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Issued in Compliance with the provisions of Article (35) of Directives of Trading Securities at the Amman Stock Exchange Company, as adopted by the decision of the Board of Directors No. (2/2021) dated 25/02/2021, and amended by the decisions of the Board of Directors No. (28/2021) dated 10/06/2021 and No. (44/2022) dated 28/07/2022

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Definitions

Article 1

The following words and expressions shall have the meanings assigned thereto below unless the context indicates otherwise:

Exchange	The Amman Stock Exchange Company.
Board of Directors	The Board of Directors of the Exchange.
ETS	The Electronic Trading System in use at the Exchange.
Trading Directives	The Directives of Trading with Securities at the Amman Stock Exchange with its amendments in force.
Broker	A juristic person licensed by the Jordan Securities Commission to engage in the business of financial brokerage or dealing.
Trading	Transactions of buying and selling securities at the Exchange.
Buying Order	An order sent to the ETS to buy a certain security.
Selling Order	An order sent to the ETS to sell a certain security.
Cross Order	An order sent by a broker to the ETS to buy and sell certain security, for the same quantity and price in compliance with conditions stipulated in Article (7) herein.
Block Trade	Trading between two Brokers or through one Broker to buy and sell certain security according to Article (16) of Trading Directives and article (15) herein.
TOP	Theoretical Opening Price, which is the indicative equilibrium price calculated by the ETS in case of matching between Buying and Selling orders during the Call

	Phase or in case of reservation or suspension of trading that includes permitting the entry of Buying and Selling Orders. Such a price is calculated continuously upon the order entry, amendment, and cancellation for certain security in line with criteria stipulated in Article (11) herein.
Closing Price	The price of the last trading transaction executed on certain security in the trading session with subject to the provisions of article (15) of Trading Directives.
Opening Price	The Price of the first trading transaction executed on certain security in the trading session.
Limited Price Order	An order sent to buy or sell a security at a certain fixed price that should be the highest execution price in case of buying or the lowest execution price in case of selling.
Iceberg Order	An order sent to the ETS to disclose part of the total quantity and hide the remaining quantity in line with the criteria stipulated in Article (13) herein.
Stop Limit order	An order sent to buy or sell a security at a limited price when the trigger price is reached in the market in line with the criteria stipulated in Article (14) herein.
Reference Price	The price upon which the allowed price limits are calculated during the trading session.
Reference Number	The number that the Broker assigns to the client for the purposes of trading, and shall be previously identified at the Securities Depository Center.
Continuous Pricing Set	A set of securities traded at several prices during the trading session.
Order Book	A book that contains all orders entered to buy or sell to certain security.

Pricing Sets

Article 2

a. Trading at the Exchange shall take place through Continuous Pricing.

b. The trading session of the Continuous Pricing Set will comprise the following phases:

1- Closed

2- Call

3- Uncrossing

4- Continuous Trading

5- Block Trades

6- Closed

7- Inaccessible

Price Limits (Thresholds or Collars)

Article 3

1. Daily allowed Price Limits (**Thresholds**) are calculated based on the following percentages of the Reference Price of the traded securities at the Exchange:

Securities	Percentage of Price Limits
Shares listed on the first market and their underlying Right Issues	7.50%
Shares listed on the second market and their underlying Right Issues	5%
Bonds and Sukuk	20%
Unlisted Securities and their underlying Right Issues	10%

2. If the calculated minimum and maximum Price limits for certain security are equal to its Reference Price, then the minimum and maximum Price Limits will be amended by one tick size above and below the Reference Price.
3. Notwithstanding Paragraph (b) of this Article, the minimum Price Limit of the security must not be less than the tick size specified for it by the provisions of Article (16) herein.
4. Any entered Buying Order at a price higher than the maximum Price Limit and Selling Order at a price lower than the minimum Price Limit will be automatically rejected by the ETS.

