

Part B Consultation Questions – Volatility Control Mechanism

Please indicate your preference by checking the appropriate boxes and provide reasons to support your views. Where there is insufficient space, please attach additional pages as necessary.

1. Do you support the introduction of an instrument-level VCM based on a dynamic price limit model in Hong Kong?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your view.

This should bring more price stability, and therefore investor protection and confidence.

2. Do you agree that the proposed VCM model should only be applied to the HSI and HSCEI constituent stocks in the securities market?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your view.

Although HIS and HSCEI represent most of the activity, we feel this type of measure should be generalised to the whole market.

3. Do you agree that the proposed VCM model should only be applied to the HSI, HHI, MHI & MCH (spot month and the next calendar month) index futures in the derivatives market?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your view.

4. Do you agree that the market should have a 15-minute uninterrupted trading period before the end of the last continuous trading?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your view.

It would be beneficial to have an uninterrupted trading period leading to the close/closing auction, in order to lead up to it, and absorb any liquidity that wouldn't be absorbed by the closing auction.

5. Do you agree with the proposed reference price for the securities market, namely the price of last trade 5 minutes ago? If not, what would you prefer?

Yes

No, I would prefer: _____

Please give reasons for your view.

No strong views

6. Do you agree with our proposed reference price for the derivatives market, namely the price of last trade 5 minutes ago? If not, what would you prefer?

Yes

No, I would prefer: _____

Please give reasons for your view.

7. Do you agree with the proposed triggering level for the securities market, namely 10% from the reference price across the proposed instruments covered by the VCM? If not, what level would you prefer?

Yes

No, level that I would prefer: _____

Please give reasons for your view.

8. Do you agree with the proposed triggering level for the derivatives market, namely 5% from the reference price across the proposed instruments covered by the VCM? If not, what level would you prefer?

Yes

No, level that I would prefer: _____

Please give reasons for your view.

9. Do you agree that a maximum of two VCM triggers per trading session per instrument should be imposed to minimise market interruption?

Yes

No, I would prefer: _____

Please give reasons for your view.

10. Do you support trading within a price limit during the cooling-off period? If not, do you prefer another approach?

Yes

No, another approach that I prefer: _____

Please give reasons for your view.

It's the solution which would be the less disruptive for normal market behaviour.

11. After the cooling-off period, do you support resuming the same dynamic price limit monitoring mechanism (i.e. $\pm 10\%$ ($\pm 5\%$) from the last trade 5 minutes ago in the securities (derivatives) market)? If not, do you prefer another approach?

Yes

No, I would prefer: _____

Please give reasons for your view.

12. Do you have any other suggestions on enhancing the resumption procedures?

13. Do you agree that the duration of the cooling-off period should be 5 minutes for both the securities and derivatives markets? If not, what would you prefer and why?

Yes

No, I would prefer: _____

Please give reasons for your view.

14. Do you agree with the additional market data dissemination for the proposed VCM model? If not, what would you propose and why?

Yes

No, I would propose: _____

Please give reasons for your view.

The clearer the information the better.

15. If a VCM is triggered for a given instrument, should trading of related instruments (e.g. futures contract of different contract months) on the same underlying continue as normal?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your view.

if the price volatility is not driven by normal market forces (if it's a "fat finger" for instance), leaving the related instruments trading should guarantee an swift normalisation of the prices.

16. If a VCM is triggered for a given instrument, should trading of derivatives (e.g. single stock options or warrants) of that instrument continue as normal?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your view.

See above

17. Do you have any other comments on the VCM proposal?

Part C Consultation Questions – Closing Auction Session

18. Do you support the introduction of the new CAS model in the Hong Kong securities market?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your view.

A clearer and easier to replicate closing price will be beneficial for the emission of products (funds, derivatives,...) with HK securities as underlying, and more generally will allow for a more efficient index tracking when using HK underlyings.

19. Do you agree that the new CAS model should only be applied to the major index constituent stocks (i.e. Hang Seng Composite LargeCap Index and Hang Seng Composite MidCap Index constituents as well as other Stock Connect Securities for Southbound trading)?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your view.

We think it should be generalised to all products (or as much as possible).

20. Do you agree that the new CAS model should be applied to ETF? If yes, which type of ETF should be applied?

Yes

(i) Apply to all ETFs

(ii) Only apply to ETFs with Hong Kong stocks as underlying

No

Please give reasons for your view.

The wider the universe, the better for clarity and investor's confidence.

