

## Details of Restrictions on Deals

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21. An **AIM company** must ensure that its **directors** and **applicable employees** do not **deal** in any of its **AIM securities** during a **close period**. In addition, the purchase or early redemption by an **AIM company** of its **AIM securities** or sale of any **AIM securities** held as **treasury shares** must not be made during a **close period**.

This rule will not apply, however, where such individuals have entered into a binding commitment prior to the **AIM company** being in such a **close period** where it was not reasonably foreseeable at the time such commitment was made that a **close period** was likely and provided that the commitment was **notified** at the time it was made.

The **Exchange** may permit a **director** or **applicable employee** of an **AIM company** to sell its **AIM securities** during a **close period** to alleviate severe personal hardship.

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#### Rule 21: Restrictions on dealings

Note that any commitment under rule 21 must have been “binding” which means obligatory for all parties to the agreement at a price agreed or which could be objectively determined.

The “exceptional circumstances” in which the **Exchange** will grant permission for a **director** to sell **AIM securities** are limited to situations where severe personal hardship would otherwise result to a **director** or his immediate relatives such as the urgent need for a medical operation or to satisfy a court order where no other funds are reasonably available.

Where the **nominated adviser** to an **AIM company** feels that a proposed **deal** by a **director** of an **AIM company** should be exempted from the provisions of rule 21 it should contact **AIM Regulation** (telephone +44 (0)20 7797 4154) without delay to discuss.