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**REVISIONS TO THE LOOSE-LEAF RULEBOOK  
OF THE LONDON METAL EXCHANGE**

**Release No 108**

Enclosed are replacement pages of the LME Rulebook affected by recent revisions.

Updates comprise:-

Part 7 – Replace Part 7

Details of the substantive changes are below:

19/341	DECISION NOTICE ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE LME RULEBOOK TO INTRODUCE RESPONSIBLE SOURCING REQUIREMENTS FOR LME-LISTED BRANDS
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## **PART 7: REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LISTING OF BRANDS**

### **1. Applications for Listing**

Where applicable, an application for listing a brand must be submitted on behalf of the producer through a Category 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 Member.

### **2. Guidance Notes for Listing of Brands (Quality Standards)**

Guidance Notes for listing of brands of each metal are available on the LME website or from the Executive of the Exchange. Applicants should not proceed with an application prior to reading the applicable guidance notes.

The general procedures outlined in the Guidance Notes include the following requirements:-

2.1 Except in the case of molybdenum and steel that the producer supplies a written undertaking that:

- (a) the brand to be listed will conform to the quality of the applicable Special Contract Rules for Metals and that such quality will be maintained in accordance with the lots supplied for testing purposes (see 2.2 below); and
- (b) that a producer will undertake to investigate any complaints as to the quality of the brand without time limit.

2.2 That testing of commercial quantities of the metal be undertaken by Exchange approved fabricators who will provide the Exchange with information as to metal quality, suitability and compliance with the applicable Special Contract Rules for Metals.

2.3 That a fee is paid to the Exchange for the listing of a brand.

### **3. LME Policy on Responsible Sourcing of Listed Brands**

The listing of a brand shall also be subject to the application of the LME's Policy on Responsible Sourcing of Listed Brands.

### **4. Changes to Brands, Suspension and Delisting**

- (a) Subsequent to listing any alteration or addition to the details given at the time of listing by the producer are to be notified to the Exchange. A brand may be suspended from listing or delisted at the discretion of the Directors if any such changes are not notified to the Exchange promptly or if there are changes in the information given at the time of listing which the Directors consider to be material or if the producer fails to comply with any undertaking given to the Exchange.
- (b) Brands may be listed, suspended or delisted at the discretion of the Directors, who are entitled to make such investigations into the producer as they may deem appropriate at any time before, during or after the application for listing. No listing shall become valid until particulars of the brand concerned have been posted on the Exchange for 28 days.
- (c) In addition to Regulations 4(a) and (b) above, brands may also be listed, suspended or delisted by the Directors, subject to and in accordance with the LME's Policy on Responsible Sourcing of Listed Brands.

5. **Complaints about Brands**

- (a) Any complaint as to the quality of any listed brand should be made to the Complaints Officer of the Exchange. Should the Chief Executive think it appropriate, he may report to the Directors who may suspend deliveries onto warrant until quality is proven to the satisfaction of the Directors. If after investigation by the Complaints Officer the Directors are not satisfied with the quality of the listed brand, then the brand may be delisted at the discretion of the Directors.
- (b) Any complaint about the compliance of a brand with the requirements of the LME's Policy on Responsible Sourcing of Listed Brands should be made in accordance with, and shall be dealt with by the LME in accordance with, the requirements of that policy.

6. **Compliance with Requirements**

The Directors may, at their discretion, waive or amend any of the listing requirements. Producers must comply with this Part of the Rules and Regulations, the listing requirements, and the LME's Policy on Responsible Sourcing of Listed Brands, as well as with any variations to those and with any applicable Administrative Procedures issued by the Exchange.

7. **Limitation on LME's liability**

Neither the Company nor any of its Directors or other officers shall be under any liability whatsoever either in contract or in tort to any Member or other person in respect of any act or omission in relation to the listing of any brand of metal or the maintenance, suspension or termination of any such listing.