Trading Hours

Article 4

1. Trading Hours and Phases for listed securities shall be as follows:

Phase	Time
Closed	07:30 – 10:00
Call	10:00 – 10:30
Uncrossing	10:30
Continuous Trading	10:30 – 12:30
Block Trades	12:30 -12:45
Closed	13:00

2. Trading Hours and Phases for unlisted securities shall be as follows:

Phase	Time
Closed	07:30 – 09:45
Call	09:45 – 09:50
Uncrossing	009:50
Continuous Trading	09:50 – 10:15
Block Trades	12:30 -12:45
Closed	13:00

Orders Priorites

Article 5

1. Orders entered into the ETS are queued in the Order Book according to the price and time priority rule, and they are given serial numbers by the ETS.
2. Orders are matched according to the priority rule mentioned in paragraph (a) of this article.
3. Entered order loses its priority in the Order Book in case of:

1- decreasing the price of the buy order or increasing the price of the sell order, or

2- Increasing the entered quantity, or

3- amending the time validity.

Buying and Selling Orders

Article 6

1. Buying and Selling orders entered into the ETS must include; quantity, code of security, price, Reference Number, time validity, and all information deemed essential for the execution.
2. The Limited Price Order represents the highest execution price accepted by the buyer and the lowest execution price accepted by the seller.
3. During the Continuous Trading Phase, if a Buying Order is entered at a price higher than the best price on the sell side, or a Selling Order is entered at price lower than the best price on the buy side, then the incoming order will be executed on the price available on the opposite side.
4. During the Continuous Trading Phase, if a Buying or Selling Order is entered with a quantity that can be executed at more than one price available on the opposite side, then the incoming order will be executed on the prices available on the opposite side based on their priority rule until the quantity is entirely executed. If the order is not fully executed, the remaining quantity will be queued in the Order Book at the entered price.
5. Limited Price Orders entered during the Continuous Trading Phase, will be executed either entirely or partially according to the orders on the opposite side. In case they are not executed, the orders will be queued in the Orders Book according to the price priority, so that they will be queued in descending order in case of Buying Orders and an ascending order in case of Selling Orders and according to the time priority when prices of more than one order are equal.

Cross Orders

Article 7

Cross Order should be entered during the Continuous Trading phase at a price that falls between the best buying price and the best selling price, such an order will be executed immediately.

Time Validity

Article 8

1. In terms of time validity on the ETS, orders will be categorized as follows:

1. Immediate or Cancel order (**IOC**): an order that is allowed to be entered during the Continuous Trading Phase to execute the largest possible quantity and eliminate any remaining quantity.

2. Fill or Kill Order (**FOK**): an order that is allowed to be entered during the Continuous Trading Phase to execute the entire quantity upon order entry, otherwise eliminated.
3. Day order: an order that is valid for one day only.
4. Good till date (**GTD**) order: an order that is valid till a fixed date which should not exceed the time validity stipulated in Sub-paragraph (6) in this Article.
5. Good till Month (GTM) order: an order that is valid till the end of the current month.
6. Good till Cancelled (GTC) order: an order that is valid till canceled.

2. The order which carries a time validity and has not been executed within the time specified for its execution, will be eliminated.
3. Notwithstanding Paragraph (a) of this Article, the time validity of orders entered into ETS and still active, shall be considered expired after the end of the last trading session of the calendar year.

Trading Session Phases

Article 9

1. Orders entered during the Call Phase are queued on the Order Book without execution, and in case of matching between the prices of Buying and Selling Orders, the ETS calculates a TOP after each entry, amendment, or cancellation of orders.
2. At the Uncrossing phase, the executable quantities of the Buying and Selling Orders will be executed at the TOP available at that moment.
3. Upon the end of the Uncrossing Phase, trading will take place continuously until the end of the Continuous Trading phase.
4. Broker can cancel its active orders during all phases, including the Closed Phases except for the Uncrossing Phase.

Security Status

Article 10

1. Trading should not be conducted on the Security if it is:
    1. Suspended.
    2. Reserved.
    3. Forbidden.
2. Entering orders for a security will be forbidden temporarily during the cancelation of any transaction during the trading session.
3. The security will be reserved and entered into the Call Phase where shall be permissible to enter, amend or cancel orders without any execution, whenever it deems necessary.

Theoretical Openeig Price (TOP)

Article 11

1. The TOP will be calculated based on the following criteria:

    1. The price that achieves the largest executable trading quantity, and if there is more than one price that fulfills this condition, the criterion in Sub-paragraph (2) of this Article shall apply.
    2. The price that achieves the minimal non-executable trading quantity, and if there is more than one price that fulfills this condition, the criterion in Sub-paragraph (3) of this Article shall apply.
    3. The closest price to the Reference Price of the security.

