review following the expiry of the lock-up within the stated data cut-off window.*

The applicable ground rule documents have also been updated accordingly.

Lastly, the guidelines have also been clarified to specify that where the free float of a prospective constituent cannot be accurately determined due to unclear or insufficient information, FTSE Russell will use the most restrictive interpretation when considering index inclusion. This may result in a company being omitted from the indices if FTSE Russell is unable to confirm that the minimum free float requirement has been met or is unable to assign an accurate free float for the purposes of index calculation.

An updated copy of the FTSE Russell Index Policy for Free float restrictions (v3.0) is available using the following link: [free-float-restrictions-june-2025.pdf](#)

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