21. Do you agree that at a later stage, the new CAS model should be expanded to other equity securities and funds as proposed? If so, when should the CAS be rolled out to these securities and funds?

Yes, roll out time should be: ASAP

No

Please give reasons for your view.

22. Do you agree that that the new CAS model should exclude structured products, equity warrants and debt securities?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your view.

23. Do you support introducing a price limit during the CAS?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your view.

To avoid anarchic and artificial price moves in case of large imbalance in the order book.

24. Do you support a price limit of 5% during the Order Input Period for all CAS Securities?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your view.

25. Do you agree that a further price limit within the best bid and best ask should be applied during the No-Cancellation Period and Random Closing Period?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your view.

It will necessarily be between best bid and best offer, according to a normal auction mechanism. Any other limit would be illogical.

26. Do you agree that at-auction limit orders should be allowed throughout the CAS?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your view.

It's the most common order type in other developed markets.

27. Do you think short selling orders with a tick rule should be allowed during the CAS?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your view.

I think short selling should be possible at the Auction price to allow for the most liquid possible market.

28. If short selling order is to be allowed, should it be at or higher than the reference price?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your view.

I think short selling should be allowed in the auction, regardless of the reference price, as the auction price will work independantly of the referece price

29. Do you agree that order amendment and cancellation should be disallowed during the No-Cancellation Period and Random Closing Period?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your view.

To avoid possibility for price manipulation.

30. Do you agree that random closing be adopted in the CAS to prevent gaming?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your view.

To avoid possibility for price manipulation.

31. If random closing is to be adopted, should it be over a period of up to 2 minutes or would you prefer a different duration?

Up to 2 minutes

A different duration: _____

Please give reasons for your view.

Relatively indifferent. 2mn is a good duration.

32. In the absence of a final IEP, do you agree that the reference price should be used as the closing price and for trade matching?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your view.

Wouldn't the last trade price be more pertinent ?

33. What would be the preferred duration of the CAS?

(i) Same as the proposed model, i.e. 7-minute Order Input Period to end the CAS at 16:12

(ii) 5-minute Order Input Period to end the CAS at 16:10

(iii) Others, please specify:

Approach (i)

Approach (ii)

Approach (iii), please specify: _____

Please give reasons for your view.

5mn input/cancelation period is enough.

34. Do you agree that some features of the new CAS model may also be beneficial for the POS and/or the Trading Halts? If so, which feature(s)?

- Yes, the feature(s): Order input period + No-cancellation period + random opening time after a Trading Halt/ for the POS.
- No

Please give reasons for your view.

It would make sense and harmonise all mechanism, for clarity and simplicity.

35. Do you agree that any enhancements for POS and/or the Trading Halts should be implemented later rather than during the introduction of the new CAS?

- Yes
- No

Please give reasons for your view.

36. Do you foresee any issues with your day end processing such as margin calls in the cash market due to the extended trading time for 12 minutes? If yes, how may the issue be resolved?

- Yes, suggested solution: _____
- No

Please give reasons for your view.

37. To maintain the 45 minutes break before the start of AHFT, do you agree that the start time of AHFT to be changed from 17:00 to 17:15? If not, what time do you prefer?

- Yes

No, time that you prefer: As early as possible

Please give reasons for your view.

Part D Consultation Questions – Implementation Approach and Timeline

38. Which implementation approach for the securities market would you prefer:
- (i) the development and testing of the VCM, CAS and Trading Halts functionalities are to be implemented together on the AMS/3.8 platform and be rolled out one by one; or
 - (ii) (1) the development, testing and rollout of VCM and CAS are to be implemented together on the AMS/3.8 platform, and (2) Trading Halts proposal is to be introduced as part of the Exchange's next-generation trading system, the Orion Trading Platform-Cash; or
 - (iii) Others, please specify.
- Approach (i)
- Approach (ii)
- Approach (iii), please specify: _____

Please give reasons for your view.

Indifferent

39. What should be the implementation priority among the three initiatives (i.e. VCM, CAS and Trading Halts) in the securities market?

Please give reasons for your view.

VCM, CAS, Trading halts would seem the most logical sequence. No strong views on our side.

40. How long do you need to prepare for the rollout starting from the issuance of the specification for each initiatives:

- (i) VCM:
 - a). under 3 months;
 - b). 4-6 months;

c). 7-12 months

d). >12 months

Please give reasons for your view.

(ii) CAS:

a). under 3 months;

b). 4-6 months;

c). 7-12 months

d). >12 months

Please give reasons for your view.

Realistically, we'd need to input and test two new order types (MOC LMT or MOC).

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