

17-12a202. Exempt transactions. The following transactions are exempt from the requirements of K.S.A. 17-12a301 through 17-12a306 and 17-12a504, and amendments thereto:

(1) An isolated nonissuer transaction, whether effected by or through a broker-dealer or not;

(2) a nonissuer transaction by or through a broker-dealer registered, or exempt from registration under this act, and a resale transaction by a sponsor of a unit investment trust registered under the investment company act of 1940, in a security of a class that has been outstanding in the hands of the public for at least 90 days, if, at the date of the transaction:

(A) (i) The issuer of the security is engaged in business, the issuer is not in the organizational stage or in bankruptcy or receivership, and the issuer is not a blank check, blind pool, or shell company that has no specific business plan or purpose or has indicated that its primary business plan is to engage in a merger or combination of the business with, or an acquisition of, an unidentified person;

(ii) the security is sold at a price reasonably related to its current market price;

(iii) the security does not constitute the whole or part of an unsold allotment to, or a subscription or participation by, the broker-dealer as an underwriter of the security or a redistribution; and

(iv) a nationally recognized securities manual or its electronic equivalent designated by rule adopted or order issued under this act or a record filed with the securities and exchange commission that is publicly available contains:

(a) A description of the business and operations of the issuer;

(b) the names of the issuer's executive officers and the names of the issuer's directors, if any;

(c) an audited balance sheet of the issuer as of a date within 18 months before the date of the transaction or, in the case of a reorganization or merger when the parties to the reorganization or merger each had an audited balance sheet, a pro forma balance sheet for the combined organization; and

(d) an audited income statement for each of the issuer's two immediately previous fiscal years or for the period of existence of the issuer, whichever is shorter, or, in the case of a reorganization or merger when each party to the reorganization or merger had audited income statements, a pro forma income statement; or

(B) (i) the issuer of the security has a class of equity securities listed on a national securities exchange registered under the securities exchange act of 1934 or designated for trading on the national association of securities dealers automated quotation system, unless the issuer of the security is a unit investment trust registered under the investment company act of 1940;

(ii) the issuer of the security, including its predecessors, has been engaged in continuous business for at least three years; and

(iii) the issuer of the security has total assets of at least \$2,000,000 based on an audited balance sheet as of a date within 18 months before the date of the transaction or, in the case of a reorganization or merger when the parties to the reorganization or merger each had the audited balance sheet, a pro forma balance sheet for the combined organization;

(3) a nonissuer transaction by or through a broker-dealer registered or exempt from registration under this act in a security of a foreign issuer that is a margin security defined in regulations or rules adopted by the board of governors of the federal reserve system;

(4) a nonissuer transaction by or through a broker-dealer registered or exempt from registration under this act in an outstanding security if the guarantor of the security files reports with the securities and exchange commission under the reporting requirements of section 13 or 15(d) of the securities exchange act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. § 78m or 78o(d));

(5) a nonissuer transaction by or through a broker-dealer registered or exempt from registration under this act in a security that:

(A) Is rated at the time of the transaction by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization in one of its four highest rating categories; or

(B) Has a fixed maturity or a fixed interest or dividend, if:

(i) A default has not occurred during the current fiscal year or within the three previous fiscal years of the issuer and any predecessor in the payment of principal, interest, or dividends on the security; and

(ii) the issuer is engaged in business, is not in the organizational stage or in bankruptcy or receivership, and is not and has not been within the previous 12 months a blank check, blind pool, or shell company that has no specific business plan or purpose or has indicated that its primary business plan is to engage in a merger or combination of the business with, or an acquisition of, an unidentified person;

(6) a nonissuer transaction by or through a broker-dealer registered or exempt from registration under this act effecting an unsolicited order or offer to purchase;

(7) a nonissuer transaction executed by a bona fide pledgee without the purpose of evading this act;

(8) a nonissuer transaction by a federal covered investment adviser with investments under management in excess of \$100,000,000 acting in the exercise of discretionary authority in a signed record for the account of others;

(9) a transaction in a security, whether or not the security or transaction is otherwise exempt, in exchange for one or more bona fide outstanding securities, claims, or property interests, or partly in such exchange and partly for cash, if the terms and conditions of the issuance and exchange or the delivery and exchange and the fairness of the terms and conditions have been approved by the administrator after a hearing or otherwise;

(10) a transaction between the issuer or other person on whose behalf the offering is made and an underwriter, or among underwriters;

(11) a transaction in a note, bond, debenture, or other evidence of indebtedness secured by a mortgage or other security agreement if:

(A) The note, bond, debenture, or other evidence of indebtedness is offered and sold with the mortgage or other security agreement as a unit;

(B) a general solicitation or general advertisement of the transaction is not made; and

(C) a commission or other remuneration is not paid or given, directly or indirectly, to a person not registered under this act as a broker-dealer or as an agent;

(12) a transaction by an executor, administrator of an estate, sheriff, marshal, receiver, trustee in bankruptcy, guardian, or conservator;

(13) a sale or offer to sell to:

(A) An institutional investor;

