

13. Fees, Transaction Levy and Stamp Duty

13.1 Liability of SEOCH Participants

In all cases where fees, levies and duties are charged by the Exchange or SEOCH to a SEOCH Participant, it will be the sole responsibility of the SEOCH Participant to make payment. SEOCH has no fiduciary relationship with NCPs.

13.2 Tariff and Clearing Fees

The Exchange and SEOCH charge a number of fees. The various Exchange fees and SEOCH clearing service fees can be found in the *Operational Trading Procedures* and Appendix G to these Procedures respectively.

All Exchange trading tariffs, levies and SEOCH clearing service fees charged via DCASS are calculated and available for enquiry via DCASS terminals as soon as they are incurred. Other than screen enquiries, there will be a daily as well as a monthly fee report available from DCASS. Charges from transactions in CCMS will be recorded in CCMS instead of DCASS.

13.2.1 Cabinet Trades

Trades matched at a premium of one minimum price fluctuation will be treated as cabinet trades and will attract no Exchange trading tariff at all. Such transactions are sometimes useful as a means of eliminating far out-of-the money positions that are unlikely ever to have any value but which continue to create margin obligations. Closing such positions may also assist in complying with position limits.

13.3 Transaction Levy

Transaction levy, trading tariff and trading fee on stock transactions resulting from exercise and assignment of options contracts will be payable by SEOCH Participants and will be charged at the same rate and using the same collection systems of the Exchange as apply to stock transactions in the underlying market.

There will also be a transaction levy on option trades executed payable by SEOCH Participants but the transaction levy is temporarily waived until further notice.

13.4 Stamp Duty

Stamp duty will not be payable on option trades but will continue to be payable by SEOCH Participants once only by both the buyer and the seller on each stock transaction arising from exercise and assignment, at the same rate and using the same collection systems of the Exchange as prevail for stock transactions in the underlying market.

13.5 CCASS Charges

SEOCH levies a handling fee and any other applicable CCASS charges for SI input and settlement. Any other applicable charges of CCASS on SI transactions of a SEOCH Participant or the CCASS GCP, where applicable, may also be charged to the SEOCH Participant on a cost recovery basis. Please refer to Appendix G to these Procedures for a detailed listing of the various fees.

13.6 Miscellaneous Costs

SEOCH reserves the right to charge SEOCH Participants for any disbursements and out-of-pocket expenses it incurs in the delivery of services and facilities to SEOCH Participants and such charges and expenses may or may not be described in the *Operational Trading Procedures* or these Procedures.