



Register of ASX Settlement Operating Rule Waivers

16 to 31 March 2016

The purpose of this register is to record when ASX has exercised its discretion and granted a waiver from the ASX Settlement Operating rules. Waivers are published bi-monthly and include information such as:

- Organisation**
- Rule Number**
- Decision Details**
- Basis for Decision**

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Rule Number	13.9.4
Date	3/03/2016
Warrant or AQUA Product Issuer	VANGUARD ALL-WORLD EX-US SHARES INDEX ETF
Waiver Number	WWI160002-001
Decision	<p>1. Based solely on the information provided, ASX Limited ("ASX") grants Vanguard Investments Australia Limited (the "Company") a waiver of ASX Settlement Operating Rule 13.9.4 on the following conditions:</p> <p>1.1 The waiver applies only to the funds listed below in respect of the distribution periods set out below (the "relevant periods");</p> <p>I. VANGUARD ALL-WORLD EX-US SHARES INDEX - 16 March 2016 to 17 March 2016, 15 June 2016 to 16 June 2016, 14 September 2016 to 15 September 2016 and 20 December 2016 to 21 December 2016;</p> <p>In relation to the above relevant periods, if there are any changes to such distribution periods, the waiver will apply to those revised periods, provided that the Company:</p> <p>(a) notifies ASX Settlement of the change to the distribution period at least two (2) business days prior to the change; and</p> <p>(b) ASX Settlement does not object to the change within a period of one (1) business day from the date it receives the notification.</p> <p>1.2. The Company issues a market release informing investors that no conversions (transmutations) will be processed during the relevant period.</p> <p>1.3. This waiver will expire on 10 January 2017.</p>
Basis For Decision	<p>Underlying Policy ASX Settlement Operating Rule 13.9.4 requires an Issuer that receives a Valid Message under Rule 13.9.3(b) to generate a Trustee Transfer Form in accordance with the Procedures and register that Transfer in the Principal Register, within the Scheduled Time. The Scheduled Time contained in the Schedule is within 12 business hours of ASX Settlement transmitting the Message.</p> <p>Present Application The Waiver is considered necessary to prevent the potential for a holder to gain inappropriate access to a distribution or other corporate action made by a Fund as a result of differences in time zones and public holidays between Australia and the US. Such disparity may create an opportunity for a holder who is not entitled to receive a distribution to inappropriately gain access to that distribution as issuances can't be tagged to clarify whether they are trading with or without the distribution.</p>

Rule Number	13.9.4
Date	3/03/2016
Warrant or AQUA Product Issuer	VANGUARD US TOTAL MARKET SHARES INDEX ETF
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Waiver Number	WWI160002-002
Decision	<p>1. Based solely on the information provided, ASX Limited ("ASX") grants Vanguard Investments Australia Limited (the "Company") a waiver of ASX Settlement Operating Rule 13.9.9 on the following conditions:</p> <p>1.1 The waiver applies only to the funds listed below in respect of the distribution periods set out below (the "relevant periods");</p> <p>I. VANGUARD ALL-WORLD EX-US SHARES INDEX - 16 March 2016 to 17 March 2016, 15 June 2016 to 16 June 2016, 14 September 2016 to 15 September 2016 and 20 December 2016 to 21 December 2016;</p> <p>In relation to the above relevant periods, if there are any changes to such distribution periods, the waiver will apply to those revised periods, provided that the Company:</p> <p>(a) notifies ASX Settlement of the change to the distribution period at least two (2) business days prior to the change; and</p> <p>(b) ASX Settlement does not object to the change within a period of one (1) business day from the date it receives the notification.</p> <p>1.2. The Company issues a market release informing investors that no conversions (transmutations) will be processed during the relevant period.</p> <p>1.3. This waiver will expire on 10 January 2017.</p>
Basis For Decision	<p>Underlying Policy</p> <p>ASX Settlement Operating Rule 13.9.9 requires an Issuer that receives a Valid Message under Rule 13.9.8 and properly completed transfer documentation to transmit a Message to ASX Settlement to transfer the Financial Products, enter the Transfer in the Principal Register and in certain circumstances verify the Registration Details, within the Scheduled Time. The Scheduled Time contained in the Schedule is within 12 business hours of ASX Settlement queuing the Transfer or of the Issuer receiving the documentation, whichever is the later.</p> <p>Present Application</p> <p>The Waiver is considered necessary to prevent the potential for a holder to gain inappropriate access to a distribution or other corporate action made by a Fund as a result of differences in time zones and public holidays between Australia and the US. Such disparity may create an opportunity for a holder who is not entitled to receive a distribution to inappropriately gain access to that distribution as issuances can't be tagged to clarify whether they are trading with or without the distribution.</p>



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