- (B) a federal covered investment adviser; or
- (C) any other person exempted by rule adopted or order issued under this act;
- (14) a sale or an offer to sell securities by an issuer, if the transaction is part of a single issue in which:
 - (A) Not more than 25 purchasers are present in this state during any 12 consecutive months, other than those designated in paragraph (13);
 - (B) a general solicitation or general advertising is not made in connection with the offer to sell or sale of the securities;
 - (C) a commission or other remuneration is not paid or given, directly or indirectly, to a person other than a broker-dealer registered under this act or an agent registered under this act for soliciting a prospective purchaser in this state; and
 - (D) the issuer reasonably believes that all the purchasers in this state, other than those designated in paragraph (13), are purchasing for investment;
- (15) a transaction under an offer to existing security holders of the issuer, including persons that at the date of the transaction are holders of convertible securities, options, or warrants, if a commission or other remuneration, other than a standby commission, is not paid or given, directly or indirectly, for soliciting a security holder in this state;
- (16) an offer to sell, but not a sale, of a security not exempt from registration under the securities act of 1933 if:
 - (A) A registration or offering statement or similar record as required under the securities act of 1933 has been filed, but is not effective, or the offer is made in compliance with rule 165 adopted under the securities act of 1933 (17 C.F.R. § 230.165); and
 - (B) a stop order of which the offeror is aware has not been issued against the offeror by the administrator or the securities and exchange commission, and an audit, inspection, or proceeding that is public and that may culminate in a stop order is not known by the offeror to be pending;
- (17) an offer to sell, but not a sale, of a security exempt from registration under the securities act of 1933 if:
 - (A) A registration statement has been filed under this act, but is not effective;
 - (B) a solicitation of interest is provided in a record to offerees in compliance with a rule adopted by the administrator under this act; and
 - (C) a stop order of which the offeror is aware has not been issued by the administrator under this act and an audit, inspection, or proceeding that may culminate in a stop order is not known by the offeror to be pending;
- (18) a transaction involving the distribution of the securities of an issuer to the security holders of another person in connection with a merger, consolidation, exchange of securities, sale of assets, or other reorganization to which the issuer, or its parent or subsidiary and the other person, or its parent or subsidiary, are parties;
- (19) a rescission offer, sale, or purchase under K.S.A. 17-12a510, and amendments thereto;
- (20) an offer or sale of a security through a broker-dealer registered under this act to a person not a resident of this state and not present in this state if the offer or sale does not constitute a violation of the laws of the state or foreign jurisdiction in which the offeree or purchaser is present and is not part of an unlawful plan or scheme to evade this act;
- (21) employees' stock purchase, savings, option, profit-sharing, pension, or similar employees' benefit plan, including any securities, plan interests, and guarantees issued under a compensatory benefit plan or compensation contract, contained in a record, established by the issuer, its parents, its majority-owned subsidiaries, or the majority-owned subsidiaries of the issuer's parent for the participation of their employees including offers or sales of such securities to:
 - (A) Directors; general partners; trustees, if the issuer is a business trust; officers; consultants; and advisors;
 - (B) family members who acquire such securities from those persons through gifts or domestic relations orders;
 - (C) former employees, directors, general partners, trustees, officers, consultants, and advisors if those individuals were employed by or providing services to the issuer when the securities were offered; and
 - (D) insurance agents who are exclusive insurance agents of the issuer, or the issuer's subsidiaries or parents, or who derive more than 50% of their annual income from those organizations;
- (22) a transaction involving:
 - (A) A stock dividend or equivalent equity distribution, whether the corporation or other business organization distributing the dividend or equivalent equity distribution is the issuer or not, if nothing of value is given by stockholders or other equity holders for the dividend or equivalent equity distribution other than the surrender of a right to a cash or property dividend if each stockholder or other equity holder may elect to take the dividend or equivalent equity distribution in cash, property, or stock;
 - (B) an act incident to a judicially approved reorganization in which a security is issued in exchange for one or more outstanding securities, claims, or property interests, or partly in such exchange and partly for cash; or
 - (C) the solicitation of tenders of securities by an offeror in a tender offer in compliance with rule 162 adopted under the securities act of 1933 (17 C.F.R. § 230.162);
- (23) a nonissuer transaction in an outstanding security by or through a broker-dealer registered or exempt from registration under this act, if the issuer is a reporting issuer in a foreign jurisdiction designated by this paragraph or by rule adopted or order issued under this act; has been subject to continuous reporting requirements in the foreign jurisdiction for not less than 180 days before the transaction; and the security is listed on the foreign jurisdiction's securities exchange that has been designated by this paragraph or by rule adopted or order issued under this act, or is a security of the same issuer that is of senior or substantially equal rank to the listed security or is a warrant or right to purchase or subscribe to any of the foregoing. For purposes of this paragraph, Canada, together with its provinces and territories, is a designated foreign jurisdiction and the Toronto stock exchange, inc., is a designated securities exchange. After an administrative hearing in compliance with the Kansas administrative procedure act, the administrator, by rule adopted or order issued under this act, may revoke the designation of a securities exchange under this paragraph, if the administrator finds that revocation is necessary or appropriate in the public interest and for the protection of investors; or
- (24) a transaction involving an interest in oil, gas or other mineral rights that is conducted in compliance with a rule adopted or order issued under this act. In the rule or order, the administrator may limit the availability of other exemptions provided herein for transactions involving interests in oil, gas or other mineral rights.

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