

MAS Notice 607

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NOTICE TO BANKS
BANKING ACT, CAP 19

Publication of Financial Statements

This Notice is issued pursuant to sections 25(2) and 25(4) of the Banking Act.

2 Every bank, in publishing¹ its latest audited annual balance-sheet and profit and loss account, and such consolidated financial statements as may be required under the Companies Act in connection with the group of which the bank is a part, must include the following:-

(a) a copy of the auditors' report;

(b) a statement of its Tier I capital ratio and total capital adequacy ratio;

(c) where the bank is incorporated outside Singapore, a statement as to whether its home country requires its head office to confer lower priority to depositors of the foreign offices of the bank, vis-à-vis the home country depositors, in the repayment of deposits in the event of receivership, winding up proceedings or equivalent proceedings of the bank.

[MAS Notice 607 (Amendment) 2020]

Publication of Notification Statement

3A If a bank publishes its audited annual balance-sheet, profit and loss account and such other information as required by the Authority ("published information") on the bank's Internet website in accordance with –

(a) regulation 3(a)(ii) of the Banking (Publication and Provision of Accounts) Regulations (Rg 2), the bank must publish a notification statement in at least 4 local daily newspapers, one each published in the Malay, Chinese, Tamil and English language within 5 months after the close of the financial year to which the notification statement relate or within such period as the Authority may approve;

¹ Publication shall be made in accordance with the Banking (Publication and Provision of Accounts) Regulations.

(b) regulation 3(b)(ii) of the Banking (Publication and Provision of Accounts) Regulations, the bank must publish a notification statement in at least one local English language daily newspaper within 5 months after the close of the financial year to which the notification statement relate or within such period as the Authority may approve.

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3B For the purpose of paragraph 3A, a notification statement means the following:

(a) a statement that the published information is now available on the bank's Internet website, and the link to its website; and

(b) a statement that the published information is available to any person upon request.

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3C A bank must publish notes to the financial statements that relate to events or changes in policies that the bank has reasonable grounds to believe have or is likely to have, an adverse impact on the financial condition of the bank.

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4 Subject to paragraph 3C, a bank that does not publish notes to its audited annual balance-sheet and profit and loss statement must highlight in its publication the fact that such notes form an integral part of the audited financial statements and a full understanding of the statements and the state of affairs of the banks cannot be achieved without reference to the complete set of the banks' audited financial statements.

[MAS Notice 607 (Amendment) 2020]

5 The requirements of this Notice shall take effect from 14 Feb 2003 and apply to financial statements of banks for financial years beginning from or after 1 Jan 2002.

*Notes on history of amendments

MAS Notice 607 (Amendment) 2020 dated 24 September 2020 takes effect from 1 October 2020.