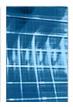
SEC UPDATE





Securities Offering Reform Questions and Answers

The SEC recently released answers to questions regarding the securities offering reform. The questions and answers address a number of topics, including: the use of free writing prospectuses, the definition of well-known seasoned issuer, the definition of ineligible issuers, the use of shelf registration statements, and the application of Rule 172, Rule 173 and Rule 3-10 of Regulation S-X. The full set of questions and answers is available on the SEC's web site: http://www.sec.gov/divisions/corpfin/faqs/securities_offering_reform_qa.pdf

For more information regarding the rules on securities offering reform, see our memorandum entitled "SEC Overhauls the Securities Offering Process in the United States" (July 2005), available on our web site at: http://www.paulweiss.com/files/Publication/16930649-9433-4e4b-87db-0c80f9110960/Presentation/PublicationAttachment/78a93a01-ddc9-4b87-a3fc-11ae28709075/8153 11.pdf

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