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FTSE UK Index Series: Ground Rule update

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FTSE Russell would like to announce that the FTSE UK Index Series Ground Rules have been clarified as follows:

Section 6: Screens applied to eligible securities

Rule 6.4: Investibility weightings (updates in bold)

A. Initial weighting

Constituents of the FTSE UK Index Series are adjusted for free float and foreign ownership limits (where applicable to UK investors).

To be eligible for inclusion in the FTSE UK Index Series, a security must have a minimum free float of 10% if the issuing company is UK incorporated and a minimum free float of 25% if it is non-UK incorporated.

Please note: A new security may be initially included in the FTSE UK Index Series with a free float below the above parameters (provided it is above 5%*) where the free float **calculation has restricted shares solely because they are subject to a lock-in clause of 12 months or less from their first day of trading, but that would in all other respects be considered part of a company's free float (refer to rules 5.1.2 and 5.1.3).**

For illustration purposes only: A new issue (non-UK incorporated) has a calculated free float of 19%. The restriction includes a 7% holding by a sovereign wealth fund which is subject to a 6-month lock-in. For the purposes of index eligibility, the minimum criteria are deemed to have been met as the free float rises to 26% on expiry of the lock-ins (within 12 months from first day of trading). Only sovereign wealth fund holdings of 10% or greater are restricted under FTSE Russell methodology, therefore the 7% holding is thereafter considered within the free float.

*New securities with an initial free float of 5% or below are not eligible for inclusion in the FTSE UK Index Series.

Details on free float restrictions can be accessed using the following link:

[Free_Float_Restrictions.pdf](#)

An updated copy of the FTSE UK Index Series Ground Rules (v17.0) is now available on the FTSE Russell website: [ftse-uk-index-series-ground-rules.pdf](#)

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