
Bulldog issues

Notice issued by the Bank of England on 13 March 1986.

1 The guidance notices issued by the Bank of England on 10th November 1980 and 19th July 1982 set out the basis on which issues of sterling stocks and bonds by overseas borrowers (bulldog issues) would be considered for admission to the gilt-edged market. Admission was limited to issues made in their own name by overseas central governments and by international institutions with which the UK was associated; and it was a requirement of admission that the securities should on issue be offered in their entirety for public subscription, unless the issue was £12 million or less in amount.

2 Following the announcement by The Stock Exchange that, subject to confirmation on 1st April, bulldog issues will be classified as 'Overseas Securities', the trading arrangements applying to bulldog issues will be different from those applying to gilt-edged stocks and it will therefore no longer be appropriate to treat the two on the same basis. Accordingly, the provisions referred to above for admission of bulldog issues to the gilt-edged market will lapse as from the same date.

3 In all other respects, including the arrangements for lead management, the Bank's various notices on capital market issues remain in effect. The Bank's Gilt-Edged Division stands ready to respond to questions on this and the earlier notices and to give guidance on other matters which may arise in relation to capital market issues in the UK.

Note

In the event, the Stock Exchange Council decided at its meeting on 1 April to postpone introduction of the changes referred to above. Correspondingly, the date when this notice becomes effective has also been postponed.