



HKEX update on timing relief for HKEX listed issuers for the publication of 2021 preliminary financial results

On 21 February 2022, The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the **HKEx**) published an updated FAQ (the [Updated FAQ](#)) on the [joint statement](#) issued by the SFC and the HKEx on 4 February 2020 on financial results announcements in the light of travel restrictions related to the severe respiratory disease associated with a novel infectious agent, which gave timing relief to issuers with a financial year ended 31 December 2019 for the publication of preliminary financial results. For further details of the February 2020 HKEX and SFC Joint Statement, please see [Charltons' February 2020 newsletter](#).

In the Updated FAQ, the HKEx confirmed that the approach adopted in the February 2020 SFC and HKEX Joint Statement worked well to accommodate pandemic-induced difficulties faced by HKEX-listed issuers and a similar approach will continue to be adopted for issuers whose financial year ends fall beyond 31 December 2019 on a case by case basis, taking into account the prevailing circumstances. The HKEx invites all issuers whose audits are affected by the recently announced 2022 pandemic-related measures to discuss their situation with the HKEx at the earliest instance.

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