

BANK OF CHILE
Form 6-K
March 28, 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 March, 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)

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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 and Financial Institutions and with the Chilean Superintendency of Securities and Insurance and local Stock Exchanges, informing of the decision of the Central Bank of Chile regarding its position in connection with the distribution of dividends and the capitalization agreed upon at Banco de Chile's Shareholders meetings held on March 23, 2017.

Santiago, March 28 2017.

Mr.

Eric Parrado Herrera

Superintendent of Banks 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, I inform you as an Essential Information that, as of this date, the Central Bank of Chile has communicated to Banco de Chile that the Board of such institution (Consejo), in Special Session No 2051E, held on March 27, 2017, considering the resolutions adopted by the shareholders meetings of Banco de Chile of March 23, 2017 regarding the distribution of dividends and the increase of capital through the issuance of fully paid-in shares corresponding to the 40% of the net income obtained during the fiscal year ending on December 31, 2016, resolved to take the option that the entirety of its corresponding surplus, including the part of the profits proportional to the agreed capitalization, be paid to the Central Bank of Chile in cash currency, according to the letter b) of the article 31 of the law No 19.396, regarding a modification of the way of payment of the subordinated obligation and other applicable legislation.

Sincerely,

Eduardo Ebensperger O.
Chief Executive Officer

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: March 28, 2017.

Banco de Chile

/s/ Eduardo Ebersperger

By:

Eduardo Ebersperger
CEO