1. When calculating the TOP, all quantities in the Order Book are taken into consideration including the hidden quantities
2. At the Uncrossing phase, the ETS matches entered Buying and Selling Orders where all Buying Orders at prices above the TOP and all Selling Orders at prices below the TOP including their hidden quantities will be fully executed.
3. Orders entered at a price equal to the TOP could be executed either entirely or partially.

Minimum Quantity Orders

Article 12

1. During the Continuous Trading Phase, it shall be permissible to set the minimum quantity in the Limited Price Order to be immediately executed upon entry.
2. If the minimum quantity set in the order is not executable upon order entry, the order will be automatically eliminated by the ETS. If such minimum quantity is executed, the remaining quantity will be queued at the price entered in the order.

Iceberg Orders

Article 13

1. To accept an Iceberg Order, it should be a Limited Price order, and the quantity disclosed in the order book should not be less than 5% of the total quantity of the order or ten times the lot size, whichever is greater.
2. Upon the total execution of the disclosed quantity, a part of the remaining hidden quantity equals the disclosed quantity set in the order will be displayed on the order book as a new order unless the remaining quantity is less than the disclosed quantity, then the remaining quantity is completely displayed on the Order Book.
3. No part of the hidden quantity will be displayed on the Order Book until the disclosed quantity has been fully executed.
4. In case of executing a quantity greater than the disclosed quantity at one time, the newly displayed quantity shall equal the disclosed quantity set in the order.
5. Subject to the provisions of Paragraphs (A) and (B) of this Article, when a part of the disclosed quantity is executed, the remaining quantity is queued at the entry price.

6. The ETS does not allow modification of disclosed quantity.

Stop Limit Orders

Article 14

1. Stop limit orders could be entered during the Call and Continuous Trading Phases. This type of order includes two prices; the trigger price to activate the order, and the limited price set in the order for execution, which will be displayed in the Order Book.
2. When entering a Stop-Limit Order during the Call Phase, the following must be fulfilled:
3. Buying Order: the trigger price must be higher than the previous closing price of the security.
4. Selling Order: the trigger price must be lower than the previous closing price of the security.

3. When entering a Stop Limit order during the Continuous Trading Phase, the following must be fulfilled:

1. Buying Order: the trigger price must be higher than the last traded price of the security or its previous closing price in case it has not been traded during the trading session.
2. Selling Order: the trigger price must be lower than the last traded price of the security or its previous closing price in case it has not been traded during the trading session.

4. In all cases, the limited price in the Stop Limit Order which will be displayed in the order book must be:

1. Buying Order: higher than or equal to the trigger price
2. Selling Order: less than or equal to the trigger price.

5. A Stop Limit order entered during the Call Phase is activated immediately after the Uncrossing phase. And for Stop Limit Orders to be activated during the Continuous Trading Phase, the following is required:

1. Buying Order: the last traded price of the security must be higher than or equal to the trigger price.
2. Selling Order; the last traded price of the security must be lower than or equal to the trigger price.

Block Trades

Article 15

1. Block Trades are executed through ETS directly after the end of the Continuous Trading Phase.
2. The minimum value of the Block Trade should be Two Hundred Thousand Jordanian Dinars.
3. The Reference Price of the Block Trade is the Closing Price of the security.
4. Daily Allowed Price Limits for Block Trades are calculated based on the following percentages of the Reference Price referred to in Paragraph (C) of this Article as follows:

Securities	Percentage of Price Limits
Shares listed on the first market and their underlying Right Issues	7.50%
Shares listed on the second market and their underlying Right Issues	5%
Bonds and Sukuk	20%
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General Provisions

Article 16

1. Listed securities priced in Jordanian dinars have a tick size of 0.01 dinar and their multiples.
2. Listed securities priced in US dollars have a tick size of 0.01 dollar and multiples thereof.
3. The type of order which has been entered into ETS cannot be modified.
4. The retention period of the clients' authorizations by the Brokers, which mentioned in Article (5/A/5) of the Trading Directives, shall be ten years.
5. The retention period of the voice recordings mentioned in Article (34) of the Trading Directives is one week.

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[i] This Rulebook is issued in Arabic and translated into English. In the event of any discrepancy between the two languages, the Arabic version shall prevail for the purpose of interpretation and implementation.

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