

BANK OF CHILE
Form 6-K
July 14, 2017

FORM 6-K
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of July, 2017

Commission File Number 001-15266

BANK OF CHILE

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Ahumada 251

Santiago, Chile

(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F Form 40-F

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Yes No

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BANCO DE CHILE

REPORT ON FORM 6-K

Attached is an English translation of a letter filed by Banco de Chile with the Chilean Superintendency of Banks, Chilean Superintendency of Securities and Insurance and local Stock Exchanges, informing of the increase of the Bank's capital; the approval of the amendments of Banco de Chile's bylaws; the issuance and distribution of the fully paid in shares; the shareholders right to receive the new shares; and the assignation of titles to each shareholder. The same information will be published in a local newspaper in the upcoming days.

Santiago, July 13, 2017

Mr. Eric Parrado Herrera

Superintendent of Bank and

Financial Institutions

Present

Ref: Essential Information

Mr. Superintendent:

Pursuant to Articles 9 and 10 of Law No. 18,045 and Chapter 18-10 of the Regulations of the Superintendency of Banks and Financial Institutions, and regarding the capitalization of 40% of the distributable net income obtained during the fiscal year ending the 31st of December, 2016, through the issuance of fully paid-in shares, agreed in the Extraordinary Shareholders Meeting held on the 23th of March, 2017, I inform you as an essential information:

a) In the said Extraordinary Shareholders Meeting, it was agreed to increase the Bank's capital in the amount of \$ 133,353,827,359 through the issuance of 1,819,784,762 fully paid-in shares, of no par value, payable under the distributable net income for the year 2016 that was not distributed as dividends as agreed at the Ordinary Shareholders Meeting held on the same day.

The Chilean Superintendency of Banks and Financial Institutions approved the amendment of the bylaws, through Resolution N°260 dated May 25, 2017, which was registered on page 43,218 N° 23,646 of the register of the Chamber of Commerce of Santiago for the year 2017, and was published in the *Diario Oficial* on June 1, 2017.

The issuance of fully in paid shares was registered in the Securities Register of the Superintendency of Banks and Financial Institutions with N°1/2017, on July 11, 2017.

b) The Board of Directors of Banco de Chile, at the meeting N° 2,862, dated July 13, 2017, set July 27, 2017, as the date for issuance and distribution of the fully paid in shares.

c) The shareholders that will be entitled to receive the new shares, at a ratio of 0.02658058439 fully in paid shares for each Banco de Chile share, shall be those registered in the Register of Shareholders on July 21, 2017.

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d) The titles will be duly assigned to each shareholder. The Bank will only print the titles for those shareholders who request it in writing at the Shareholders Department of Banco de Chile.

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e) As a consequence of the issuance of the fully in paid shares, the capital of the Bank will be divided in 99,444,132,192 nominative shares, without par value, completely subscribed and paid.

Sincerely,

Eduardo Ebensperger Orrego
Chief Executive Office

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: July 13, 2017.

Banco de Chile

/s/ Eduardo Ebensperger O.
By: Eduardo Ebensperger O.
CEO

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