

From January 2024, Roman alphabet characters will be used in securities codes.

Example of current
securities code

9809

(not in use)

Example of securities code
for newly listed companies
from January 2024

130A

(not yet allocated)



- A securities code is an identification code established by the Securities Identification Code Committee for listed shares and other listed securities in Japan .
- Current codes are comprised of 4 digits, for example, "9809."
However, **codes containing Roman alphabet characters will be used from January 2024, for example, "130A."**
- As a result, when investors use the codes when ordering listed stocks, etc., for new listings approved on and after January 1, 2024, they will use codes including Roman alphabet characters.
However, **codes set before January 2024 will not be changed and will remain composed of numbers only.**

Background

To address the decrease in available specific name codes for stocks assigned to general companies (4-digit numbers from [1300] to [9999]), the Securities Identification Code Committee (SICC) has announced that Roman alphabet characters will be used in the specific name codes for stocks.

Outline

1. Digits for which Roman alphabet characters are used

Roman alphabet characters are used for either or both of the 2nd and 4th digits of four-character specific name codes for stocks (used for stocks, ETFs, REITs, etc.)

Ex) 9A76, 987A, 9A7A

2. Range of English characters used

19 uppercase letters, excluding "B", "E", "I", "O", "Q", "V", and "Z" are used.

3. Date of implementation

Roman alphabet characters will be used in the specific name codes for stocks set on and after January 1, 2024.

4. Effect on other codes

Since part of bond codes and identification codes for security options transactions include specific name codes for stocks as part of the code, Roman alphabet characters may be included in the specific name codes for stocks on and after January 1, 2024.

<https://www.jpx.co.jp/english/sicc/regulations/index.html>

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Securities Identification Code Committee (SICC)

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