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Change to the rule on Russell/Nomura Japan Equity Indexes
Revisions of statements of index rules in accordance with changes of definitions of exchanges

Russell Investment Group and the Quantitative Research Center of Nomura Securities have revised statements of index rules in accordance with the changes of definitions of exchanges.

1. Revisions of statements of index rules in accordance with changes of definitions of exchanges

(1) Delisted stocks

We have revised statements, in accordance with changes of definitions of exchanges, regarding the treatment of universe of stocks in the regular rebalance of the indexes.

- Old statement: Delisted stocks and stocks on posts for delisting are not included in the universe.
- New statement: Delisted stocks are not included in the universe.

(2) Stocks under supervision (examination) and stocks under supervision (confirmation)

We have revised statements, in accordance with changes of definitions of exchanges, regarding the treatment of universe of stocks in the regular rebalance of the indexes.

- Old statement: Securities under Supervision (Examination), Securities under Supervision (Confirmation), and supervision post stocks that are not part of the index composition at the moment of regularly scheduled reconfigurations are not included in the universe.
- New statement: Securities under Supervision (Examination) and Securities under Supervision (Confirmation) that are not part of the index composition at the moment of regularly scheduled reconfigurations are not included in the universe.

2. Implementation

This change to the index rules will take effect on April 24, 2009.

Note: Please refer to the Russell/Nomura Japan Equity Indexes rulebook to be released on 24 April, 2009.

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